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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman Jeff Coe
Vice Chairman Raymond DeHahn
Alderman Sandy Weidner
Alderman Steve Smetana
Alderman Tracey Larrin

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Jeff Coe, Raymond DeHahn, Steve Smetana and Tracey Larrin

ABSENT: 1 - Sandy Weidner

Approval of Minutes for the March 14, 2017 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on a motion of Alderman DeHahn, seconded by Alderman Smetana.

[238-17](#)

Subject: New Application for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for Raza LLC, 2240 Northwestern Avenue, Ghillam Raza Mian, Agent. (8th District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-28-17: That the new application for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for Raza LLC, 2240 Northwestern Avenue, Ghillam Raza Mian, Agent be deferred for two weeks as applicant did not appear.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Larrin made a motion to defer for two weeks, seconded by Alderman Smetana.

Deferred

[200-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Erica S. Petty, applicant for an Operator License, regarding concerns with record check response.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-14-17: That the operator license application for Erica S. Petty be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-28-17: That the operator license application for Erica S. Petty

be deferred for two weeks and for the City Clerk to contact Speedway and ask if the employer would write a letter of recommendation for Ms. Petty.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Larrin made a motion to deny, seconded by Alderman Smetana when Erica Petty walked into the meeting late. Alderman Larrin then made a motion to rescind the motion to deny, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.

Sgt. Freidel explained the records check done on Erica Petty. The committee asked Ms. Petty about the charges and she stated all of them have been dismissed except the child abuse charge. The committee then asked Ms. Petty how many hours she works per week and she stated about 38-40 hours per week.

Alderman Smetana made a motion to defer for two weeks and asked the City Clerk to contact Speedway and ask if the employer would write a letter of recommendation for Ms. Petty, seconded by Alderman Larrin.

Deferred

[225-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Samantha Duggan, applicant for an Operator License, regarding concerns with record check response.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-14-17: That the operator license application for Samantha Duggan be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-28-17: That the operator license application for Samantha Duggan be denied based on the arrest and conviction records of Ms. Duggan, which the committee found to be substantially related to the scope of employment in this case, making her an unfit applicant, as well Ms. Duggan's failure to appear before the committee for the second time.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman DeHahn made a motion to deny, seconded by Alderman Smetana based on the arrest and conviction records of Ms. Duggan, which the committee found to be substantially related to the scope of employment in this case, making her an unfit applicant, as well Ms. Duggan's failure to appear before the committee for the second time.

Recommended For Denial

[246-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request the appearance of Michael Winston, Agent for BJW Ultra Lounge, located at 1301 Washington Avenue, to discuss a recent incident occurring at this location.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-28-17: The committee requests that the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Michael Winston appeared before the committee. The committee explained they called Mr. Winston in to discuss why his tavern was open and running at 2:40 AM with 20 patrons still inside, and one patron 18 years of age. Mr. Winston explained he has not yet gone to Municipal Court for the ticket he received and does not agree with the police report. He explained there were only about 7 people inside the bar and they were helping to clean up. The City Clerk stated it is allowed for an 18 year old to be employed at a tavern, the individual just isn't allowed to consume alcohol.

Alderman DeHahn made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Alderman Larrin.

Received and Filed

[251-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise Report

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-28-17: That the licensed premise report for 03-28-17 be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Freidel stated that Ricky's was cited for patrons in the bar past bar closing time on 03-02-17. The patrons left at approximately 2:48 AM.

Sgt. Freidel also stated that officers were called to Rojo's Pub for a report of two females fighting. The on-duty bartender was very aggressive and uncooperative, and the officers believed that the on-duty bartender was intoxicated.

Alderman DeHahn made a motion to call in the agent for Ricky's to discuss why the bar was open after hours, and to call in the agent for Rojo's to discuss the fight in the bar, and to receive and file the balance of the report, seconded by Alderman Smetana.

Received and Filed

Public Comment

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.