



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Alderman Gregory Holding
Vice Chairman Alderman Robert Mozol
Alderman Melissa Kaprelian-Becker
Alderman Krystyna Sarrazin
Alderman Molly Hall*

Monday, August 13, 2012

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 3 - Chairman Holding, Robert Mozol and Melissa Kaprelian-Becker

EXCUSED: 2 - Krystyna Sarrazin and Molly Hall

Approval of Minutes for the July 24, 2012 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on motion of Alderman Mozol.

12-7965

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Mohinder Singh, Agent for US Pantry, 1627 Washington Avenue, regarding the sale of alcohol to an underage volunteer on June 18th, 2012 . (Meeting 8-13-2012)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 8-13-12: That the item be referred to the City Attorney's Office and authorize the City Attorney to prosecute the matter for number of violations within a one year period as described in State Statute 125.07.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mohinder Singh appeared. He informed committee members that a customer had just drove off without paying their \$52.00 gas, and he was trying to concentrate on that and was not focusing when the volunteer came in and purchased the alcohol. He stated a system is being installed to make the clerk check ID. Officer Mahnke the policing officer for that area spoke on the matter. He stated they have been trying to work with the business owner for several years to try and clean up some of these problems. He informed committee members the business owner promised him he would do a better job in checking identification and has since had two violations. Alderman Shields also spoke on the matter. He informed the committee members that he wanted them to be lenient in their decision as this was an honest mistake. Alderman Fair spoke and questioned the committee when did they start this procedure.

Motion made by Alderman Mozol seconded by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker to refer the item to the City Attorney's Office and authorize the City Attorney to prosecute the

matter for number of violations within a one year period as described in State Statute 125.07. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Mozol and Kaprelian-Becker

NOES: None

NON-VOTING: Holding

EXCUSED: Sarrazin and Hall

Referred to the City Attorney's Office

12-7966

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Lauro Davalos, Agent for La Tapitia, 1951 Mead Street, regarding the sale of alcohol to an underage volunteer on June 18th, 2012 . (Meeting 8-13-2012)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-13-12: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Lauro Davalos appeared. He informed committee members that his Aunt was working that day and she did not have her glasses on and she was in a hurry and did not check the ID closely.

Motion made by Alderman Mozol seconded by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker to receive and file the item. Motion carried by a voice vote.

EXCUSED: Sarrazin and Hall

Received and Filed

12-7967

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Kavita Khullar, Agent for Andy's, 3818 Durand Avenue, regarding the sale of alcohol to an underage volunteer on June 18th, 2012 . (Meeting 8-13-2012)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-13-12: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Kavita Khullar appeared and informed committee members that it was a new employee and the employee made an honest mistake.

Alderman Kaprelian-Becker stated she does not see the same pattern here as in the previous business that was just before them.

Motion made by Alderman Mozol seconded by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker to refer the item to the City Attorney's Office and authorize the City Attorney to prosecute the matter for number of violations within a one year period as described in State Statute 125.07. Motion failed by the following vote:

AYES: Mozol

NOES: Kaprelian-Becker and Holding

EXCUSED: Sarrazin and Hall

Motion made by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker seconded by Alderman Holding to receive and file the item. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Kaprelian-Becker and Holding

NOES: Mozol

EXCUSED: Sarrazin and Hall

Received and Filed

12-7968

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Vishnu Patel, Agent for Dandee Liquor, 3700 Meachem Road, regarding the sale of alcohol to an underage volunteer on June 18th, 2012 . (Meeting 8-13-2012)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-13-12: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Vishnu Patel appeared and informed committee members his son was working that day and did not check ID.

Motion made by Alderman Mozol seconded by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker to receive and file the item. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Received and Filed

12-8009

Subject: Communication from the City Administrator requesting to appear to discuss changes to the City of Racine Municipal Code concerning Hawkers and Peddlers Licenses.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-13-12: That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

City Administrator Friedel appeared and informed committee members that the administrative staff needs to know what policy you want set. There are a lot of discrepancies in the current ordinance, and clarification is needed. After a brief discussion, it was decided that more information is needed and the item was deferred.

Deferred

Public Hearing on Item 12-8008

12-8008

Subject: Petition to exceed quota for a "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 1130 Washington Avenue. (3rd District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 8-13-12: That the petition to exceed the quota for a "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 1130 Washington Avenue be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Akil Ajmeri appeared and briefed the committee of his plans to build a 1.2 million dollar 3300 sq. ft. gas station, convenience store, subway and possible coffee shop. After a brief discussion with committee members, the following motion was made to exceed the quota limit. Jeff Coe spoke in favor of the proposal.

Motion made by Alderman Mozol seconded by Alderman Holding that the petition to exceed the quota limit be granted. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Holding and Mozol

NOES: Kaprelian-Becker

EXCUSED: Sarrazin and Hall

Recommended For Approval

[12-8052](#)

Subject: (New) Application of Washington Avenue, LLC, Akil Ajmeri, Agent for a "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 1130 Washington Avenue. (3rd District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

8-13-12: That the application of Washington Avenue, LLC, Akil Ajmeri, Agent for a "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 1130 Washington Avenue be denied due to the fragility of the neighborhood.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Akil Ajmeri appeared and informed committee members that his plans which would include a drive-thru Subway, Carrabou Coffee, gas station and convenience store which will have many grocery items. He stated he owns several stores and gas stations in other Cities and he has been operating for about 20 years. He stated he has several very responsible and professional family members who operate most of his businesses. He plans on installing about 20 security cameras inside and outside of the establishment. The cash registers will have the ID check system where a date of birth must be entered. The hours of operation would be from 5:00a.m. - 11:00p.m., 7 days a week.

Motion made by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker seconded by Alderman Mozol to deny the license due to the fragility of the neighborhood. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Kaprelian-Becker and Mozol

NOES: None

NON-VOTING: Holding

EXCUSED: Sarrazin and Hall

Recommended For Denial

[12-7977](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Mario Aranda Sr., Agent for The Club, 1244

Washington Avenue, regarding recent incidents at the establishment.
(Meeting 8-13-12)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 8-13-12:** That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Committee members requested that Mr. Aranda Sr. be sent a "certified" letter to
appear at the next meeting and the item be deferred.*

Deferred

[12-8007](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Sale of Abandoned Vehicles 8-2-2012

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 8-13-12:** That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$13,176.02 in revenue

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[12-8015](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise Reports and DRC
Reports for 8-13-12

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 8-13-12:** That the report be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Received and Filed

It is requested that Judith E. Burbey appear at the next meeting regarding her
application for an operator's (bartender's) license.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50p.m.