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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Jeff Coe
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder Melissa Lemke
Alder Sandy Weidner
Alder Carrie Glenn*

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton, Alder Lemke, Alder Weidner and Alder Glenn

Approval of Minutes for the July 23, 2019 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on a motion of Alder Lemke, seconded by Alder Horton.

0908-19

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe for a renewal application of As Time Goes By, Pamela LeVeille- Agent, for Secondhand Article Dealer's License at 223 6th St. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-19: That a renewal application for As Time Goes By, Pamela LeVeille- Agent, for Secondhand Article Dealer's License, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Horton.

Recommended For Approval

0836-19

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Jay Goga Maharaj INC. DBA Odd Fellows Food & Liquor, located at 821 Main Street, Sneha Patel, Agent. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-19: That an application for a "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Jay Goga Maharaj INC. DBA Odd Fellows Food & Liquor, Sneha Patel- Agent, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jay Maharaji appeared before the Committee. He has been working with convenience

stores for the past fifteen to twenty years. He goes to school, and also owns two Subway restaurants in Milwaukee. The owner of the building, Randy, appeared in support for Mr. Maharaji, also stating that he will be working there a few hours a week. Alder Coe stated that he did not receive any phone calls from the Code Red about the establishment.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Lemke.

Recommended For Approval

[0870-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Reserve "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Kafana LLC DBA Kafana, located at 3001 Douglas Ave, Biljana Kirilov, Agent. (7th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-19: That an application for a Reserve "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Kafana LLC DBA Kafana, Biljana Kirilov- Agent, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Slobodan Lazarevic (Owner) appeared before the Committee along with Agent Biljana Kirilov. Mr. Lazarevic already owns Neighborhood Bar. Sergeant Webb confirmed that Mr. Lazarevic failed to disclose on the license application his prior criminal and alcohol-related offenses.

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Glenn, that this file be Recommended For Approval

AYES: 4 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton, Alder Weidner and Alder Glenn

NOES: 1 - Alder Lemke

[0820-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Blanca Webers, Agent for Casablanca De Mexico Restaurant & Lounge, located at 230 Main St, to discuss continuation of business (1st District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-23-19: That the appearance of Blanca Webers, Agent for Casablanca De Mexico Restaurant & Lounge, located at 230 Main St, be deferred until the next Public and Safety Licensing Committee meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-19: That the appearance of Blanca Webers, Agent for Casablanca De Mexico Restaurant & Lounge, located at 230 Main St, be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Blanca Webers did not appear before the Committee. The City Clerk, Tara Coolidge, stated that Blanca Webers did call the Clerk's Office to say she could not attend. The Clerk stated that she cannot excuse her, that would be up to the Committee.

The Clerk also stated that the existing licensee has conditionally surrendered its license and a new applicant has applied for it.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Receive and File, seconded by Alder Horton.

Received and Filed

[0874-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Eriberto Malacara, Agent for La Esquina at 2005 Taylor Ave. (3rd District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-19: That the appearance of Eriberto Malacara, Agent for La Esquina be Received and Filed and a Formal Expression of Concern issued.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Eriberto Malacara appeared. The Committee showed concerns regarding the business closing after midnight, contrary to the licensee's application, which indicates it would be open only until midnight. The City Clerk confirmed that ME. Malacara has not changed the hours of operation listed in his application, and Mr. Malacara did not deny remaining open beyond midnight.

The City Clerk stated that when changing hours there needs to be a written submission 10 days prior to the change. The Committee suggested that cameras be installed to capture incidents that may occur outside or inside the business. Alder Coe and Alder Glenn stated they received multiple phone calls about complaints of loud noises from the business.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Receive and File and a Formal Expression of Concern be issued, seconded by Alden Glenn.

Received and Filed

[0875-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Dorothy Lee, Agent for Tropical Paradise, located at 1600 Douglas Ave. (4th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-19: That the appearance of Dorothy Lee, Agent for Tropical Paradise be Deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-27-19:

Fiscal Note: N/A

Dorothy Lee did not appear before the Committee. The City Clerk, Tara Coolidge, let the Committee know that Ms. Lee did call and stated she could not make it.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Defer, seconded by Alder Horton.

Deferred

[0877-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Christina Sanchez, Agent of Game On, located at 1743 State St. (8th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-19: That the appearance of Christina Sanchez, Agent of Game On, be Deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-27-19:

Fiscal Note: N/A

Christina Sanchez did not appear before the Committee. City Clerk, Tara Coolidge, let the Committee know that she did not want to attend, because she received her restaurant license. It was stated that it was up to the Committee to excuse her, and Ms. Coolidge would let the Committee know. It was decided that they wanted her to appear.

Alder Lemke made a motion to Defer, seconded by Alder Weidner.

Deferred

[0805-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Kari Pavia, applicant for an Operator's License. (Working in the 4th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-23-19: That the appearance of Kari Pavia, applicant for an Operator's License, be deferred until the next Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-19: That the appearance of Kari Pavia, applicant for an Operator's License, be Denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Kari Pavia failed to appear before the Committee.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Deny, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Denied

[0808-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Andre Jedkins, applicant for an Operator's License. (Working in the 1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-23-19: That the appearance of Andre Jedkins, applicant for an Operator's License, be deferred until the next Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-19: That the appearance of Andre Jedkins, applicant for an Operator's License, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Andre Jedkins appeared before the Committee. Mr. Jedkins presented discharge paperwork from his probation agent as evidence of rehabilitation to pursue his Operator's License to earn extra cash.

Alder Weidner made a motion to approve, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Approved

[0810-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Kevin Fuller, applicant for an Operator's License. (Working in the 7th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-23-19: That the appearance of Kevin Fuller, applicant for an Operator's License, be deferred until the next Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-19: That the appearance of Kevin Fuller, applicant for an Operator's License, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Kevin Fuller appeared before the Committee. Mr. Fuller explained his background had to do with Family Court.

Alder Glenn made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Weidner.

Approved

[0860-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Tracy Schuster, applicant for a Operator's License. (Working in the 4th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-19: That the appearance of Tracy Schuster, applicant for an Operator's License, be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Tracy Schuster appeared before the Committee. The Committee found good cause for Ms. Schuster's failure to disclose a prior conviction on her application for an Operator's License because the incident occurred eighteen years previously and was listed under a prior last name.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Approved

[0862-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Thomas Peterson, applicant for an Operator's License. (Working in the 13th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-19: That the appearance of Thomas Peterson, applicant for an Operator's License, be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Thomas Peterson appeared before the Committee. the Committee found good cause for Mr. Peterson's failure to disclose multiple prior convictions on his application for an Operator's License because Mr. Peterson stated that he completed the application to the best of his knowledge without access to the Internet. The Committee found evidence of rehabilitation because Mr. Peterson provided a letter of support from his employer.

Alder Glenn made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Weidner.

Approved

AYES: 4 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton, Alder Weidner and Alder Glenn

NOES: 1 - Alder Lemke

[0863-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Raven Rogers, applicant for an Operator's License. (Working in the 5th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licenseing Committee on 08-13-19: That the appearance of Raven Rogers, applicant for an

Operator's License, be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Raven Rogers appeared before the Committee. Ms. Rogers showed evidence of rehabilitation.

Alder Glenn made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Horton.

Approved

Alder Weidner asked to be excused.

Closed Session

It is intended that the Public Safety and Licensing Committee convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(a), for the purpose of deliberating a case which was the subject of a quasi-judicial hearing before the Committee.

A motion was made by Alder Lemke to go into Closed Session, seconded by Alder Horton. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton, Alder Lemke and Alder Glenn

EXCUSED: 1 - Alder Weidner

Open Session

A motion was made by Alder Lemke to go into Open Session, seconded by Alder Horton. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton, Alder Lemke and Alder Glenn

EXCUSED: 1 - Alder Weidner

[0736-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee conducting a hearing for the renewal cigarette and tobacco license for Midtown Market located at 1229 Eleventh St.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-09-19: That the hearing for the renewal cigarette and tobacco license for Midtown Market be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-23-19: That the hearing for the renewal cigarette and tobacco license for Midtown Market be deferred until the next Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting, contingent solely upon City Clerk Office scheduling DOR and Interpreter.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Glenn to issue a warning, seconded by Alder Horton. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 2 - Alder Horton and Alder Glenn

NOES: 2 - Chairman Coe and Alder Lemke

EXCUSED: 1 - Alder Weidner

A motion was made by Alder Lemke to Suspend the License for 90 days, seconded by Alder Coe. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 2 - Chairman Coe and Alder Lemke

NOES: 2 - Alder Horton and Alder Glenn

EXCUSED: 1 - Alder Weidner

A motion was made by Alder Coe to Suspend the License for 45 days, seconded by Lemke. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 2 - Chairman Coe and Alder Lemke

NOES: 2 - Alder Horton and Alder Glenn

EXCUSED: 1 - Alder Weidner

A motion was made by Alder Glenn to issue a Warning, seconded by Alder Horton. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 2 - Alder Horton and Alder Glenn

NOES: 2 - Chairman Coe and Alder Lemke

EXCUSED: 1 - Alder Weidner

[Ord.0020-19](#)

Ordinance 0020-19 - Ch. 22 & Ch. 66 Cigarette, Tobacco and Nicotine Products

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-19: That the Ordinance 0020-19 - Ch. 22 & Ch. 66 Cigarette, Tobacco and Nicotine Products be approved..

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sponsors: Jeff Coe

Attorney Zbikowski spoke on behalf of the Ordinance. It is to update the City's Ordinance to follow State Law. Alder Perez spoke on the item.

Alder Lemke made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Horton.

A motion was made by Alder Lemke, seconded by Alder Horton, that this Ordinance be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton and Alder Lemke

NOES: 1 - Alder Glenn

EXCUSED: 1 - Alder Weidner

Alder Glenn asked to be excused.

[0910-19](#)

Subject: License Premise Report for August 13, 2019.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-19: That the licensed premise report for 08-13-19 be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Committee would like to call in Ice Box, due to recent incidents of concern.

Alder Horton made a motion to Receive and File, seconded by Alder Lemke.

Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting Adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Alder Lemke made a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Alder Horton.