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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman Aron Wisneski
Vice Chairman Gregory Holding
Robert Mozol
Jim Kaplan
Melissa Kaprelian-Becker

Monday, June 20, 2011

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

SPECIAL MEETING

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Aron Wisneski, Gregory Holding, Robert Mozol, Jim Kaplan and Melissa Kaprelian-Becker

[11-6573](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Renewal application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2011-2012.

Park 6 LLC 500 Sixth Street.
(Tradename) Park 6
Thomas J. Holmes, Agent

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on June 20, 2011: That the renewal application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Park 6 LLC, 500 Sixth Street for 2011-2012 be recommended for non-renewal of all licenses because of a history of fights, underage violations, and threats to public safety because of overuse of police resources as well as all of the reasons that led to the original due process hearing..

Fiscal Note: Approximately \$8,000.00.

Chairman Wisneski explained the reasoning for calling this special meeting. He stated on the original date of the meeting that the item came before the committee, the Judge had issued a ruling on the injunction that had been filed by Mr. Holmes and they wanted to get the decision before taking action on the renewal.

Sgt. Wohlgermuth walked the committee members through 3 items that had occurred at the establishment since January 2011.

Deputy Chief Smetana (currently Acting Police Chief) spoke to the committee members stating that he has commented before that despite the best efforts of the tavern owner, problems are continuing and public safety of the neighborhood is the

real issue and he requested the committee not renew the liquor license.

Mr. Holmes requested the meeting be adjourned as his Attorney was not available at the current time, but was enroute.

Chairman Wisneski explained they had actually given him 25 minutes because the meeting was scheduled to start at 5:00p.m.

Motion made by Alderman Holding seconded by Alderman Mozol to non-renew all the licenses on the application because of a history of fights, underage violations, and threats to public safety because of overuse of police resources as well as all of the reasons that led to the original due process hearing. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Holding, Kaplan, Kaprelian-Becker and Mozol

NOES: None

NON-VOTING: Wisneski

Mr. Holmes explained his feelings and expressed some of his concerns regarding police sitting outside his establishment every night instead of being proactive in the community.

Alderman Kaplan stated that Park 6 is creating a fragile atmosphere for the neighborhood.

Alderman Fair addressed the committee and stated double standards are used by this committee.

Chairman Wisneski spoke of the last few years that this has been brought before this committee and reviewed some of the incidents with Mr. Holmes and wanted him to know he had been given the opportunity to make improvements.

Alderman Kaprelian-Becker commended Mr. Holmes for calling for assistance, but asked Mr. Holmes what efforts has he taken to not constantly call the police for assistance. He stated that he was informed by the Public Safety and Licensing Committee, the police department, the alderman of the district to always contact police when he felt assistance was needed. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker stated that he should never feel that he did the wrong thing by flagging down the police for assistance and he should never feel he was wrong when trying to protect the safety of his patrons.

Recommended For Denial

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33p.m.