



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Jeff Coe*  
*Vice Chair Raymond DeHahn*  
*Tracey Larrin*  
*Steve Smetana*  
*Melissa Lemke*

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Tuesday, October 10, 2017

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

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#### Call To Order

#### Approval of Minutes for the September 26, 2017 Meeting.

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

#### to Approve the Minutes

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

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Melissa Lemke

[867-17](#)

**Subject: (New)** Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Culture Bar & Grill, located at 433 Main Street, William Vaughn, Agent. (1st District)

#### **Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 09-12-2017:** That the new application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Culture Bar & Grill, located at 433 Main Street, William Vaughn, Agent be deferred.

#### **Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 10-10-2017:** That the new application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Culture Bar & Grill, located at 433 Main Street, William Vaughn, Agent be approved.

#### **Fiscal Note:** N/A

*William Vaughn appeared to speak before the committee. Mr. Vaughn stated he would be hiring experienced bartenders to work at Culture Bar and Grill and that the hours of operation would be from 3pm until 2am, Monday through Sunday. Mr Vaughn stated his three business partners including himself will be on the premise everyday during all hours of operation and that he plans to hire experienced security guards. Mr. Vaughn told the committee the build out for the establishment will be complete within 60 days and that the bar capacity is between 50 and 100 people depending on the build out. Mr. Vaughn also stated he plans to open as soon as the build out is complete and they*

*have passed all inspections. Alderman Coe made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Larrin.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[969-17](#)

**Subject: (New)** Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for GRC Sport Lounge LLC dba GRC Sport Lounge, 1307 Douglas Ave, Crystal Zaehler, Agent. (4th District).

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 10-10-2017: (New)** Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for GRC Sport Lounge LLC dba GRC Sport Lounge, 1307 Douglas Ave, Crystal Zaehler, Agent be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Crystal Zaehler appeared to speak before the committee. Ms. Zaehler stated she has been working at Giddy Up TBG's on Douglas for the past 14 years and has been asked by the current agent, Chad Londre to take over the bar. Ms. Zaehler plans on changing the name of the establishment to GRC Sport Lounge, LLC. Alderman Larrin stated there has been a few calls she has received regarding noise disturbances caused by customers drinking in the designated smoking area in the back of the bar. Alderman Larrin explained to the committee that she has spoke to Ms. Zaehler about the issue and Ms. Zaehler has agreed going forward; there will be no drinking outside in the designated smoking area. Alderman Coe made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Smetana.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[980-17](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication from Al Goodman, representing the Fifth Street Yacht Club, 761 Marquette Street to amend their Premise Description, request to include the grassy areas surrounding the club where alcoholic beverages would be served.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 10-10-2017: (Direct Referral)** Communication from Al Goodman, representing the Fifth Street Yacht Club, 761 Marquette Street to amend their Premise Description, request to include the grassy areas surrounding the club, picnic area and the front of the building where alcoholic beverages would be served be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Mr. Al Goodman appeared to speak before the committee. Mr. Goodman informed the committee that he has provided the City Clerk's office with a Google map of the Fifth Street Yacht Club aerial perimeter. Mr. Goodman outlined the grassy areas around the establishment including the picnic area and front of the building of which he would like to extend his license premise. Alderman Coe also informed the committee members*

*that all of these areas are surrounded by a fence. Alderman Larrin made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[671-17](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Ramkumar Patel, applicant for an Operator's License.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 07-25-17:** That the application of Ramkumar Patel, applicant for an Operator's License be deferred per the request of applicant; until his pending court case is resolved.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 08-08-17:** That the application of Ramkumar Patel, applicant for an Operator's License be deferred until October 10, 2017 per the request of Mr. Patel's legal counsel; until his pending court case is resolved.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 10-10-2017:** That the application of Ramkumar Patel, applicant for an Operator's License be deferred, per the request of Mr. Patel's legal counsel; until November 14, 2017 to give Mr. Patel more time to resolve his pending municipal court case.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Coe informed the Public Safety and Licensing Committee that Mr. Ramkumar Patel's attorney has requested his application for an Operator's License be deferred until November 14, 2017 to give Mr. Patel more time to resolve his pending municipal court case. Alderman DeHahn made a motion to defer, seconded by Alderman Smetana.*

**Deferred**

[1012-17](#)

**Subject:** Ordinance 0016-17

An Ordinance to recreate Chapter 2, Article III, Division 8. - Reserved of the City of Racine Code of Ordinances.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 10-10-2017:** That Ordinance 0016-17 be recommended for approval.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Larrin made a motion to adopt Ord. 0016-17, seconded by Alderman Smetana.*

**Recommended For Adoption**

[972-17](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the report on the bids received for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, October 5, 2017.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-10-2017:** That the item be Received and Filed as the highest responsible bidder from the two bids was Sturtevant Auto Salvage.

**Fiscal Note:** This will generate \$12,882.00 in revenue for account 13101 48301.

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

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

[971-17](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** License Premise Report for October 10, 2017.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-10-2017:** That the Licensed Premise Report for 10-10-17 be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Sgt. Freidel spoke before the committee. Sgt. Freidel commented on the 9-24-17 incident at Ricky's Place stating that officers observed a male party walking southbound on the 200 block of Main Street carrying an open intoxicant. Officers advised the party he could not have an open intoxicant and that he would have to dispose of it. The party became agitated and disorderly, and attempted to resist arrest by walking into Ricky's Place. Sgt. Freidel wanted it to be noted that the incident did not occur at Ricky's Place; the party was simply detained inside the establishment as he attempted to resist arrest by walking into the establishment.*

*Sgt. Freidel also referenced the 9-26-17 noise disturbance call made regarding loud music at Reefpoint Brew House. Sgt. Freidel stated that upon arrival the bartender had informed the officer that the band was done for the night. The bartender's license was valid and there were no violations observed inside the bar.*

*Alderman DeHahn made a motion to receive and file the balance of the License Premise report, seconded by Alderman Coe.*

**Received and Filed**

## Public Comment

*No one appeared to speak for Public Comment.*

## Discussion of Due Process Hearing to be Held on October 24, 2017

*The City Clerk informed members of the committee that a hearing has been scheduled for Riverside Inn for October 24, 2017 at 5:30pm in Room 205. Although this will be held on the same night as a regularly scheduled PS&L meeting, no other items will be on the agenda other than the due process hearing.*

### **Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.*