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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Jeff Coe
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder Melissa Lemke
Alder Sandy Weidner
Alder Carrie Glenn*

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 3 - Chairman Coe, Alder Lemke and Alder Weidner

EXCUSED: 2 - Alder Horton and Alder Glenn

Approval of Minutes for the September 24, 2019 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on a motion of Alder Lemke, seconded by Alder Glenn.

1081-19

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Change of Agent, with a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License, for Apple Hospitality Group, LLC DBA Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar, located at 2521 S Green Bay Road, Jeremiah Smith, Agent. (14 District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-08-19: That the application for a Change of Agent, with a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License, for Apple Hospitality Group, LLC DBA Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar, located at 2521 S Green Bay Road, Jeremiah Smith, Agent, be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jeremiah Smith appeared before the committee. He is currently taking over as agent for Apple Hospitality Group LLC. Mr. Smith explained that since his application for change of agent, Apple Hospitality Group LLC transferred ownership to Wisconsin Apple LLC. Mr. Smith acknowledged that he must apply as agent for the new owner when it submits its application for its "Class B" license. Mr. Smith advised that he has experience as an agent, as he fulfilled this role for the Applebee's restaurant located in Oak Creek, WI.

Alder Lemke made a motion to Recommend for Approval, seconded by Alder Weidner.

Recommended For Approval

[1112-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Douglas Express Food Mart Inc., DBA Douglas XPress Food Mart, located at 2418 Douglas Ave, Surinder Singh, Agent. (5th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-08-19: That the application for a "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Douglas Express Food Mart Inc., DBA Douglas XPress Food Mart, located at 2418 Douglas Ave, Surinder Singh, Agent, be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Surinder Singh appeared before the committee to speak. His son and intended manager, Fabi Singh, spoke before the Committee on behalf of his father. Mr. F. Singh advised that he has experience as a gas station owner. Alder Levie appeared and spoke in favor of Mr. Singh's application; she stated that the City of Racine is in need of a quality gas station in that vicinity.

Alder Lemke made a motion to Recommend for Approval, seconded by Alder Weidner.

Recommended For Approval

[1115-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage Nisma LLC, DBA Pantry Plus, located at 2056 Taylor Ave, Maheshkumar Patel, Agent. (11 District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-08-19: That the application for a Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage Nisma LLC, DBA Pantry Plus, located at 2056 Taylor Ave, Maheshkumar Patel, Agent, be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Maheshkumar Patel appeared before the committee to speak. He bought the building last month, and has experience owning Port of Call from 2000-2007.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Recommend for Approval, seconded by Alder Lemke.

Recommended For Approval

[1111-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Place to Place Transfer of a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Truth Sports Bar LLC Truth Sports Bar, located at 607 Sixth Street, Jacqueline Lagrone, Agent. (1 District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 10-08-19: That the application for a Place to Place Transfer of a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Truth Sports Bar LLC Truth Sports Bar, located at 607 Sixth Street, Jacqueline Lagrone, Agent, be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jacqueline Lagrone appeared before the committee as agent for Truth Sports Bar. Her son and manager, Malachi Muhammad, also appeared before the committee to speak on behalf of a place-to-place transfer of the "Class B" license from the Truth Sports Bar located on Junction Avenue to a new location at 607 6th Street. In support of this transfer, Mr. Muhammad stressed his intent to attract new clientele by offering jazz music, sip and paint parties, First Responder Friday specials, UFC fights on TV, etc., as well as to improve the exterior of the building in tandem with the building owner. Mr. Muhammad stated that he signed a five-year lease and intends to initially serve prepackaged foods and will revisit the idea of a full kitchen down the road. Mr. Muhammad explained that he was inspired by college students walking in downtown Madison looking for a place to meet that provides the arts, and aims to mimic this feel and to provide this type of meeting place for this community.

Jim Wosley and his wife appeared to speak. Mr. Wosley spoke against the place-to-place transfer as it related to the alcohol being sold there, but also stated that he was insupport of the other intended offerings, such as food, coffee, and art. Jim Wosley also read a letter from Robert Osborne, whom was against the place-to-place transfer.

Mercedes Dzindceleta appeared to speak. She spoke against the place-to-place transfer due to her experience with previous owners who have operated bars out of the same location and did not respect her or her adjacent property, including noisiness, public urination, and traffic congestion.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Recommend for Approval, seconded by Alder Lemke.

Recommended For Approval

[1103-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Stephanie Lonergan, applicant for an Operator's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 10-08-19: That the appearance of Stephanie Lonergan, applicant for an Operator's License, be Deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Stephanie Lonergan did not appear before the committee.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Defer, seconded by Alder Lemke.

Deferred

[1104-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the

appearance of Kayla Janiszewski, applicant for an Operator's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-08-19: That the appearance of Kayla Janiszewski, applicant for an Operator's License, be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Kayla Janiszewski appeared to speak before the committee. She had completed probation for her charges, and her child has been to school on time everyday since moving to Racine. She is making a fresh start for herself in Racine. Her step father, Jim Howe, spoke in support of Ms. Janiszewski.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve based on Good Cause and Evidence of Rehabilitation, seconded by Alder Lemke.

Approved

[1140-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the City of Racine Police Department Liaison of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the consideration of the Licensed Premises Report for October 8th, 2019, and any formal expressions of concern pursuant to it.

Alder Lemke made a motion to Receive and File, seconded by Alder Weidner.

Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting Adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Alder Lemke made a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Alder Weidner.