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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Alderman Gregory Holding
Vice Chairman Alderman Robert Mozol
Alderman Melissa Kaprelian-Becker
Alderman Krystyna Sarrazin
Alderman Molly Hall*

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Chairman Holding, Robert Mozol, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker and Krystyna Sarrazin
EXCUSED: 1 - Molly Hall

Approval of Minutes for the October 9, 2012 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on motion of Alderman Kaprelian-Becker.

12-7928

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to discuss the revision of Municipal Code Chapter 22-Businesses, Professions and Occupations, Article XXV - Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Article and Jewelry Dealers.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 09-25-12: That the Chief of Police work with the City Attorneys Office in the revision of Municipal Code Chapter 22-Businesses, Professions and Occupations, Article XXV - Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Article and Jewelry Dealers.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-09-12: That the item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-23-12: That the item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deferred

12-8240

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services requesting that the formal bidding be waived and the Purchasing Agent be authorized to negotiate with Miller & Associates, Inc. for the purchase of play equipment for West, Heck and Parker

Parks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-23-12: That the Purchasing Agent be authorized and directed to negotiate with Miller & Associates, Inc. for the purchase of play equipment for West, Heck and Parker Parks.

Fiscal Note: Funds should be appropriated from the following accounts: 892-030-5600, West Park; 892-030-5600, Heck Park and 992-700-5210 Parker Park.

Tom Molbeck appeared and informed committee members they wanted to remain with Miller & Associates, Inc as they have dealt with them in the past and are pleased with their work. He requested that formal bidding process be waived and they be allowed to work with Miller & Associates, Inc.

Recommended For Approval

[12-8189](#)

Subject: (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for R & B Latin Club, located at 1600 Douglas Avenue., Brenda Torres, Agent. (**4th District**)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-09-12: That the item be deferred until the next meeting and the applicant puts together a list of items that the members addressed as concerns and presents them at the next meeting.

1st - Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-23-12: That the license application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for R & B Latin Club, located at 1600 Douglas Avenue., Brenda Torres, Agent be denied due to concerns of security, and too many other alcohol licenses in the area.

Motion failed by the following vote:

AYES: Mozol and Kaprelian-Becker

NOES: Holding and Sarrazin

EXCUSED: Hall

2nd - Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-23-12: That the application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for R & B Latin Club, located at 1600 Douglas Avenue., Brenda Torres, Agent be approved subject to an agreement with the City Attorney to include: 25 and older; a signed letter from Mr. William (car wash owner) and proprietor that he has authorization to lease the spaced and number of spaces; digital security camera system with 30 days storage, covering all interior and exterior spaces; security as promised in the business

plan; paving and striping the existing parking lot by June 30, 2013.

Motion failed by the following vote:

AYES: Holding and Sarrazin

NOES: Mozol and Kaprelian-Becker

EXCUSED: Hall

Both of the above recommendations will be referred to the Common Council for its action.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Brenda Torres appeared. Chairman Holding informed committee members they should have requested a packet from the applicant with all of the requested information from the last meeting. Ms. Torres was questioned on the capacity limits and she stated she had been informed by the building department the capacity would be 100-120 because they have 3 bathrooms. She stated that in their packet there was a letter from the owner of the car wash next door stating he would allow her to use his parking lot. There were some questions whether or not the person owns the car lot business and it was later discovered that he is leasing the building on a land contract and has the authority to allow them parking. Committee members questioned how she will obtain her bouncers and she stated she was waiting to see if the license would be granted before pursuing that option, but she had spoke to several individuals on this.

Alderman Kaplan stated that there may have been some pressure and coercing placed on those people who signed the petition. He also stated that he has a problem with the traffic patterns in the area. He stated he does not feel this business would be a good fit for the area.

Alderman Fair stated that the applicant has went and done the homework the committee requested of her. He stated the alderman of the district is being negative before the business is even started. He stated all the provisions the committee requested have been met.

Chairman Holding made a correction that the 30 and older age limit should have been 25 not 30 as printed in the last minutes.

Motion made by Alderman Mozol seconded by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker to deny the license due to concerns of security, and too many alcohol licenses in the area.

Motion failed by the following vote:

AYES: Mozol and Kaprelian-Becker

NOES: Holding and Sarrazin

EXCUSED: Hall

Motion made by Alderman Holding seconded by Alderman Sarrazin to approve the license subject to an agreement with the City Attorney to include: 25 and older; a signed letter from Mr. William (car wash owner) and proprietor that he has authorization to lease the spaced and number of spaces; digital security camera system with 30 days storage, covering all interior and exterior spaces; security as promised in the business plan; paving and striping the existing parking lot by June 30, 2013.

*Motion failed by the following vote:
AYES: Holding and Sarrazin
NOES: Mozol and Kaprelian-Becker
EXCUSED: Hall*

Recommended For Further Consideration

[12-8203](#)

Subject: Communication from James Schutz, requesting review of licensing restrictions established by the Public Safety and Licensing Committee.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-09-12: That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-23-12: To lift the restriction of no single/individual container sales at Open Pantry, 2731 Durand Ave and the City Attorney take whatever steps necessary to adjust the agreement.

Fiscal Note: N/A

James Schutz appeared. He informed committee members the store has been cleaned up and they have complied with everything they informed the committee they would do. He stated that 1 1/2 years ago when he came before this committee, they stated that if he cleaned up the store and didn't have incidents, the committee would look into lifting his restrictions. He stated there are competitive businesses both to the east and west of him and he would like to be given the opportunity to sell single cans. Chairman Holding noted that since this business went from Independent ownership to Corporate, it has really improved.

*Motion made by Alderman Sarrazin seconded by Alderman Mozol to lift the restriction of no single/individual container sales. Motion passed by a voice vote:
AYES: Mozol, Kaprelian-Becker and Sarrazin
NOES: None
EXCUSED: Hall*

Adopted

[12-8224](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise Reports and DRC Reports for 10-9-12.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-09-12: That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-23-12: That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

Deferred

[12-8263](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) License Premise Report and DRC Report

for October 23, 2012

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 10-23-12:** That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

Deferred

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30p.m.