



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Jeff Coe*  
*Vice Chair Raymond DeHahn*  
*Tracey Larrin*  
*Steve Smetana*  
*Melissa Lemke*

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Tuesday, May 23, 2017

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

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#### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 5 - Jeff Coe, Raymond DeHahn, Tracey Larrin, Steve Smetana and Melissa Lemke

#### Approval of Minutes for the May 9, 2017 Meeting.

*Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on a motion of Alderman DeHahn, seconded by Alderman Larrin.*

**to Approve the Minutes**

[370-17](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Request of the Committee for the appearance of Brandon Thompson, applicant for an Operator License, regarding concerns with record check response.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-09-17:** That the application of Brandon Thompson be deferred for two weeks.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-23-17:** That the operator license application of Brandon Thompson be denied based on the arrest and conviction records of Mr. Thompson, which the committee found to be substantially related to the scope of employment in this case, making him an unfit applicant, as well Mr. Thompson's failure to appear before the committee for the second time.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Lemke made a motion to deny, seconded by Alderman Smetana based on the arrest and conviction records of Mr. Thompson, which the committee found to be substantially related to the scope of employment in this case, making him an unfit applicant, as well Mr. Thompson's failure to appear before the committee for the second time.*

**Recommended For Denial**

[468-17](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Request of the Committee for the

appearance of Kristopher Miller, applicant for an Operator License, regarding concerns with record check response.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-23-17:** That the operator license application for Kristopher Miller be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Kristopher Miller appeared before the committee. He stated that his possession of marijuana happened several years ago and since then has worked his way up at Applebees and now has the opportunity to bartend.*

*Alderman Lemke made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Smetana.*

**Approved**

[481-17](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Ruben Medina, applicant for an Operator's License.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-23-17:** That the operator license application for Ruben Medina be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Ruben Medina appeared before the committee and stated he has been sober for a while. He has been working at the Top 3 Supermarket on High Street for six years.*

*Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Larrin.*

**Approved**

[482-17](#)

**Subject:**(Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Amanda Caspersen, applicant for an Operator's License.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-23-17:** That the operator license application for Amanda Caspersen be deferred until 06-13-17.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Amanda Caspersen did not appear before the committee.*

*Alderman DeHahn made a motion to defer until 06-13-17, seconded by Alderman Smetana.*

**Deferred**

[483-17](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Paul Marino, applicant for an Operator's License.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-23-17:** That the operator license application for Paul Marino be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Paul Marino appeared before the committee. He stated he had to much to drink after one of his son's baseball games, but has learned his lesson. He has worked at Rojo's for three years.*

*Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approved, seconded by Alderman Smetana.*

**Approved**

[484-17](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Jessica Scharninghausen, applicant for an Operator's License.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-23-17:** That the operator license application for Jessica Scharninghausen be deferred until 06-13-17.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Jessica Scharninghausen did not appear before the committee. Ms. Scharninghausen contacted the Assistant City Clerk and informed the office she could not attend because of a scheduling conflict and asked the item be deferred.*

*Alderman Larrin made a motion to defer until 06-13-17, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.*

**Deferred**

[470-17](#)

**Subject:** Request the appearance of Dawn Burbey, Agent, of Curmudgeon's Pub & Grill, LLC located at 3458 Rapids Drive, to discuss the recent incidents at the establishment.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-23-17:** That the item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Dawn Burbey appeared before the committee. She stated she wasn't clear why she was being called in. Inv. Koepnick stated there were 23 police calls to Curmudgeon's Pub and Grill in the past year. Repeatedly there has been issues with fights in the parking lot. Ms. Burbey stated she has 4-6 security guards on staff and tries to direct traffic at bar close to get people out in an orderly fashion. Ms. Burbey also stated she will try to serve the last drink at 1:50 am to get patrons out of Curmudgeon's earlier. The committee suggested that she hire a police officer for the weekend. Ms. Burbey stated she had a police officer in the past, but at the time business dropped off and she no longer needed one. She stated she is willing to hire a police officer again. She also requested that the committee give more detailed information in the letter as*

*to why establishments are being called in. The committee stated the business owner can request a police report for a specific date, by way of open records request made to the police department.*

*Alderman DeHahn made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Alderman Smetana. The committee also requested that the clerk's office send out more specific information in the future when notifying business owners to appear pursuant to a licensed premise report, to include the date of the incident and the relevant history report with a copy sent to the alderman of that district.*

**Received and Filed**

[471-17](#)

**Subject:** Request the appearance of Michael Winston, Agent, of BJW's, LLC located at 1301 Washington Ave, to discuss the recent incidents.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-23-17:** That the item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Michael Winston appeared before the committee. He was asked about the recent incident and pending charges, to which he stated he had not gone to court yet. Assistant Attorney Tran stated that in general, it would take at least two months before these types of cases are resolved.*

*Alderman DeHahn made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Alderman Larrin.*

**Received and Filed**

[472-17](#)

**Subject:** Request the appearance of Habeeb Ali Bin Hasan, Owner, of Habeeb Ali, LLC located at 3024 Rapids Drive, to discuss the recent incidents.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-23-17:** That the item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Larrin made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Alderman DeHahn. The wrong gas station was called into the committee. It should have been the BP Gas Station on Rapids Dr.*

**Received and Filed**

[190-17](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of The Balkan Restaurant, Dragan Sekuloski, Agent, located at 605 Sixth St. to discuss consideration of revocation of their Class "B" license based on abandonment under Ordinance 6-86(b).

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 03-14-17:** That the communication from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of The Balkan Restaurant, Dragan Sekuloski, Agent, located at 605 Sixth St. to discuss consideration of revocation of their Class "B" license based on abandonment under Ordinance 6-86(b) be deferred for 60 days.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 05-23-17:** That the communication from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of The Balkan Restaurant, Dragan Sekuloski, Agent, located at 605 Sixth St. to discuss consideration of revocation of their Class "B" license based on abandonment under Ordinance 6-86(b) be deferred until 06-13-17.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Dragan Sekuloski did not appear before the committee. The Assistant City Clerk stated that she had asked Sgt. Freidel to check if the establishment was open. In his email, he stated he checked the establishment on May 18th, 19th and 20th and the restaurant has never been open.*

*Alderman Lemke made a motion to defer until 06-13-17, seconded by Alderman Smetana and in the meantime requested that the clerk's office send out a letter to the agent asking if he is willing to surrender his license in lieu of revocation.*

**Deferred**

[386-17](#)

**Subject:** The following renewal applications for "CLASS C" & CLASS "B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and intoxicating Liquor Licenses for 2017-2018:

CHOICE PETROLEUM LLC                      1126 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
(TRADENAME) WELCOME MART/  
CHESTER CHICKEN  
HARJEET S. WALIA, AGENT

THE BRANCH1501 LLC                      1501 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
(TRADENAME) THE BRANCH AT 1501  
KRISTINA CAMPBELL, AGENT

PARK INN LLC                      2312 DOUGLAS AVENUE  
(TRADENAME) PARK INN  
RONALD STANKOVIC, AGENT

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 05-23-17:** That the renewal applications for "CLASS C" & CLASS "B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and intoxicating Liquor Licenses for 2017-2018, be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Larrin made a motion to approve the renewal applications, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[410-17](#)

**Subject:** The following renewal application(s) for a "Class A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2017-2018:

MAX'S FAMILY SUPERMARKET, LLC 1201 S MEMORIAL  
DRIVE  
(TRADENAME) FAMILY SUPERMARKET  
SATPAL SINGH, AGENT

PHEMAL E. CKADAN 1812 SIXTEENTH STREET  
(TRADENAME) TWINS' FOOD MART  
PHEMAL E. CKADAN, AGENT

ADJD, LLC 1917 SIXTEENTH STREET  
(TRADENAME) AD UNITED PETROLEUM  
DEEPINDER S. DHALIWAL, AGENT

THE ARGO GROUP, INC 3710 MEACHEM ROAD  
(TRADENAME) GEORGETOWN MARKET  
SUZETTE DOWER, AGENT

CHOICE PETROLEUM LLC 1130 WASHINGTON  
AVENUE  
(TRADENAME) WELCOME MART  
HARJEET S. WALIA, AGENT

DAN'S LIQUOR, INC. 1856 TAYLOR AVENUE  
(TRADENAME) DAN'S LIQUOR & VIDEO  
JAGDISH R. PATEL, AGENT

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-23-17:** That the renewal applications for a "Class A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2017-2018, be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Larrin made a motion to approve the renewal applications, seconded by Alderman Smetana.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[411-17](#)

**Subject:** The following renewal application(s) for a Class "A" Retail

Fermented Malt Beverage License for 2017-2018:

MAX'S MAGIC SUPERMARKET, LLC WASHINGTON AVENUE (TRADENAME) MAX MAGIC SUPERMARKET SATPAL SINGH, AGENT	1007
TOPS SUPERMARKET, INC STREET (TRADENAME) TOP MATRANGAS SUPERMARKET KANWALJIT SINGH, AGENT	1200 VILLA
TOPS 3 SUPERMARKET, INC STREET (TRADENAME) TOP HIGH STREET PANTRY KANWALJIT SINGH, AGENT	704 HIGH
LEE'S DELI, INC AVENUE (TRADENAME) LEE'S DELI JOHN P. HENES, AGENT	2615 WASHINGTON
DIPSHA, INC (TRADENAME) PANTRY PLUS DIPTI P. PATEL, AGENT	2056 TAYLOR AVENUE
RAPIDS DRIVE CONVENIENCE LLC DRIVE (TRADENAME) RAPIDS DRIVE CONVENIENCE HARJEET S. WALIA, AGENT	3502 RAPIDS
STATE STREET B P INC. (TRADENAME) BP SATISH BHARDWAJ, AGENT	1975 STATE STREET
RAZA LLC AVENUE (TRADENAME) RAZA LLC GHULAM RAZA MIAN, AGENT	2240 NORTHWESTERN

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-23-17:** That the renewal applications for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 2017-2018, be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Larrin made a motion to approve the renewal applications, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.*

Recommended For Approval

[412-17](#)

**Subject:** The following renewal application(s) for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2017-2018:

ROJO'S PUB, LLC 1317 YOUT STREET  
(TRADENAME) ROJO'S PUB  
JOSEPH A. VLASAK, AGENT

CASTLE LANES OF SOUTHERN WI, INC 5615 CASTLE COURT  
(TRADENAME) CASTLE LANES  
PHILLIP G. ONTKO, AGENT

DEWEY'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS BAR 600 MAIN STREET  
(TRADENAME) DEWEY'S RESTAURANT AND SPORTS BAR  
DAN R. DUMONT, AGENT

ALICE F. WARREN 963 DR. M. L. KING, JR. DRIVE  
(TRADENAME) BUCKS LOUNGE  
ALICE F. WARREN, AGENT

MIKE WILLIAMS 1403 SUPERIOR STREET  
(TRADENAME) WINNER'S CIRCLE  
MIKE WILLIAMS, AGENT

FIDES F. WAGNER-RICHARDSON 1102 MOUND AVENUE  
(TRADENAME) BLUES & R/B  
FIDES F. WAGNER-RICHARDSON, AGENT

PEG & LOU'S BAR AND GRILL LLC 1436 JUNCTION AVENUE  
(TRADENAME) THE BRASS MONKEY  
PEGGY LARSON, AGENT

PEG & LOU'S BAR AND GRILL LLC 3113 DOUGLAS AVENUE  
(TRADENAME) PEG & LOU'S  
PEGGY LARSON, AGENT

OUTBREAK BILLIARDS INC. 1717 DOUGLAS AVENUE  
(TRADENAME) OUTBREAK BILLIARDS  
MARKO STANOSEVIC, AGENT

BJW'S LLC 1301 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
(TRADENAME) BJW'S  
MICHAEL WINSTON, AGENT



**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 05-23-17:** That Blues & R/B at 1102 Mound Ave. and BJW'S LLC at 1301 Washington Ave be considered separately and the balance of the renewals as listed above for "Class B: Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2017-2018, be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*The committee requested that Blues R/B be deferred until 06-13-17 and have the police department check if the establishment is still open. Motion made by Alderman Larrin, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.*

*The committee requested that BJW'S LLC be deferred until 06-13-17 to give the committee the opportunity to review information in the police report on Michael Winston. Motion made by Alderman Larrin, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.*

*Motion made by Alderman Smetana, seconded by Alderman Lemke to approve the remaining renewal applications.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[488-17](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** License Premise Report for May 23, 2017.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 05-23-17:** That the Licensed Premise Report for 05-23-17 be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Inv. Koepnick stated there were two calls to the Boiler Room on 05-13-17 with complaints of fights in the parking lot. Inv. Koepnick went on to say that nothing else on the report stood out.*

*Alderman Larrin made a motion to call in the agent for the BP Gas Station on Rapids Dr. near Rogan's Shoes, in regards to the crowds coming from Curmudgeon's Pub, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.*

**Received and Filed**

**Public Comment**

*None*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.*