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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman Jeff Coe
Vice Chairman Raymond DeHahn
Alderman Sandy Weidner
Alderman Steve Smetana
Alderman Tracey Larrin

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Jeff Coe, Raymond DeHahn, Sandy Weidner, Steve Smetana and Tracey Larrin

Approval of Minutes for the February 14, 2017 Meeting.

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

[36-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Chief Howell requesting the Public Safety and Licensing Committee request the owner of the Riverside (Sam Naimi), appears before them and provide a coherent plan to address the nuisance property located at 3700 Northwestern Avenue.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17: To affirm the recommendation of Chief Howell that the property located at 3700 Northwestern Avenue be considered a chronic nuisance property.

Also Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17: That the three forfeitures under section 66-1002(g) be enforced against the property, but only to start after the date on which the Common Council approves the recommendation that the property is a chronic nuisance property.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-28-17: That the communication from Chief Howell requesting the Public Safety and Licensing Committee request the owner of the Riverside (Sam Naimi), appears before them and provide a coherent plan to address the nuisance property located at 3700 Northwestern Avenue be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Assistant City Attorney Tran stated that the nuisance ordinance was last modified in June of 2012, which included a sunset provision, even though the sunset provision

was not published in the body of the text. After the sunset in June 2015, those modifications in ordinance no. 2-12 ceases to exist and as such, the ordinance reverts back to its 2003 version, which was in effect before June of 2012. It would now be up to the Chief of Police to declare the property a nuisance under secs. 66-1001 and 66-1002 of the 2003 version of the ordinance.

Attorney Knuteson appeared on behalf of his client Mr. Naimi. He argued that the ordinance from 2003 was no longer in effect and stated he would contact the City of Racine Attorney's Department.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[140-17](#)

Subject: (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Gastropub LLC dba Butcher & Barrel Gastropub, 300 6th Street, Connie Lipari, Agent. (1st District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-28-17: That the (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Gastropub LLC dba Butcher & Barrel Gastropub, 300 6th Street, Connie Lipari, Agent be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Connie Lipari and Attorney Bjelajac appeared before the committee. Ms. Lipari will be agent and Mr. Bjelajac is the Atty. for the owner. Atty. Bjelajac stated they would be closing on the property next week and he speculates the establishment will employ 4-6 people. The establishment will be serving lunch and dinner and the hours will be 11:30 am to 10:00 pm on week nights and until 2:00 am on weekends and plans to open the end of May. The City Clerk stated the license will only be issued after all inspections and required documentation is submitted.

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

Recommended For Approval

[91-17](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17: That the operator license application for Anissa Chones be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-28-17: That the operator license application for Anissa Chones be denied based on the arrest and conviction records of Ms. Chones, which the committee found to be substantially related to the scope of employment in this case, making her an unfit applicant, as well Ms. Chone's failure to appear before the committee for the second time.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Weidner made a motion to deny, seconded by Alderman DeHahn based on the arrest and conviction records of Ms. Chones, which the committee found to be substantially related to the scope of employment in this case, making her an unfit applicant, as well Ms. Chone's failure to appear before the committee for the second time.

Recommended For Denial

[199-17](#)

Subject: Ordinance 0002-17 - Towing Ordinance Changes

An Ordinance to repeal, amend and recreate various sections of Article XXIII. - Motor Vehicle Recovery and Towing, in Chapter 22 - Businesses, Professions and Occupations, of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-28-17: That Ordinance 0002-17 to repeal, amend and recreate various sections of Article XXIII. - Motor Vehicle Recovery and Towing, in Chapter 22 - Businesses, Professions and Occupations, of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin be adopted as amended.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A few representatives from the Racine towing companies were present. They were questioning why the borders were changed during the last towing ordinance revision. Caledonia was allowed into Racine, but Racine is not allowed to respond into Caledonia. They worked with the City Attorney's office to revise the ordinance this time around and does not have any issues with the amendments as proposed.

Alderman Weidner made a motion to approve the ordinance as amended, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.

Recommended For Approval

Alderman Smetana was excused at 6:08 p.m.

[134-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the report on the bids received for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, February 10, 2017.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-28-17: That the item be Received and Filed as the highest responsible bidder from three bids was Sturtevant Auto Salvage.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$10,010.01 in revenue for account 13101 48301.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[187-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise Report

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-28-17: That the licensed premise report for 02-14-17 be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Freidel stated that nothing stood out on the report except two fights one at the Boiler Room on 02-05-17, and the other fight took place at Coasters on 02-19-17. Shots were fired when some of the patrons left the scene. Sgt. Freidel explained that the fight at Coasters is still under investigation and could provide more information once the case is closed.

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

Received and Filed

Public Comment

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.