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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, March 10, 2020

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton, Alder Lemke, Alder Weidner and Alder Glenn

Approval of Minutes for the January 28, 2020 Meeting.

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

to Approve the Minutes

[0117-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Class "B" and "Class C" Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License for Rapeta Properties LLC, DBA El Buen Manantial Bar & Grill, located at 2207 Lathrop Ave, Abigail Rapeta, Agent. (11th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-10-2020: That the application for a Class "B" and "Class C" Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License for Rapeta Properties LLC, DBA El Buen Manantial Bar & Grill, located at 2207 Lathrop Ave, Abigail Rapeta, Agent. (11th District), be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Abigail Rapeta appeared before the Committee. She is opening a Mexican Restaurant in the old Tacos El Reys building. She currently runs Dynasty Restaurant, right down the road. The restaurant is expected to be open by the end of the month. The Committee read the Good Neighbor Report, and decided that because the business is still under construction, they will approve a conditional grant of the license to be used within six months, per the ordinance. Ms. Rapeta does not believe construction on Lathrop Ave will be an issue.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve for a Conditional grant of the license, seconded by Alder Horton.

Recommended For Approval

[0118-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an

application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for KW Investments LLC, DBA Double Vision, located at 3101 Douglas Ave, Wendy Coey, Agent. (7th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-10-2020: That the application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for KW Investments LLC, DBA Double Vision, located at 3101 Douglas Ave, Wendy Coey, Agent. (7th District), be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Wendy Coey appeared before the Committee. She has worked at Stil Country for 24 years, and will be taking over the old Max Bar. The Committee read the Good Neighbor Report, and renovation will be done by the end of the month.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve for a Conditional grant of the license, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Recommended For Approval

[0119-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Void Bar LLC, DBA The Void, located at 213 6th Street, Samantha Lopez, Agent. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-10-2020: That the application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Void Bar LLC, DBA The Void, located at 213 6th Street, Samantha Lopez, Agent. (1st District), be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Samantha Lopez appeared before the Committee. She had worked at McCullough bar for one and a half years as manager, and she wants to reopen and rebrand McCulloughs. Ms. Lopez does not plan to change much of the bar besides some small renovation, such as painting and clean up. There will be live music in the bar and Ms. Lopez said she will be accommodating to neighbors and comply with noise laws.

Alder Weidner made a motion Approve for a Conditional grant of the license, seconded by Alder Lemke.

Recommended For Approval

[0145-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Jessica Scharninghausen, applicant for an Operator's License. (Working in the 4th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-10-2020: That the appearance of Jessica Scharninghausen, applicant for an Operator's License. (Working in the 4th District), be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jessica Scharninghausen appeared before the Committee. She had a license with the City of Racine before and has discussed those same matters on her record two years prior. As such, she believed the application was asking about any new convictions. She is licensed in Yorkville as well.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve based on a finding of good cause for the false statement on the application, seconded by Alder Horton.

Approved

[0146-20](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-10-2020: That the appearance of Mario Murillo, applicant for an Operator's License, be Deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mario Murillo did not appear before the Committee.

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

Deferred

[0147-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Gina Dandrow, applicant for an Operator's License. (Working in the 1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-10-2020: That the appearance of Gina Dandrow, applicant for an Operator's License. (Working in the 1st District), be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Gina Dandrow appeared before the Committee. Sgt. Webb read his report on Ms. Dandrow's record, and that she did not disclose her 2016 retail theft. She had gone to prison and did rehab. She has now found a job that is good for her and is trying to get her life back on track.

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

Approved

[0058-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Micah Tharpe, agent for 509 Social Lounge at 509 6th Street, pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern (1st District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-28-2020: That the appearance of Micah Tharpe, agent for 509 Social Lounge at 509 6th Street, pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern (1st District), be Deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-10-2020: That the appearance of Micah Tharpe, agent for 509 Social Lounge at 509 6th Street, pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern (1st District), be Deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Micah Tharpe did not appear before the Committee.

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

Deferred

[0072-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Jacqueline Lagrone, agent for Dubai Hookah Lounge at 607 6th Street, pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern (1st District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-10-2020: That the appearance of Jacqueline Lagrone, agent for Dubai Hookah Lounge at 607 6th Street, pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern (1st District), be Deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jacqueline Lagrone did not appear before the Committee.

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

Deferred

[0126-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Waste Tire Generator and Waste Tire Transporter License, Fuzzy's Auto Service, located at 1642 Taylor Ave, Joseph Petkunas, Owner. (3rd District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-10-2020: That the application for a Waste Tire Generator and Waste Tire Transporter License, Fuzzy's Auto Service, located at 1642 Taylor Ave, Joseph Petkunas, Owner. (3rd District), be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Joseph Petkunas did not need to appear before the Committee.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Horton.

Approved

AYES: 3 - Alder Horton, Alder Lemke and Alder Weidner

NOES: 1 - Alder Glenn

[0127-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Waste Tire Generator and Waste Tire Transporter License, Tio's Garage, located at 1504 Douglas Ave, Michael Ortiz, Owner. (4th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-10-2020: That the application for a Waste Tire Generator and Waste Tire Transporter License, Tio's Garage, located at 1504 Douglas Ave, Michael Ortiz, Owner. (4th District) be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Michael Ortiz did not need to appear before the Committee.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Horton.

Approved

AYES: 3 - Alder Horton, Alder Lemke and Alder Weidner

NOES: 1 - Alder Glenn

[0128-20](#)

Subject: Communications sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Waste Tire Generator License, Wisconsin Muffler Tires & Auto, located at 2905 Lathrop Ave, Dale Gutknecht, Agent. (11th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-10-2020: That the application for a Waste Tire Generator License, Wisconsin Muffler Tires & Auto, located at 2905 Lathrop Ave, Dale Gutknecht, Agent. (11th District), be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Dale Gutknecht did not need to appear before the Committee.

Alder Weidner made a motion Approve, seconded by Alder Weidner.

Approved

AYES: 3 - Alder Horton, Alder Lemke and Alder Weidner

NOES: 1 - Alder Glenn

[0161-20](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting from Judge Weber the Municipal Court's recommendations as to the deposit schedule for citations written for violations of the RENTS ordinances.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-10-2020: That the Municipal Court's recommendations as to the deposit schedule for citations written for violations of the RENTS ordinances, be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attorney Arn spoke on the item and informed the Committee that the bond amount is determined by the Municipal Court Judge for any ordinance violations. Attorney Arn answered several questions about the RENTS ordinance and the violations for which bond is being set. Sgt. Webb stated that with nuisance calls, it is the Assistant Chief or the Chief of the Police Department that determines when a property is to be deemed a chronic nuisance.

Alder Lemke made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Horton.

Recommended For Approval

AYES: 3 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton and Alder Lemke

NOES: 2 - Alder Weidner and Alder Glenn

[0106-20](#)

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 February 11, 2020, and any formal expressions of concern pursuant to it.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-10-2020: That the City of Racine Police Department Liaison of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the consideration of

the Licensed Premises Report for February 11, 2020, and any formal expressions of concern pursuant to it, be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

Received and Filed

[0113-20](#)

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 February 25, 2020, and any formal expressions of concern pursuant to it.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-10-2020: That the City of Racine Police Department Liaison of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the consideration of the Licensed Premises Report for February 25, 2020, and any formal expressions of concern pursuant to it, be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Committee, pursuant to the Licensed Premise Report, voted to issue Pub on Wisconsin a formal expression of concern and the option to rescind the vote.

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

Received and Filed

[0149-20](#)

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 March 10, 2020, and any formal expressions of concern pursuant to it.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-10-2020: That the City of Racine Police Department Liaison of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the consideration of the Licensed Premises Report for March 10, 2020, and any formal expressions of concern pursuant to it, be Received and Filed,

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Committee, pursuant to the Licensed Premise Report, voted to issue Brickhouse a formal expression of concern and the option to rescind the vote.

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

Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Alder Horton made a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Alder Glenn.