



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Gregory Holding  
Vice Chairman James Morgenroth  
Melissa Kaprelian-Becker  
Krystyna Sarrazin  
Henry Perez*

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Tuesday, February 11, 2014

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 106

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### Call To Order

*Vice Chairman Morgenroth called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.*

**PRESENT:** 4 - James Morgenroth, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, Krystyna Sarrazin and Henry Perez

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Gregory Holding

### Approval of Minutes for the January 28, 2014 Meeting.

*Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on motion of Alderman Kaprelian-Becker.*

#### 14-9750

**Subject:** Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services and Board of Cemetery Commissioners requesting approval of Section 23 for sale of cremation graves at Graceland Cemetery. (Res. No. 14-0073)

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

**on 02-11-14:** The communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services and Board of Cemetery Commissioners requesting approval of Section 23 for sale of cremation graves at Graceland Cemetery be approved.

#### **Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Bob Rafel and Steve Bedard were present to discuss this item. Mr. Rafel explained no other cemetery in Racine offer cremation graves, this would be the first in the city. Mr. Bedard stated the request for cremation options have been increasing over the past few years. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker asked about the cost of cremation spaces in ground versus cremation niches. Mr. Bedard stated the cost is comparable, but it's more of a personal preference, and about 30% prefer cremation. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to approve the request of Section 23 for sale of cremation graves at Graceland Cemetery. Alderman Sarrazin seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.*

#### **Recommended For Approval**

[14-9765](#)

**Subject: (New)** Application of Break & Run Billiards, Gregory Bowen, Agent for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2037 Lathrop Avenue. (13th District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-11-14:** The application of Break & Run Billiards, Gregory Bowen, Agent for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2037 Lathrop Avenue be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Gregory Bowen, Agent for Break & Run Billiards, was present to discuss this item. Mr. Bowen stated they have video monitoring, as well as glass break detectors. Break & Run Billiards hours of operation are noon - 2:00 a.m. Mr. Bowen explained adding liquor and mixed drinks would help increase his revenue. Vice Chairman Morgenroth noted that Break & Run Billiards is in his district, and he is in support of the request. Alderman Sarrazin moved to approve the application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Break & Run Billiards. Alderman Perez seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[14-9783](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication requesting Change of Agent for Speedway LLC, 4620 Washington Avenue- Steven Hill, Agent, Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage license (12th District).

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-11-14:** The communication requesting Change of Agent for Speedway LLC, 4620 Washington Avenue- Steven Hill, Agent, Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage license be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Steven Hill was present to discuss this request. Mr. Hill stated he has been with Speedway for approximately 2 months, and has worked in retail for about 16 years. There was a discussion regarding having at least one employee with an operators license on site at all times. Attorney Weber confirmed that it is a law to have at least one person with an operators license scheduled at all times. Mr. Hill added that Speedway has a policy where they do random underage checks at their locations. Mr. Hill terminated employees who aren't holding up the standards, worked on the appearance of the store, after 11:00 p.m. there is Bullet Resistant (BR) glass that comes down, and he is available from 5:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Alderman Perez moved to approve Steven Hill as agent for Speedway, LLC, 4620 Washington Avenue. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[14-9772](#)

**Subject:** Application for a Second Hand Jewelry Dealers License for Iyad Alabed, Sunshine Supermarket, 1559 Taylor Avenue.

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

**on 02-11-14:** The application for a Second Hand Jewelry Dealers License for Iyad Alabed, Sunshine Supermarket, 1559 Taylor Avenue be approved, with a side agreement drafted by the City Attorney's office that includes a sunset date signed by Iyad Alabed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Iyad Alabed and David Bangert, Attorney for Mr. Alabed, were present to discuss this item. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker noted this request was denied about a year ago, due to a number of violations. Mr. Bangert told the committee the last violation was in April of 2012, and has had no other violations since signing his side agreement. Mr. Alabed explained the Racine Police Department has implemented a new procedure that includes scanning items, he instituted training for all of his employees to check gold, scan the ID which records the time, and the counter where transactions occur is video taped and stored for up to 7 days. Alderman Shields was present and voiced support for the application. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to approve the application for a Second Hand Jewelry Dealers License for Iyad Alabed, Sunshine Supermarket, along with a side agreement with sunset date signed by Mr. Alabed. Alderman Sarrazin seconded the motion. Alderman Perez opposed the vote. After further discussion, Alderman Perez requested to amend his vote to yes. Motion passed on a voice vote.*

**Approved**

[14-9784](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) License Premise Report and DRC Report for February 11, 2014.

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

**on 02-11-14:** The License Premise Report for February 11, 2014 be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Sgt. Rivers was present to discuss the report. Sgt. Rivers stated activity has been lower, possibly due to the weather, there have been a couple calls regarding Curmudgeon's Pub and Grill, and the Boiler Room call was regarding a fight, which they are looking into. Sgt. Rivers explained the call to Bar 525 was a crowd outside shouting at the bar. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to receive and file the report. Alderman Sarrazin seconded the motion. Motion was passed on a voice vote.*

**Received and Filed**

[14-9761](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Alderman Wisner relating to a new ordinance and forfeiture associated with no trespassing on RUSD schools during night time hours. (Ord. 02-14)

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

**on 02-11-14:** That the new ordinance and forfeiture associated with no trespassing on RUSD schools during night time hours be deferred.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Sgt. Rivers explained the current ordinance lacked specific language regarding school grounds, identifying what school property is, as well as clear language regarding what night time hours means. Alderman Perez stated although the ordinance is good, he recommended this item be deferred until all schools in Racine, not just RUSD review and comment on the current changes. Alderman Perez moved to defer the item. There was no second. Motion failed. After further discussion, Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to defer until all schools have been contacted to discuss the ordinance. Alderman Sarrazin seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.*

**Deferred**

[14-9813](#)

**Subject:** Ordinance 02-14

To create Sec. 66-139. School Property in the Municipal Code of Racine, Wisconsin.

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

That the ordinance be deferred.

**Deferred**

**Adjournment**

*Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.*