



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Alder Sandy Weidner
Alder Renee Kelly
Alder Sam Peete
Alder Nathan Pabon
Alder Malik Frazier

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

5:00 PM

Racine Public Library, Community Room

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

Approval of Minutes for the July 30, 2025 Meeting.

A motion was made by Pabon, seconded by Kelly, that this be Approved. The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - Weidner, Kelly and Pabon

EXCUSED: 2 - Peete and Frazier

[0697-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, on behalf of the City Clerk's Office, submitting a new Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License application for Zaks Vape & Smoke LLC DBA ZaksVape & Smoke located at 1743 State St. Hamday Farag Agent. (8th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-30-2025: To Defer.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-2025: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Pabon, seconded by Kelly, that this Communication be Recommended For Approval. The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - Weidner, Kelly and Pabon

EXCUSED: 2 - Peete and Frazier

[0768-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Kelly to have Special Agent Brian Waldherr with the WI Dept of Revenue come to present to

Public Safety & Licensing some information and facts regarding the state regulations regarding liquor and vape licenses.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-2025: Attorney Ian Pomplin will present to the committee other municipalities ordinances in regards cigarette, tobacco and vape licenses at the next to Public Safety and Licensing Meeting in 2 weeks.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Kelly, seconded by Alder Peete to have Attorney Ian Pomplin present other municipalities ordinances in regards cigarette, tobacco and vape licenses to the next Public Safety and Licensing meeting in 2 weeks. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0761-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Kelly for a discussion with Racine Police Department regarding the RPD response plan.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-2025: To Defer.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Pabon, that this Communication be Deferred. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0770-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, on behalf of Joey LeGath requesting Beat Police Thursday- Saturday 10pm-3am in the Downtown.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-2025: To Defer.

Fiscal Note: TBD

Requesting data for downtown

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0689-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, on behalf of the City Clerk's Office, requesting the appearance of Jesus Cortez for a new

operator's license. (4th District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 07-30-2025:** To Defer.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 08-13-2025:** To Deny.

Fiscal Note: N / A

A motion was made by Alder Pabon, seconded by Alder Kelly, that this
Communication be Denied. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0691-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, on behalf of the
City Clerk's Office, requesting the appearance of Peter Marcotte for a
new operator's license. (10th District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 07-30-2025:** To Defer.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 08-13-2025:** To Defer.

Fiscal Note: N / A

A motion was made by Pabon, seconded by Peete, that this Communication be
Deferred. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0772-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner submitting an
application for a Premise Description Change, for Chartroom Restaurant
LLC DBA Chart Room located at 209 Dodge St. Racine, WI 53402,
Jenni Mattie (1st District)

Staff Recommendation: That the committee review the application.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 08-13-2025:** To Defer.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Peete, seconded by Pabon, that this Communication be Deferred. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0773-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner submitting an application for a Premise Description Change, for Bridge Tender Tavern LLC DBA Bridge Tender Tavern located at 303 Dodge St. Racine, WI 53402, Jenni Mattie (1st District)

Staff Recommendation: That the committee review the application.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-2025: To Defer.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Peete, seconded by Pabon, that this Communication be Deferred. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0783-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alderman Weidner, on behalf of the City Clerk, submitting a Renewal Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License Application for Dolgencorp, LLC DBA Dollar General Store #14561 located at 4111 Durand Ave. Kelli Van Bendegom Agent. (14th District)

Staff Recommendation: That the committee review the application.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-2025: To Approve.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Peete, seconded by Pabon, that this Communication be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0784-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alderman Weidner, on behalf of the City Clerk, submitting a Renewal Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License Application for Dolgencorp, LLC DBA Dollar General Store #10764 located at 4901 Washington Ave. Kelli Van

Bendegom Agent. (12th District)

Staff Recommendation: That the committee review the application.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 08-13-2025:** To Approve.

Fiscal Note: N/A

**A motion was made by Peete, seconded by Pabon, that this Communication be
Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0785-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alderman Weidner, on behalf of the City Clerk, submitting a Renewal Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License Application for Dolgencorp, LLC DBA Dollar General Store #15206 located at 3440 Douglas Ave. Kelli Van Bendegom Agent. (15th District)

Staff Recommendation: That the committee review the application.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 08-13-2025:** To Approve.

Fiscal Note: N/A

**A motion was made by Peete, seconded by Pabon, that this Communication be
Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0771-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, on behalf of the City of Racine Police Department, for the licenses premise report.

Staff Recommendation: That the Public Safety and Licensing Committee review the Police department report.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 08-13-2025:** To Approve.

Fiscal Note: N/A

**A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Pabon, that this Communication be
Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0774-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, requesting any consideration, any formal expression of concern, or other actions pursuant to the police report.

Staff Recommendation: For the Public Safety and Licensing Committee to review and discuss the Police department report, and make and recommendation for consideration or concern.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-2025: To Receive and File.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Peete, seconded by Pabon, that this Communication be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0789-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee, requesting the appearance of Marko Lazarevic, agent for Kafana LLC, DBA Marko's Neighborhood Bar located at 3001 Douglas Ave, pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern. (7th District)

Staff Recommendation: N/A

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-2025: To attend a Good Neighbor's Meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Alder Pabon, that this Communication be Referred to a Good Neighbors Meeting. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

Closed Session. It is intended that the Public Safety and Licensing Committee will convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)(g) to discuss strategy for litigation in which the City of Racine is or is likely to be involved.

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

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0778-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner on behalf of the City Attorney, requesting the Assistant City Attorney present a settlement agreement regarding the disciplinary proceedings against Select 627 LLC DBA The Select located at 1111 Washington Ave., Natasha Evans, Agent.

Staff Recommendation: That the Public Safety and Licensing Committee discuss the settlement agreement and approve or deny the agreement.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-13-2025: To recommend approval of the settlement agreement consisting of a 30 day suspension, and direct the City Attorney's Office to pursue revocation of the license if the suspension is violated.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Pabon seconded by Alder Peete, that this file be Recommended For Approval as discussed in closed session. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

Open Session. The Public Safety and Licensing Committee will return to open session and may take action on the item discussed in closed session.

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

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0787-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee, requesting the appearance of Natasha Evans, agent for Select 627 LLC, DBA Select 627 located at 1111 Washington Ave, pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 08-13-2025: To Receive and File

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Pabon, seconded by Kelly, that this Communication be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

[0656-25](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Weidner, on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee, wishing to discuss the requirements for operators or agents of a license to provide proof of rehabilitation.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 07-30-2025:** To Defer.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 08-13-2025:** To Defer.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Peete, seconded by Pabon, that this Communication be Deferred. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Weidner, Kelly, Peete and Pabon

EXCUSED: 1 - Frazier

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm