



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Gregory Holding
Vice Chairman James Morgenroth
Melissa Kaprelian-Becker
Krystyna Sarrazin
Henry Perez*

Monday, July 22, 2013

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

Alderman Holding called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

PRESENT: 5 - Gregory Holding, James Morgenroth, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, Krystyna Sarrazin and Henry Perez

Approval of Minutes for the July 8, 2013 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on motion of Alderman Morgenroth.

13-9157

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting permission to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the County of Racine regarding small basin dredging and the Fifth Street boat launch replacement project.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 22, 2013: That the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services be granted permission to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the County of Racine regarding small basin dredging and the Fifth Street boat launch replacement project.

Fiscal Note: Not available at this time.

Director Molbeck appeared to discuss the item. He recommended entering into a memorandum of understanding with Racine County for the small basin dredging and the Fifth Street boat launch replacement project. He stated they will be able to utilize grant money when they work together with Racine County. Committee members had questions about the repairs and expressed concerns about the means to fund the project. Alderman Morgenroth moved to approve the request to enter into a memorandum agreement with Racine County, and Alderman Kaprelian-Becker seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

13-9151

Subject: (New) Application of Ayra's Liquor, Akil Ajmeri, Agent for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 4700 Washington Avenue(12th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 22, 2013: That the **(New)** Application of Ayra's Liquor, Akil Ajmeri, Agent for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 4700 Washington Avenue be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. Ajmeri appeared and explained to the committee the type of business he wants to open. He stated his reason for the "Class B" was so he will be able to have wine tasting events. Hours of operation will be 8:00a.m. - 9:00p.m. The alderman of the district spoke in support. There were some concerns from aldermen and residents regarding loitering as well as traffic congestion. The applicant stated he will do his best with signage as much as his ability to control, but he is not the owner of the property.

That the New Application of Ayra's Liquor, Akil Ajmeri, Agent for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 4700 Washington Avenue be approved. Motion was carried on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

[13-9164](#)

Subject: (New) Application of Uptown Pub & Grill, Ronals J. Guarascio, Jr., Agent for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 1510 Junction Avenue(3rd District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 22, 2013: That the **(New)** Application of Uptown Pub & Grill, Ronald J. Guarascio, Jr., Agent for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 1510 Junction Avenue be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Ronald Guarascio appeared and answered questions of the committee. He has 25 years of experience. He was questioned as to renovations and changes he would be making. Hours of operation will be within the ordinance regulations. He stated parking would not be an issue. He stated that they would also be offering food.

That the New Application of Uptown Pub & Grill, Ronald J. Guarascio, Jr., Agent for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 1510 Junction Avenue be approved. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

[13-9107](#)

Subject: Application from Tom Peterson, dba My Wicked Way requesting a Public Dance Hall license for 516 College Avenue for youth bands to perform.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 8, 2013: That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 22, 2013: That the item be received and filed due to applicant failing to appear twice as requested.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. Tom Peterson failed to appear before the committee. A motion was made by Chairman Holding to receive and file. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[13-9104](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Eleanor S. DeMatthew at the July 8, 2013 meeting regarding her application for an Operator's (Bartender) License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 8, 2013: That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 22, 2013: That the Operator's (Bartender) License for Eleanor S. DeMatthew be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Eleanor DeMatthew appeared and explained to committee the circumstances involving the incident.

A motion was made by Alderman Morgenroth that Eleanor DeMatthew's application for an Operator's (Bartender) License be approved. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

[13-9170](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Kenneth Meyer, Agent, Kenny's on Main, 1300 North Main Street due to recent incidents at his establishment.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 22, 2013: That the item be deferred until a side agreement between the applicant, City Attorney's Office and Police Department is reached and brought back before the committee.

Kenneth Meyer appeared and informed committee members that he is continuing to take steps to eliminate the trouble he has been experiencing at his establishment. He voluntarily has been closing at 12:00 am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Myer plans to continue with the early closing time until the end of August. They continue to frisk and wand patrons and do not allow bags or large purses to be brought in. He is looking into purchasing a drivers license ID scanner so he can keep track of the names of the patrons at his place of business and the date, time that they were there.

He plans to make an appointment with the Racine Police Department seeking direction on other steps he could possibly take to eliminate the public safety issues that have been occurring.

The committee encouraged him to voluntarily sit down with the Racine Police Department and City Attorney's office and put in writing a good faith agreement of the changes he plans on making to positively improve recent incidents relating to his establishment.

A motion was made by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker that a side agreement be made with Kenneth Meyer, the Attorney's office and the Racine Police Department and the agreement to be brought back before this committee for approval. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Deferred

[13-9106](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) 2013 Spring Alcohol Compliance Checks Update for the following:

Super Mercado Gran Morelos - 1105 N. Memorial Drive
Super Caniceria La Mexicana - 1336 State Street
West Town Foods - 3326 16th Street
Georgetown Market - 3710 Meachem
Lieungh's on Lathrop - 1933 Lathrop Avenue
Port of Call Liquors - 918 West Boulevard
Spring Street Station - 3441 Spring Street

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 8, 2013: That the item be deferred until the next meeting and the Chief of Police be requested to appear.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 22, 2013: The item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Lori Pesch from Focus on the Community addressed the committee. She informed members this is the 9th year they have received the drug free community grant for this program.

Chief Howell stated he supports the program, but would like to meet with the District Attorney to see what effect this will bring. Chief Howell reported he will meet with the District Attorney as well as members of Focus on the Community and will follow up with committee once he receives more information and details.

Received and Filed

[13-9094](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) License Premise Report and DRC Report for June 24, 2013 & July 8, 2013.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 8, 2013: That the owner/agent of Kenny's be requested to appear at the next meeting to discuss recent incidents at the establishment and the balance of the report be deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 22, 2013: That the report be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Received and Filed

[13-9171](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) License Premise Report and DRC Report for July 22, 2013.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 22, 2013: That the report be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Rivers informed committee members he feels the crowd from Gerald's Smokehouse has disbursed and are beginning to loiter around Kenney's on Main. He stated the Tropical Paradise after bar crowd has been causing issues at closing. He will have 3rd Shift Patrol give extra attention to that area at closing time and also stated the owner is considering changing to a 30 and over establishment.

Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m.