



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Aron Wisneski, Alderman David Maack, Alderman
Jim Kaplan, Alderman Robert Mozol, Alderman Sandy
Weidner*

Monday, January 25, 2010

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Alderman Wisneski, Jim Kaplan, Robert Mozol, David L. Maack and Sandy Weidner

Approval of Minutes for the January 11, 2010 Meeting.

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

10-4642

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting to enter in an agreement with Industrial Roofing Services, Inc. to prepare plans and specifications and project administration for Window and Door Replacement at Humble Park Community Center.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 1-25-10: That permission be granted to the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to enter in an agreement with Industrial Roofing Services, Inc. to prepare plans and specifications and project administration for Window and Door Replacement at Humble Park Community Center.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 990-650-5010, Humble Exterior Door and Windows.

Donnie Snow appeared and informed committee members he was seeking permission to enter the agreement for plans and specifications for Window and Door Replacement at Humble Park.

Recommended For Approval

10-4638

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting to waive formal bidding and the Purchasing Agent be authorized to negotiate with H. Barber & Sons, Inc. for a replacement beach cleaner.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 1-25-10: That the formal bidding process be waived and the

Purchasing Agent be authorized to negotiate with H. Barber & Sons, Inc.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 101-700-5770, Machinery & Equipment, Beach Cleaner.

Donnie Snow appeared and informed committee members he was requesting the bidding process be waived to allow the purchasing agent to negotiate for 2008 prices of the equipment.

Recommended For Approval

[10-4643](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting to enter in an agreement with Industrial Roofing Services, Inc. to prepare plans and specifications and project administration for Exterior Masonry Restoration at Tyler-Domer Community Center.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 1-25-10: That the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting to enter in an agreement with Industrial Roofing Services, Inc. to prepare plans and specifications and project administration for Exterior Masonry Restoration at Tyler-Domer Community Center.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 990-670-5010, Tyler-Domer Tuckpointing.

Donnie Snow appeared and informed committee members he was seeking permission to enter into an agreement to prepare plans and specifications and project administration for Exterior Masonry Restoration at Tyler-Domer.

Director Snow was asked to provide committee members with funding details by e-mail before the Common Council meeting.

Recommended For Approval

[09-4594](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Robert Morrison, 1100 Florence Avenue requesting to meet with the committee on the periodic fireworks legislation update.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 1-11-10: That the item be deferred for two weeks at the request of Mr. Morrison.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 1-25-10: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Robert Morrison addressed committee members. He stated his committee, Citizens for Fireworks Safety, have been working with State legislatures to try and get some changes in laws related to fireworks. He did inform the committee that he had met with Representative Lehman on the issue and Rep. Lehman stated he would be willing to introduce a bill, but he felt the chances of a bill passing would be nil. Mr. Morrison gave committee members numbers that he had composed for eight days before the fourth and 3 days after. He stated that 905 City of Racine residents purchased fireworks. He stated in that same time span, 149 calls for service for fireworks violations were made. He gave the committee members 6 options to explore:

- a) Push State Officials harder
- b) City send letter to residents on list informing them the permit does not allow the use of fireworks in the City
- c) Fines be implemented
- d) Letter to Villages/Towns where the fireworks are being sold
- e) Data to police to go further to develop standards to be use
- f) Join with County in lawsuit against the two businesses

Mr. Ken Mitchell addressed the committee. He wanted the committee to know his business has stepped up their procedures by changing some of the wording in the permit application, developed flyers they will now give to the purchasers of fireworks and are encouraging the public to use safety measures when using fireworks.

It was suggested by Chairman Wisneski that Mr. Morrison keeps in touch with the City Attorney on possibly developing procedures.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

10-4641

Subject: (Direct Referral) (Renewal) Application of It's Yours for Secondhand Article Dealer's license for 3120 Washington Avenue. (9th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 1-25-10: That the renewal application for It's Yours for a Secondhand Article Dealer's license for 3120 Washington Avenue be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Granted

09-3963

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of Alderman Wisneski to discuss the informational letter which will be sent to all licensed establishments relating to the Smoking Ban effective July 5, 2010.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-10-09: That the item be deferred until the 2nd meeting in October.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-27-09: That the item be deferred until the 2nd meeting in January.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 12-7-09: That the item be deferred until the 2nd meeting in January.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 1-25-10: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A.

Received and Filed

[10-4676](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Applications for Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses for 1-25-2010.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 1-25-10: That the licenses be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Granted

[10-4675](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise Report 01/07/10 to 01/13/10

The committee requested that the police department provides them with a 6 month history report for Joey's on Lathrop, 2054 Lathrop Avenue and the agent for the Sunshine Supermarket, 1559 Taylor Avenue be requested to appear at the next meeting. It was also requested that the City Clerk work with the Fire Department, Heath Department and Building Department on violations in existence for Blind Alligator, 1655 Taylor Avenue and submit her findings to the committee members.

Received and Filed

[10-4635](#)

Subject: Ordinance No. 28-09

To amend Sec. 22-1131, Sec. 22-1146, and Sec. 22-1163(a), (b) and (c) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Stationary engineer; Definitions and Board of Examiners; Composition; appointment of members, term - Qualifications; fees; temporary license.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 1-11-10: That Ordinance 28-09 be adopted.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 1-25-10: That Ordinance 28-09 be adopted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommended For Approval

[10-4699](#)

Subject: Ordinance No. 2-10

To create Section 94-22 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Traffic and vehicles - Disorderly conduct with a motor vehicle.

The Common Council of the City of Racine do ordain as follows:

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 1-25-10: That Ordinance 2-10 be adopted as amended.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Mozol handed out to committee members a fine schedule that he had received from Lake Delton Police Department. He stated that he felt we should incorporate something similar to those guidelines.

Deputy Chief Smetana appeared and informed committee members the police felt this was a reasonable ordinance and they supported it.

Dan Cramer of the Racine Harley spoke against this ordinance. He stated the police department already has something in place and this would only give them another tool to use for special groups coming in.

Chief Wahlen addressed Mr. Cramer's comments by informing him the police department has no intentions of going after special event groups that would be in the City.

Alderman Mozol made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. After further discussion, Alderman Maack made an amendment to the motion to include a fee of \$100.00 plus court cost. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Chairman Wisneski wanted it noted that he hoped the police department would be judicious and careful in this proposed ordinance.

Recommended For Approval

[10-4700](#)

Subject: Ordinance 1-10

To repeal and recreate Sec. 6-59(b) and amend Secs. 6-59(c) and (d) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Alcoholic beverages - Grant of conditional license.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 1-25-10: That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

Alderman Mozol made a motion to adopt the ordinance as proposed. After some discussion, he withdrew his motion.

After a bit of discussion which raised several questions, the committee decided that more clarification was needed. They asked that City Attorney Weber give the committee an overview on the changes in this ordinance and the meaning of those changes. Chairman Wisneski stated he did not feel comfortable with certain parts of the ordinance and asked that it be deferred until committee members received more information.

Motion was made that the item be deferred until our next meeting.

Deferred

Public Comment

JJ McCauliffe wanted to point out to the committee that the Tavern League was celebrating their 75th Anniversary and he thanked the Committee members and the staff for working with their group over the years.

Miscellaneous Business

Chairman Wisneski requested that an item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss whether or not letters should be sent out to applicants who have been granted a license, but not issued due to construction/remodeling, etc.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33p.m. by Alderman Maack. T

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