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Meeting Minutes

LICENSES COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, October 21, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am

Present 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, Jackson

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

1. [251041](#) Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relating to licenses.

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GARCHITORENA, Ariel Class D Operator's License Application

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Burgelis moved to hold the application to the call of the chair upon first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

RAMSEY, DeYounte L Class D Operator's License Application

The applicant was present and said that the items on the police report happened 2 years ago and that he is trying to leave the incidents behind.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Pratt moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

HOUSTON, Jerrad A, Agent for "MAJOR INVESTMENTS LLC", Home Improvement Contractor's License Renewal Application for "MAJOR INVESTMENTS LLC (Expired 4/26/2025)

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Jackson moved denial based upon second nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

08 HAMED, Mohammed T, Agent for "KAIS LLC", Class A Fermented Malt and Food Dealer Licenses Application for "GRAB & GO MART" at 2082 S MUSKEGO Av.

The applicant was present and said that he is the new owner, that he would love to support the community and that he has worked at his brothers' corner stores.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Zamarripa said that this location was not consistent with the business hours under the previous ownership and asked the applicant to keep the hours in order to serve the community.

The applicant said that neighbors have complained about that and that he will keep consistent business hours.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Zamarripa moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

08 FIGUEROA, Jessica, Agent for "COMIENDO RICO, LLC", Class B Fermented Malt License Application as agent for "COMIENDO RICO" at 2302 W FOREST HOME Av.

The applicant was present along with Sam Dawson as interpreter.

The applicant said that she started this business 5 years ago and that her clientele asked her to serve beer with the meals.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Zamarripa moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

14 GNADT, Daniel C, Agent for "BAY VIEW BOWL LLC", Class B Tavern, Public

Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting Jukebox, 2 Dart Boards, 12 Bowling Lanes, 5 Amusement Machines and 2 Pool Tables for "BAY VIEW BOWL" at 2416 S KINNICKINNIC Av.

The applicant was present and said that he owns a few other bowling alleys in the area, that he is looking to do some improvements and to expand the food venue in the future.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Burgelis asked the applicant he will follow MPD's recommendation about adding a 4th camera.

The applicant said that he will.

Ms. Terri Williams (LAS for Ald. Dimitrijevic) asked the applicant if the hours of operation will remain the same.

The applicant answered "yes".

Ms. Williams said that there are no objections.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Burgelis moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

14 DAHER, Omar-Al Farouq H, Agent for "MOSB LLC", Extended Hours Establishments License Application Requesting To Close at 2AM Everyday for "GORDO'S BUBBLES WAFFLES CAFE" at 2301 S HOWELL Av.

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Jackson moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

Ald. Jackson moved to reconsider the application at 9:51 am. There were no objections.

The applicant was present.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Terri Williams (LAS for Ald. Dimitrijevic) said that Ald. Dimitrijevic talked to Mr. Daher about the hours moving forward and that wants to confirm with the License Division that the amendment has been filed.

Mr. Cooney said that the amendments is on file.

Ald. Zamarripa moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

14 NAVARRO, Evalise R, Agent for "B&J INVESTING GROUP LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "PINK AGAVE" at 2242 S KINNICKINNIC Av. (Expires 11/12/2025)

The applicant was present.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Zamarripa said that she received a communication from Ald. Dimitrijevic requesting to hold this application.

The applicant declined to make any comments on the police report.

Terri Williams (LAS for Ald. Dimitrijevic) said that the hold request is in regards the MHD objection due the lack of cooperation from the applicant with MHD to conduct the proper inspection and for the noise complaint filed this weekend.

Ald. Zamarripa read Ald. Dimitrijevic's email for the record.

Ald. Zamarripa moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

The meeting paused at 9:43 am.

The meeting reconvened at 9:50 am

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

12 LEON SANTOS, Miguel, Agent for "TAQUERIA LA SIERRITA LLC", Food Peddler License Renewal Application for "TAQUERIA LA SIERRITA" at 2689 S 13th St. (Expires 11/26/2025)

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Zamarripa moved to hold the application to the call of the chair upon first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

Ald. Pratt moved to reconsider the application at 9:50 am. There were no objections.

The applicant was present along with Sam Dawson as interpreter.

The applicant declined to speak on the police report.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Perez said that this applicant was found operating without running water.

Ald. Zamarripa asked the applicant why he decided to operate without running water.

The applicant said that he was on vacation when it happened but that he has told his employees not to do it again.

Ald. Zamarripa asked the applicant if he has taken steps to avoid that the water from freezing.

The applicant said that he has put some insulation and that there is a heater as well.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Perez said that he has no objections.

Ald. Brower moved approval with a warning letter. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

AMENDED

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 2 - Pratt, and Chambers Jr.

12 LAURIANO JIMENEZ, Bilarmino, Agent for "TACOS EL PAISA LLC", Food Peddler Licenses Renewal Application for "TACOS EL PAISA" at 1207 W LINCOLN Av. (Expires 11/21/2025)

The applicant was present along with Sam Dawson as interpreter.

The applicant was present and said that he did not have hot water when he was inspected and that he is fixing the issue.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Zamarripa asked what measures the applicant is taking to prevent the issue from happening again.

The applicant said that he will insulate the hot water container.

Individuals in objection:

Carly Hegarty (MHD) - said that the operator was caught twice operating without running water this past year and; that she hopes the applicant chooses not to operate under the same circumstances after the conversation they held and that seems to understand now.

Ald. Perez said that he has spoken to the applicant, that he has apologized and acknowledged his mistake. He added that the applicant said that he will insulate the truck.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Zamarripa moved approval with a warning letter. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

12 LOPEZ ORTEGA, Medina, Agent for "LA MIEL DE AMOR LLC", Food Dealer and Food Peddler Licenses Renewal Application for "LA MIEL DE AMOR" at 1100 W HISTORIC MITCHELL St. (Expired 7/21/2025)

The applicant was present along with Sam Dawson as interpreter.

The applicant said that she has no comments on the police report.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Perez asked if there is a citation for the item on the police report.

Sgt. Velasquez said that no citation was issued for the parking violation.

Ald. Perez said that he has spoken to the applicant, that he has no objection because the applicant moved immediately after.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Zamarripa moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

12 SALAZAR, Francisco, Food Dealer and Food Peddler Licenses Renewal Application for "TAQUERIA EL CABRITO" at 1100 S 11th St. (Expires 11/7/2025)

The applicant was present along with Sam Dawson as interpreter.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Perez said that he spoke to the applicant regarding the objection on file about the grease/garbage pickup and that he has corrected the issue.

The applicant said that he contacted both services and requested that items be picked up after 7am.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Zamarripa moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

12 OCELOT COTO, Eradio, Agent for "DOS COMPITAS TACOS FISH & CHICKEN LLC", Food Dealer and Food Peddler Licenses Renewal Application for "DOS COMPITAS TACOS FISH & CHICKEN" at 831 S CESAR E CHAVEZ DR. (Expires 11/18/2025)

The applicant was present along with Sam Dawson as interpreter.

Atty. Gresham asked Mr. Dawson to tell the applicant that he does not need to speak on the police report today due the pending case.

The applicant declined to talk on the police report.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Zamarripa asked if the committee could hold open the item on the police report.

Mr. Cooney said that the item can be addressed at next year's renewal.

Ald. Perez said that he would like to hold the application for a further discussion.

Ald. Zamarripa moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

12 MADRIGAL VILLAGOMEZ, Ignacio G, Agent for "YA LLEGARAS FOOD LLC", Food Dealer and Food Peddler Licenses Renewal Application for "YA LLEGARAS FOOD" at 1207 W LINCOLN Av. (Expired 6/2/2025)

The applicant was present along with Sam Dawson as interpreter.

The applicant said that he bought stolen merchandise once as he explained at the police station and that those individuals become aggressive if he refuses to buy from them. He added that the location is problematic and that he brought some neighbors to testify on the aggressiveness of the homeless population in the area. He also mentioned that they keep coming in despite the posted sign and that with all respect, he would like the committee to take action today so he can move forward.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Zamarripa asked if the incident happened at the business.

The applicant said that it happened at his residence and bought a 12 pack soda only once.

Ald. Zamarripa asked the applicant if he felt threatened.

The applicant answered "yes", that his family was there, that the suspects also live in the same area and that he has experienced issues like flat tires and damage to his vehicles caused by them.

Ald. Zamarripa said that buying stolen merchandise will make those individuals remain in the area.

The applicant said that those individuals are armed and dangerous and that his neighbors were present to testify.

Ald. Perez said that the applicant holds a provisional license to operate and that he

does not understand why he is urging the committee to take action today.

The applicant said that he cannot move forward because he does not know the final outcome and in the meantime he is considering opening another restaurant but cannot proceed with the deal until this matter is resolved. He added that he would like to know if his application is going to be approved or denied.

Ald. Perez said that he knows there are issues in the area and hopes that all the neighbors here today, go to a safety and crime meeting with MPD to get started with a plan to fight the issues around.

Ald. Zamarripa said that the applicant parks his truck on the Burnahm Park food truck area which is limited to assigned operators and that he is not one of them. She also said that he knows where to apply for a designated spot and that his disrespectful attitude is not helping the process.

Ald. Perez asked if the neighbors are here to testify on the item from the police report or for the neighborhood issues because that would be another venue.

Individuals in objection:

Colleen Cheney Trawinski— 620 W Lincoln Av – Lincoln Village Business Association –said that the association has been working very hard to address the neighborhood issues and that they need cooperation from this business. She requested to hold the application to have a discussion with the applicant because there are issues connected to his business in order to get concessions.

Ald. Perez asked Ms. Cheney Trawinski if anyone else on Lincoln Av have felt pressured to buy stolen goods.

Ms. Cheney Trawinski said that she has heard of it during the walks.

Individuals in support:

Francesca Hernandez 1363 N 43rd St – said that she works there and that everything in the business is legally purchased and that the committee's actions would affect 15 families that depend on this business.

Gloria Duran 2326 S 12th St – said that she is the applicant's wife and would like to make it clear that their house can be seen from the back of the restaurant and that they never bought anything inside the business.

Atty. Sardar Durrani arrived.

Maria Duran – 1318 S Hayes Av – said that she has been an employee for 2 years and that it is true that there a lot of homeless people in the area and that her boss is responsible and works hard.

Dalia Duran 2220 S 15th St – said that she has been an employee for 2 years, that his employer is not a bad person, that works hard and that there are many malicious people in the area.

Ald. Perez said that he wants to make sure that the applicant understands the process and that he is here due to the statement made by the suspect on the police report that was read into the record. He added that buying stolen goods is not justified and that he wants to find a solution because he does not want an empty space on Lincoln Av.

Atty. Durrani said that the applicant must follow the law and maintain good morals as it relates to his immigration case. He said his client was a victim of a crime, having felt threatened when purchasing the stolen merchandise, and asked that the Committee give him a chance.

Ald. Zamarripa moved approval with a ten (10) day suspension based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public for the purchase of stolen goods. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

15 JACKSON, Kelly J, Agent for "GALENA STREET FOOD & LIQUOR LLC", Class A Fermented Malt and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "GALENA STREET FOODS" at 1556 N 33RD St. (Expired 9/24/2025)

The applicant was present and said that the shooting was off premises.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Burgelis asked if the surveillance cameras have been repaired.

The applicant said that at the end of July 2025.

Ald. Burgelis asked why the employees did not have access to the cameras.

The applicant said that he does not want the system to be tampered.

Ald. Burgelis asked why he did not provide the footage to MPD.

The applicant said that the incident did not happen at the location.

Ald. Burgelis said that it is not the applicant prerogative to decide if the surveillance video is or not needed and that there have been different occasions that he did not provided the footage.

Ald. Pratt asked the applicant how often he is at the business.

The applicant said that once a week.

Ald. Pratt said that there are three incidences where MPD requested the footage and that it was not provided.

The applicant said that he has no reservations moving forward with sharing the footage.

Ald. Stamper asked the applicant to provide the footage because there are serious matters that need to be investigated.

The applicant said that he will.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Stamper said that this is a troubled store, that it is concerning to him and the neighbors that this business is not transparent with MPD. He added that he would like to hold the application in order to get the footage on each item that was requested and asked the applicant to be physically present at the next hearing.

Ald. Burgelis moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

07 ASHA, Nader, Agent for "MIDNIGHT LLC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor, Extended Hours Establishments, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Application Requesting to Open 24Hr Everyday for "MIDNIGHT" at 4800 W FOND DU LAC Av.

The applicant was present and said that the previous the building owner told him that he had the hearing today.

Ald. Jackson moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. (Prevailed 3-2)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 3 - Zamarripa, Pratt, and Jackson

No 2 - Burgelis, and Brower

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

06 PERNELL, Timothy T, Agent for "V & T LIQUORS, INC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor License Renewal Application for "V & T WINE & LIQUOR" at 916 W BURLEIGH St. (Expires 11/20/2025)

The applicant was present and said that he takes responsibility for the item on the police report and that it should not have happened.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Zamarripa asked if the employee took accountability.

The applicant said that he did but when the employee went to take the class, there was no record of the citation.

Sgt. Velasquez confirmed that there is no citation.

The applicant said that all his employees know better.

Akuwa Dantzler (LAS for Ald. Coggs) said that Ald. Coggs recommends approval with a warning letter.

Ald. Brower moved approval with a warning letter based on the police report. (Prevailed 4-1)

AMENDED

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Brower, and Jackson

No 1 - Burgelis

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

06 SINGH, Palwinderpal, Agent for "CONCORDIA FOOD AND BEER LLC", Class A Fermented Malt, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Application for "CONCORDIA FOOD AND BEER" at 3299 N 12TH St.

The applicant was present and said that he has experience in the business, that he is taking over and that he will improve the service.

Individuals also present:

Akuwa Dantzler (LAS for Ald. Coggs) asked that applicant what is the plan for litter.

The applicant said that he will pick up garbage 2-3 times/day.

There were no neighbors present testify.

Ms. Dantzler said that Ald. Coggs recommends approval.

Ald. Zamarripa moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

06 GREEN, Shana M, Agent for "BRONZEVILLE KITCHEN & LOUNGE LLC", Public Entertainment Premises License Application Requesting Hookah Service for "BRONZEVILLE KITCHEN & LOUNGE" at 2053 N MARTIN L KING JR DR.

The applicant was present and said that her customers are asking for the hookah service.

Individuals also present:

Mr. Cooney said that last week they received an amendment adding Disc Jockey and Karaoke.

The applicant said that she wants to have those types of entertainment just in case.

Ald. Zamarripa asked the applicant if she discussed the amendment with Ald. Coggs.

The applicant said that she did not.

Ald. Zamarripa moved to separate the items. There were no objections.

Ald. Zamarripa moved approval of the hookah request. There were no objections.

(Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

06 GREEN, Shana M, Agent for "BRONZEVILLE KITCHEN & LOUNGE LLC", Public Entertainment Premises License Application Requesting Hookah Service for "BRONZEVILLE KITCHEN & LOUNGE" at 2053 N MARTIN L KING JR DR.

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Ald. Zamarripa moved to separate the items. There were no objections.

Ald. Burgelis moved to hold the amendment adding Disc Jockey and Karaoke to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

06 MANHANI, Navpreet S, Agent for "TEUTONIA EXPRESS LIQUOR INC.", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Application for "EXPRESS LIQUOR" at 3833 N TEUTONIA Av.

The applicant was present along Atty. Baker

Individuals also present:

Ald. Zamarripa said that Ald. Coggs requested that this application be held because the CEPTD is incomplete.

Atty. Baker said that there was no information from Ald. Coggs' office regarding holding this item.

Akuwa Dantzler (LAS for Ald. Coggs) said that they received communication this morning that the CEPTD is incomplete.

Atty. Baker said that they checked with MPD and they were told that the application was set for today and that they would be happy to meet with Ald. Coggs.

Ms. Dantzler said that she will have something set up later today with them.

Ald. Burgelis moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

04 RANDALL, Brian C, Agent for "KANUDO GROUP INC.", Class A Fermented Malt, Class A Liquor (Cider Only), Extended Hours Establishments, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Application Requesting 24Hr Everyday for "7-ELEVEN #35836C" at 1624 W WELLS St.

The applicant was present.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Bauman said that he has no objections.

Ald. Burgelis moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

04 PECOR, Sierra A, Agent for "CROSS CULTURE HOSPITALITY LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Disc Jockey, Jukebox, Hookah Service, Karaoke, 4 Amusement Machines, Poetry Readings and Patrons Dancing for "MOSAIC-INTERNATIONAL BISTRO + SOCIAL" at 787-789 N JEFFERSON St.

The applicant said that she has been in the bar industry 9 years and that she wants to have a place for non-travelers to explore the world with different dishes and international sports will be big. She explained that the main focus will be the downstairs bar, which will open at 11 for lunch. She added that it is a two-level building with diverse music and more emphasis on social rather than dancing.

Individuals in objection:

James Taylor –Taylor's Bar -795 N Jefferson – he said that he owns a total of 5 restaurants and thinks that the concept won't work and that the kitchen is too small to carry out the plan that the applicant presented. He added that he thinks that stakeholders were not told the truth.

Ald. Pratt asked Mr. Taylor if he looks deep into every application made on that street.

Mr. Taylor said that he does because he wants businesses to succeed.

Atty. Ovbiagele asked Mr. Taylor if he believes that people should have equal opportunity to try and fail.

Mr. Taylor agreed.

Atty. Ovbiagele asked Mr. Taylor if he tried to buy the building.

Mr. Taylor answered "yes".

Ald. Bauman said there was a meeting held last Friday where the applicant presented her plan and that the concern relies on what kind of business exactly it will be. He added that the application itself says 75% alcohol and 25% food which it is clearly a bar with a food menu which is also fine, but that there is a sense of misrepresentation because it was presented like a restaurant when the application states otherwise. Ald. Bauman said that there is a legitimate reason for viability because if a new establishment is underfunded can contribute to disorder and other issues. He also said that the applicant explained that her investment is going to be \$200-250K which is not too much when she is looking into expanding the kitchen facilities. He added that we will take these representations to a face value and requested that the business plan be made part of the record.

Atty. Ovbiagele said that he has no objections to make it part of the record.

Ald. Bauman said that the applicant sold her business to the community with that business plan and that it should be part of the record.

Atty. Ovbiagele said that he does not like that rules keep changing and people being looked differently at this table.

Ald. Zamarripa said that business plans have been admitted as a part of the record at this committee before.

Ald. Burgelis said that he thinks that plan of operation is a binding legal agreement between the applicant and the City while the business plan are just words.

Ald. Brower asked Ald. Bauman if there is anything different from what was discussed at the meeting with the business plan.

Ald. Bauman said that is just semantics and that he has no objections.

Ald. Burgelis moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

Ald. Pratt moved to hold File 251041 to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

11:15 AM

2. [250913](#)

Motion relating to the revocation of the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining licenses of Rajvir Bains, agent for A1 WATERSTREET LLC, for the premises located at 618 N Water St doing business as "ELMNT LOUNGE" in the 4th aldermanic district.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Brower moved to consider File 250913. There were no objections.

The licensee appeared with Atty. Bobot and Atty. Maistelman.

The revocation party MPD and Atty. Adamson (City Attorney's office representing MPD) were present as well.

Mr. Bains, MPD Officers and some others in the room were sworn in.

Atty. Bobot acknowledged receipt of the revocation notice.

Atty. Adamson said that he would like traditional notice of what have been previously filed as exhibits B, C, and D which are the 2021 plan of operations, the 2021 sixty (60) day suspension to ELMNT LOUNGE and the current plan of operations.

The police report was read.

Ald. Zamarripa asked the licensee if they want to comment on the police report.

Atty. Bobot said that he would like to defer the police report to the testimony of the sworn complaint of Captain Thiel because he has some specific procedural questions

regarding MPD using the complaint procedure aligned in Chapter 125 versus going thru the committee's normal procedures.

Atty. Gresham said the appeal by the licensee stands, that it can be addressed later and that the procedure is at the chair's discretion.

Ald. Zamarripa said that she will follow her timeline and common protocol.

Ald. Zamarripa asked the licensee why no one contacted MPD on the first item on the police report.

Atty. Bobot said that the incident happened after 2:05 am when the business was closed, that employees were gone and that the incident happened in a parking lot a block away.

Ald. Zamarripa asked if the business utilizes an adjacent parking lot.

Atty. Bobot said that many businesses use the parking lots around and that is not related to his client's business operations.

Atty. Adamson presented the case by saying that Mr. Bains started to operate this business in June 1st, 2025 and that within one month and a half, they had two shootings associated with patrons from his establishment in the downtown area which is very important to our economy, it is delicate and that he will present evidence to that end. He added that looking at this business plan of operations and the handwriting filed on 2021 and 2025 are almost identical; expect that the 2025 has more security guards. He explained that the committee suspended the license for sixty (60) days for a shooting occurred in 2021 and that he thinks that we should consider under the totality of circumstances that this plan of operations is not working and that a suspension is not enough. He said that to begin with the importance of downtown called Matthew Dörner first.

Atty. Bobot made an objection based on Atty. Adamson started with a closing statement and also for not calling the complainant as his first witness.

Ald. Zamarripa noted the two objections.

Atty. Gresham said that there is no code, section or statutory requirement to start with sworn in complainant and that the complaint is sworn.

Atty. Bobot said that he has a procedural challenge with what was just said because there is a City ordinance that allows the Chief of Police to swear out complaints but that the person who sworn the complaint is not the Chief of Police.

Atty. Adamson said that Captain Thiel is not resident of the City of Milwaukee and there is no evidence that the complaint was not properly sworn in. He added that Chapter 125 (WI Stats) have different provisions for revocation proceedings (for the residency challenge) and that the City is enabled to pass its own regulations for the sale of alcohol which it was done under MCO Chapter 90 allowing the Chief of Police to initiate revocation proceedings and the functions can be done thru his designees.

Atty. Bobot said that the City Ordinance does not say "by his designees" and that he wants to question the captain whether this was or not a sworn complaint. He added that he has rightfully subpoenaed Captain Thiel and he has the right to question him.

Ald. Zamarripa said that we will hear from Captain Thiel.

Atty. Gresham said that we can address Atty. Bobot's objection when Captain Thiel comes up.

Atty. Adamson said that he is fine with what the Chair decides to do.

Atty. Adamson called Matt Dörner (Milwaukee 21 BID Downtown) and responding to Atty. Adamson's questions said that the BID's mission is to create a clean safe and sound Downtown Milwaukee and represents 450 commercial property owners in about a square mile in the business district, that most of the budget goes to the public service ambassadors, clean and sweep ambassadors, funding homeless outreach programs with Milwaukee County and a community prosecutor. He added that they touch base with the stakeholders on a regular basis, that last year they had over thousand people weighing in with the organization and they enforced their top priorities of establishing and continuing to maintain a clean, safe and friendly downtown. He also explained

having a strong downtown (3% of the land mass and 22% of the property tax base) is incredible important to protect the tax base revenue, which is very important for the city and that 1 of 3 jobs are in downtown Milwaukee with the highest density of jobs. He mentioned that he is aware of the shooting that happened at the parking lot south of Chase Tower and the shooting in front of ELMNT LOUNGE and affected the perception of downtown for visitors, investors, etc. He added that any tragedy happening in downtown is contradictory to the BID 21 mission and that they covered all the bases on the letter sent to the committee in regards of the revocation for ELEMNT LOUNGE and asked that the letter be considered.

Atty. Bobot to Mr. Dorner:

Mr. Dorner responded that the boundaries of BID 21 are essentially from the lakefront on the east to I43 on the west to I794 on the south and to the Schlitz Park on the north and that ELMNT LOUNGE is within the BID 21 boundaries, that he is familiar with code red, that it was instituted looking for best practices across the nation and oversees stakeholders which basically adds police presence during peak hours on entertainment districts. He added that BID 21 invests over \$1 million of dollars on public service ambassadors (under 20), that they don't work after 10 pm and they are not necessarily trained on night life.

Atty. Bobot asked Mr. Dorner how many times he has testified before committee concerning a business in the BID area.

Atty. Adamson said that it is irrelevant for this proceeding how many time this individual has testified or not before committee. He added that Mr. Dorner is here to testify on the economic state of downtown to be considered by the committee due the violence occurred there.

Atty. Bobot said that he disagrees with Atty. Adamson because there are other businesses within BID 21 that have challenges like his client and that he would like to know if his client has been singled out.

Mr. Dorner said that he took this roll on July 1, 2025 and that he has not been here to testify on this roll.

Atty. Adamson called Peggy Williams Smith (CEO Visit Milwaukee).

Answering to Atty. Adamson's questions she said that they sell, market and brand Milwaukee to visitors and that she talks about space, rates and crime when she markets the city.

Ms. Williams Smith before she read her statement for the record, said that she met with a national event planner who was here considering a large event for 2028 and witnessed the immediate aftermath of the homicide that happened in front of ELMNT LOUNGE from her window at the Drury Hotel. She added that experience left a deeply negative experience of her and her group and that violence of this nature, threatens the image and economic vitality of Milwaukee.

Answering Atty. Bobot's questions Ms. Williams Smith said that events like the one that happened at ELMNT on in July 12, 2025 affect Milwaukee's image, that she knows what she read in the paper, that she knows that it did not happen within the establishment.

Atty. Tyler Helsel (City Attorney's Office) asked that the Chair reiterate that flow must continue as it normally does for this committee, so we can get all the information for the committee to make the proper decision.

Mr. Dorner and Ms. William Smith were released.

Atty. Adamson called Brian Doherty (appeared virtually) General Manager SP+ to talk about the parking lot at 525 N Water St (associated with the Chase Tower) and answered that specifically Fridays and Saturdays nights they have a lot of loitering, breaking of gates almost every weekend, broken glass, vandalism, and a pair of shootings on the premises that took place late at night. He added that he was aware that ELMNT LOUNGE closing after the July's shooting and that they noticed less broken bottles and vandalism during those two weeks when the establishment closed

but it went back to same situation when they reopened.

Answering Atty. Bobot's questions Mr. Doherty said that they have security 24/7 that monitors the Chase Tower and parking structure, that they are aware of people congregating there, that fees are based per hour, that the incident from June 15, 2025 basically occurred at the parking lot, that the company held a meeting with the DA and MPD regarding that incident, that the security and surveillance cameras were working that night, that the security guard was in the building at the time of the shooting and that they submitted the footage to MPD. He added that they are looking into equipment to avoid the patrons leaving the premises without paying and breaking gates and that they have a third party hired to clean up the litter and broken glass bottles and to fix gates the following morning.

Atty. Bobot said that the problem is people congregating at the parking lot on a regular basis for a long period and possibly consuming alcohol and other things there and that it is the responsibility of the parking lot.

Mr. Doherty said that he does not think that the parking lot is the problem, he added that people come to park here to go to other establishments in the area and then leave the parking lot without paying by breaking the gates. He added that they are looking to buy equipment to rectify the situation.

Atty. Adamson called Herzon Lopez (appeared virtually) who said that he is the property owner of 532 and 534 N Water St for 17 20 years, that there has been an escalation of violence in the area but that the issue goes back before 2025 (and cited the disciplinary actions granted to the premises address of ELMNT LOUNGE). He also said that the pattern of violence has cost him over \$100,000 with tenants moving out and not renting his units for years. He added that the parking lot is not the issue but the people who comes to ELMNT LOUNGE and CITY SOCIAL and they also hang out at the Chase Tower parking lot. He also read a letter from a prospect about the reasons why he did not move into his building.

Answering Atty. Bobot's questions, Mr. Lopez said that he has 6 apartments, that 3 are vacant now and that a month ago 2 units moved out because they did not feel safe.

Atty. Adamson called Detective William Del Moral who was sworn in and said that he conducted an investigation of a shooting that occurred at 525 N Water St on June 15, 2025, that the shooting happened around 3:00 am and they were dispatched at 3:47 am, that patrons came out from ELMNT LOUNGE and went to the parking structure, that they were pimping there, that one particular vehicle was blocking the southernmost entrance when the shooting happened. He added that there was an physical altercation with multiple parties and there was a female who was hanging out of the sunroof of the vehicle blocking the exit, exited the vehicle to join the altercation, went back to the vehicle to grab an object and few seconds later a gunshot was heard coming from that direction. Atty. Adamson referred to the photo on page 6 of the complaint, Detective Del Moral said that he reviewed the surveillance video, described what he sees in the photograph, that the shooting occurred behind the white vehicle where people are congregating and explained what two witness testified that night, that they came from ELMNT LOUNGE and they were hanging out as after set at the parking lot. He added that during the surveillance video vehicles were exiting thru the broken gate on the exit number 2 (next lane).

Answering Atty. Bobot's questions Detective Del Moral said the individuals went to hang out at the parking lot after leaving ELMNT LOUNGE, that there was no physical security inside the parking lot while he was there, that the surveillance footage came from the building, that he did not investigate the suspects and that ELMNT LOUNGE was closed at the time of his arrival.

Atty. Adamson called Detective Jenay Patterson who said that she investigated the same shooting from June 15, 2025, that she identified the individual who fired the gun who has been criminally charged, that the alleged suspect was coming out from

ELMNT LOUNGE to hang out at the parking structure to what they call "parking lot pimping", that she was hanging out from the sunroof of her car, that people were already hanging out there after being dismissed from ELMNT LOUNGE, that an altercation started that made her leave her car and walk behind the pillar where the surveillance system could not reach, then she comes back from around the pillar to retrieve something from her vehicle that the suspect described as her firearm and discharged one round. She also said that the suspect came from Chicago, IL to an event an ELMNT LOUNGE "FreakNik".

Answering Atty. Bobot's questions Detective Patterson said that she does not know for how long the people were hanging out at the parking lot and prior that shooting event, she had no knowledge that the parking lot was used as a hangout place. Detective Patterson clarified that parking lot pimping term is used in general and does not mean that is for a specific location.

Both detectives were released.

Atty. Adamson called Officer Mustafa and said that he is familiar with the window falling from the Chase Tower on April 2025, that MPD had to close up the block, that he is familiar with the photograph on page 9 of the complaint and that a bullet was recovered when the window was replaced. He added that Chase Bank Security called MPD on July 19, 2021 to inform the damage to the building and reported that the window had a bullet hole after the weekend fatal shooting that occurred outside ELMNT LOUNGE on July of 2021. He also said that he observed the promotion of the FreakNik event which is an accurate depiction of that promotion on page 4 of the complaint, that after the shooting occurred from that promotion, he held a meeting with ELMNT LOUNGE, that Mr. Bains and his partner were at the meeting to address the shooting at the parking lot of Chase Tower, that the meeting took place before the double homicide in July. He said that Mr. Bains stated that he took over the business on June 1, 2025, that the bar manager Mr. Nick has been managing and booking parties for 22 years, that they typically start to close the bar down the bar at 1:58 am and make a security wall to escort patrons out and down the intersection and; that he would inform MPD by email with the list of events to be hosted by ELMNT LOUNGE. He said that Mr. Bains did not inform him about the event held on July 11 with the same date of the double homicide.

Answering Atty. Bobot's questions Officer Mustafa said the bullet hole at the Chase Tower window was discovered the following day after the reported shooting that happened on July 19, 2021 and that the bullet was recovered on April 14th, 2022 after the window fell.

Atty. Bobot said that he cannot explain how the bullet found a year later is attributed to the shooting.

Atty. Adamson said that the licensing suspension for this business on 2021 was a sixty day suspension for the fatal shooting on July, 2021 and occurred the same weekend that the window damage happened and besides the reports, nothing else happened until 2022 when the same window fell and the bullet was found during the repair.

Officer Mustafa continued responding Atty. Adamson's questions by acknowledging that looking at the promotion of the July 11, 2025 held at ELMNT LOUNGE, that the host was OG TWEEZY and DJ DWAN and the performing artists were STEVE DA STONER AND MANNY FRESH.

Ald. Zamarripa asked Mr. Bains why the July 11, 2025 event was not included in the list provided to MPD.

The licensee said that he attended the meeting with MPD after shooting incident at the Chase Tower parking lot and that he committed to inform MPD (because they support the police), that code red is there every Friday and Saturday, that he did not notify MPD about this event but that they always talk to MPD, that they did not had this event in mind, that everything happened so fast and that yet that night there was no red code

when the shooting happened because police was busy with a Harley festival.

Ald. Pratt said that the agreement was to reach out to Officer Mustafa and asked the applicant if he reached out to him.

Mr. Bains answered "no" that night.

Officer Mustafa said that the meeting with ELMNT LOUNGE was on June 23rd, 2025. Officer Mustafa was released.

Atty. Adamson called Detective Jake Pushnig and said the he was one of the lead detectives for the double homicide that occurred in front of ELMNT LOUNGE on July 12th, 2025 at 12:04 am, that he reviewed the surveillance footage that captured the homicide and described that five people were struck by gunfire and two died, that there 3 4 businesses damaged and that only 12 casings were recovered. He said that the video shows a crowd standing outside of ELMNT LOUNGE and that two vehicles driving south on Water St pulled up and someone from a vehicle yelled "you all thought that I was not going to find you" and started shooting people standing outside ELMNT LOUNGE. He added that there was an individual named Steve Da Stoner, the deceased victim Mr. Hodgins (OG TWEEZY), Mr. Smith (also found deceased) and other two individuals. He explained that they were waiting for the artist to arrive, that OG TWEEZY arrived first around 11:23 pm on July 11th and that Steve Da Stoner arrived couple of minutes before the shooting happened. He said that the security guard spoke to MPD detectives and said that one person from one of the vehicles yelled "you all thought that I was not going to find you" to the crowd.

Detective Pushnig said that there is an active investigation and cannot speak on detail.

Answering Atty. Bobot's questions Detective Pushnig confirmed that something along the lines like "you all thought that I was not going to find you" was yelled from one of the vehicles, that there are two suspect vehicles involved, that shots were fired from both vehicles, that the vehicle pulled a little before ELMNT LOUNGE, that the shooting happened right outside of ELMNT LOUNGE and the people was standing right outside of ELMNT LOUNGE. He added that people standing outside were employees of the club and the performers that night. He also stated that the establishment was cooperative with the investigation and supplied the footage.

Atty. Adamson called Captain Robert Thiel at District 1 and said that the typical deployment of code red is to assign some resources at the 500 600 block of Water St along with N Water St and Brady St where there are large congregations of individuals with information received in advance. He said that during the time of the shootings on June 15, some officers were assigned to secure the area from what it is called parking lot pimping at the Chase Tower and that for July 12th, resources were stretched thin due a police officer funeral and the Harley Fest event. He also said that if he would have known about the event, he would have deployed more elements to the area.

Atty. Bobot asked Captain Thiel if he lives within the City of Milwaukee and who prepared the complaint.

Captain Thiel said that he does not live in the City of Milwaukee, that City Attorney Adamson prepared the complaint, that he reviewed the complaint, that some corrections were made and signed and notarized the complaint after it was delivered to him.

Atty. Bobot asked if the notary asked him to raise his right hand before notarizing the complaint.

Captain Thiel said that he does not remember if he raised his right hand but that he was sworn and the complaint was properly notarized.

He asked that this complaint be dismissed because Captain Thiel did not raise his right hand.

Atty. Gresham said that we have a question of format of function here and that we have notary public who effectively announces that this was done in the proper process and that we have a testifying witness who has agreed to some of the stages that were

required for that and that this is a sworn complaint.

Atty. Bobot said that this proceeding is null and void because the process was not done as required and that is why he asked to call Captain Thiel first.

Captain Thiel was released.

The objection was noted and Ald. Zamarripa said that she is going to move for neighborhood testimony and only one person raised his hand.

The individual indicated that he is in support.

Armando Saafir DJay Mando – said that he DJ at ELMNT LOUNGE weekly, that it is the most safe and secure in the City, he said that he gets VIP treatment because he brings money to businesses but that at ELMNT LOUNGE he does not get VIP treatment and gets searched and path down like the rest because they are very serious with their business.

Atty. Adamson asked DJay Mando for how long he has been working at ELMNT LOUNGE.

DJay Mando said that September 22nd was his first date, that he DJ's on Fridays now and the split is 100% of the door and a percentage of the vip sales, that he held events at Bodega at the beginning year (monthly Friday residency) which is an open format with similar crows and similar music on both places. He added that he gets vip treatment at Bodega and a quick search and path down.

Atty. Adamson asked DJay Mando if he hosted an event at Flame 13 on April of this year.

DJay Mando said that he remembers performing at Flame 13 but does not recall the date and that it was club night or a concert but that it was his first performance there.

Ald. Bauman read for the record the 13 of 20 licensed years' disciplinary actions for this establishment. He added that he met with the applicant, he was made promises of not marketing the same way it was before and that it turned out to be the same operation and within a month of starting new operations, they ended up with 2 corpses in front of the building and recommended the rescission.

Ald. Zamarripa asked Ald. Bauman if the applicant kept some of the same staff/manager.

Ald. Bauman said that he has no personal knowledge of that.

Ald. Pratt asked if Nick was part of the previous team.

The applicant said that Nick worked under the previous operation and still works for him.

Atty. Bobot said that they have a lot of witnesses supporting the business.

Ald. Zamarripa said that she already call for neighbors' testimony and only one person stood up.

Atty. Bobot said that probably because she called for neighbors and not for people to testify.

Atty. Gresham advised the Chair to treat them as relevant testifying witnesses as neighborhood testimony has concluded as indicated by the Chair.

Atty. Bobot called the Licensee, Mr. Bains.

Answering to Atty. Bobot's questions said that he and 2 partners own A1 WATERSTREET LLC, that the business was purchased on June 1, 2025 and paid \$700K, that the original plan was to hold multicultural events, that some events were booked already and they had the plan of rebranding the entire business. Atty. Bobot went thru exhibits 1, 2 and 3 with his client.

The exhibits were submitted at the table.

Ald. Burgelis objected to the submission of the materials without time for the committee members to review it.

Atty. Gresham advised to accept the exhibits if MPD has no objections.

Ald. Zamarripa agreed.

Atty. Gresham said that the committee is proceeding as requested.

Atty. Bobot asked Mr. Bains if Mr. Murado is his Director of Operations and if he

worked with the previous operator.

Mr. Bains answered "it is correct".

Atty. Adamson asked Mr. Bains that at the June 23, 2025 meeting, if he said that he was from Brooklyn, that Brooklyn was crazy and that Milwaukee was not Brooklyn and if he underestimated the security risks on his own experience in a different city.

Mr. Bains said that he had no comments and that he does not understand the question.

Atty. Adamson asked Mr. Bains to identify the handwriting from the business license application.

Mr. Bains said that some is his and some is Nick's and that Mr. Nick helped him with the application.

Atty. Adamson asked Mr. Bains how is the situation with the promotions.

Mr. Bains said that currently they notify MPD every week about what's happening and even if they are closed.

Atty. Adamson asked Mr. Bains if that OG TWEEZY promotion was on his business website.

Mr. Bains said that he does not know but that he did not have the password of the social media platforms and that they did not create new profiles because of the followers.

Responding to Atty. Adamson's questions Mr. Bains said that promoters come to the club, that Mr. Nick is in charge of hiring promoters, that is Nick's job to check if there have been violent incidents attached to the promoters and that he always calls Nick every Thursday or Friday to be briefed on what they are having that weekend.

Atty. Bobot called Nick Murado.

Atty. Bobot objected that two members left the table.

The objection was noted.

Ald. Burgelis moved to reschedule this hearing for another date due the purposely delay and causing a havoc on this committee.

There was a roll call, the motion failed 2 3 (Ayes: Burgelis, Jackson; Noes: Brower, Pratt, Zamarripa).

Answering to Atty. Bobot's questions Mr. Murado said that he is Director of Operations, that he has worked at the location for 20 years, that he was present on June 15th, that he closed the club at 2:05 am, that the staff cleared the streets, cleaned around and returned to premises for closing procedures, that he was the last one leaving at 2:45 am and that they did not call MPD because they were not there. As for the July event said that at 12:01 am few vehicles made a u turn on Water St and ambushed people on 610 N Water St, that they had 20 people in the venue, that it was a normal Friday night with no special event. He added that he has been sending emails predicting capacity to MPD because there was also a media interest. He was not advised that there was no code red on July, 11, 2025. He mentioned that they closed voluntarily the following Saturday until the beginning of August in observation of the deceased.

Responding to Atty. Adamson's questions, Mr. Murado said that he started to work at this business when it was Lady Bug and that his duties are to hire, train, coordinate events, regular nights, payroll, that every situation is different and that they hire marketers, no promoters; and gets a flat rate pay based on the success of the event.

Atty. Bobot called Officer Owens (MPD) and said that he has been a code red officer the last few months, that his duties are to be present working at night events, that almost worked all the summer on code red in front of ELMNT LOUNGE with a partner, that they engage with the staff, that the staff has been cooperative, that he did not work on June 15th neither July 12th and that he has not have had any bad interaction doing his work with the staff.

Atty. Bobot called Ms. Melvin Wilson and said that he is involved in the parking lot operations as an ALIED Universal full time employee at the Chase Tower parking lot and also works as security guard at ELMNT LOUNGE over the weekends. He added

that he was not working at either job on June 15, 2025 and that it is not safe for a security guard to be out on the parking lot on his own. He added that he worked at the front door on the July 11, 2025 event, that his vision was obstructed by a vehicle but heard someone saying "you thought that we were not going to find you" and heard gun shots after. He also said that they did not provide first aid but secured the patrons and the area. He also answered that he started to work on 2015, that he checks ids, path downs, do crowd control and walks from the premises until Michigan Av to make sure that no one is around.

Individuals' testifying:

Juan Hogans – son of one the victims – said that he has been there, that his father made few dates there and that he does not think that any club could prevent a drive by shooting from happening.

Torey Lowe – works at a radio station – said that on July 12 he was on his way there when he got the news, that he frequents ELMNT LOUNGE 3 4 times per year, that he does special events and celebrates his birthday there.

Gina Goodwin – 622 N Water St – said that she is the landlord and resides there, that she has known Nick for over 20 years and that she does not have information of other issues besides the shooting.

Wendy Burke – 622 N Water St – said that she works for the legal entity that owns the building and that they did diligences to make sure that Mr. Bains was liable financial and morally.

Margaret Bailey Stewart – said that she frequented the lounge when she was younger and that she has utilized the place to host different events like her 25th wedding anniversary and feels safe there.

Atty. Bobot said that Mr. Bains took over the club on June this year and that no sanctions were given to previous owner neither his client from 2022 to 2025. He added that the incidents did not happen inside the premises, that the first incident happened at a parking lot after the club was closed and that there is no indication that the shooting is related to ELMNT LOUNGE. As for the second item he said that something tragic happened but that it was a drive by shooting, which it seemed that they were looking for somebody, that it was a very serious targeted event with 2 people dead and 3 injured. He also said that MPD was notified right away, that the staff cooperated with the police and even provided the surveillance footage. He said that they have recognized that it was a small event and that they did not inform the police about it. He also said that it is not a small thing when he raised the issue for the sworn complaint.

Atty. Adamson said that Mr. Bain just took over in June this year but that it is the same guy with the same plan, same results and that these are the cracks of the foundation and that the two shootings involve people that were at ELMNT LOUNGE for FreakNik and Back Outside events. He also said that he thinks that such shootings in such short time is bad and that this hearing is for what spills on the streets and not for what is happening inside the club and that is why the license needs to be revoked.

Atty. Helsel cited the case of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin Opinion 2022 WI 76 https://www.wicourts.gov/sc/opinions/19/pdf/19_2184.pdf in regards Atty. Bobot's objection to the sworn complaint.

Ald. Pratt moved for revocation based upon the preponderance of evidence in the police report, aldermanic testimony, licensee and staff testimony and other evidence presented at the hearing and what was included in the notice that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety and welfare of the public for the loitering and disturbance of the peace. The motion passed 4 1.

Ald. Burgelis said that Milwaukee has an obligation to protect its reputation, its safety for patrons and visitors in the downtown area and that this business has made this neighborhood look unsafe. He added that he did not hear anything about what this business is doing to improve the safety for the patrons and ensure that people go

back home safely. He added that he is also disturbed about the lack of safety at the parking lot across the street which is a discussion for another date for this committee. Ald. Pratt said that 10% of the people present on that night are dead and that it is not acceptable.

The meeting paused at 4:33 pm

The meeting reconvened at 4:54 pm

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, and Jackson

No 1 - Brower

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

[251041](#)

Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relating to licenses.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Jackson moved to reconsider Item 1 File 251041. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

RECONSIDERED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

05 PATEL, Kamlesh M, Agent for "AKP MART Inc.", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor License Renewal Application for "SUNRISE LIQUOR AND GIFT" at 9330 W CAPITOL DR. (Expired 9/26/2025)

Ald. Pratt moved to hold the application to the call of the chair at 4:54 pm. There were no objections.

The application was reconsider at 5:33 pm. There were no objections.

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Jackson moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

05 WALKER, Rose-Marie, Agent for "LITTLE CAESAR ENTERPRISES, INC.", Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "LITTLE CAESARS #314" at 9230 W CAPITOL DR. (Expired 7/11/2025)

Ald. Pratt moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections.

The application was reconsidered at 5:34 pm.

The applicant was present virtually along with Atty. Richard Donner, Tracy Jacobs (Corporate) and Mark Bermudez (Supervisor).

Atty. Donner said, regarding the items on the police report, that the first item was about a customer who wanted more pepperoni and forced his way back in when the employee tried to lock the door. He added that a fight started and other employees came out to break it up. He continued that the customer received a citation and the company let go of seven of the employees, including the crew leader, for violating corporate rules after reviewing the surveillance video. As for the second item, he said that a fight started between two customers but they were gone when the police arrived. Individuals also present:

Ald. Westmoreland said that the main reason for being here is the litter and upkeep of the premises and asked the people present for title, roll and how often they are at this location.

Mr. Bermudez said that he lives in Racine, that he is the area supervisor and visits the store 2 3 times per week at different hours depending on the assigned schedule.

Daranay Batista was sworn in and said that she lives in Kenosha, that she is the Market Director, and she visits the store 2 3 times per week at different hours depending on the assigned schedule.

Ms. Walker said that she is at the store once/yr because she has other four markets. Tracy Jacobs said that she would normally visit the store 3-7 times/yr but not lately due an illness.

Ald. Westmoreland asked Atty. Donner if he has been at the store.

Atty. Donner said that he started visiting when he started to discuss this location with the Alder in 2023 but he has not visited this year.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Westmoreland said that this license expired back in July and that it has been operating without one for three months and that we received the renewal application only after the business was order to cease operations by MHD. He added that this business continues to be the topic of discussion at district wide events and town hall meetings because of the litter, the retaining wall on 93rd St that breaks and falls down multiple times per year, which even made a disabled constituent unable to use the sidewalk due to gravel and rocks on the ground. He also said that he was willing to work with the business granting the provisional license but that this business is not cooperating with him and that they do not want to meet him in the middle. He explained that there is a company policy that they do not allow employees to go out of the building to pick up garbage at closing time and that the garbage accumulates for 13 hours which is then blown into the neighborhood and that is the main concern for him. He explained that maybe it is time for a third party to come into the picture because he is at the point of recommending nonrenewal due to the constant garbage issue and the company is not helping the district to keep it clean.

Atty. Donner said that they did not file the renewal on time due to an error on their end, that it was wrong, it was not the intention, and that the other stores are renewed until 2026. He added that they have been closed for 3 weeks now and that the cleanups were discussed in 2023 and the store was renewed without issues in 2024. He said that they found out that Ald. Westmoreland objected to the provisional license by Mr. Cooney when this is a long standing business in the area and in the city. He mentioned that it is an employee safety issue to pick up garbage at 10pm, that he understands that the garbage accumulates but it is cleaned up in the morning. He added that the trash shown in Ald. Westmoreland's photos is not the company's garbage and that there is an email communication recognizing that the store has improved. He said that there must be a balance between safety and cleanness.

Ms. Walker said that she has placed a tracking mechanism to stay on top of the renewals 3 months before the expiration date.

Ald. Westmoreland said the garbage comes from patrons of this business because the business next door operates with no garbage in the parking lot. He added that he grew up in the district and that the people speaking on behalf of the business are new

to the company and cannot tell him what he has seen throughout the years. He added that he recommends nonrenewal because the company's policies are not willing to work with him and his district.

Atty. Donner said that they have been cleaning the parking lot with the store closed for three weeks and that there are 25 employees that have been out of work with the store closed.

Ald. Burgelis recommended progressive discipline and moved for a 32-day suspension held in abeyance based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the aldermanic testimony that demonstrates the operation results in excessive littering. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

AMENDED

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 2 - Chambers Jr., and Brower

09 SINGH, Satwinder, Agent for "SPRING CIRCLE, LLC", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "BP PANTRY 41 #86" at 8661 W BROWN DEER Rd. (Expired 9/23/2025)

The applicant was present along with Mr. Walia (as business partner and attorney).

Individuals also present:

Ald. Taylor said that the employees should have the proper training to avoid the issues on the police report.

Mr. Walia said that he will make sure that his employees takes the proper training.

Ald. Zamarripa asked if the citation has been paid.

Sgt. Velasquez said that they have entered on a payment plan and that she will know if they do not pay on time.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Taylor said that this gas station has had a lot of issues in the past years and that she has received a lot of complaints regarding vehicles hanging out there and for the building with being in such disrepair. She added that at last year's renewal, Mr. Walia agreed on doing some fixes but what he has done is just basic cosmetic. She also said that from 2019 to 2024, the applicant did not do anything for the building and that the service is very lacking and that she had a conversation with the applicant about the items on the police report, the lack of products, the basic repairs and asked the committee to hold the application to give the applicant time to work on the issues and repairs that have been discussed with him prior granting the license for another year.

Ald. Taylor submitted some photos for the record.

Ald. Brower moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

09 FRIAR, Raecal D, Food Dealer and Food Peddler Licenses Application for "SLOPPY PLATE" at 8103 W TOWER Av.

The applicant was not present.

*Ald. Pratt moved denial based upon fourth nonappearance. There were no objections.
(Prevailed 5-0)*

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

*01 VALDEZ, JR, Guadalupe, Recycling, Salvaging, or Towing Premises License
Renewal Application for "BUDGET TOWING" at 2456 W CORNELL St. (Expires
12/14/2025)*

The application was called at 4:56 pm

The applicant was present.

Individuals also present:

*Peter Knox (DPW) said that he wanted to bring to the committee's attention that there
were some concerns about not paying on time but that it is paid in full now.*

*Ald. Pratt asked the applicant to make a payment plan moving forward to avoid
collection.*

The applicant agreed.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Pratt moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

*01 SINGH, Gurpreet, Agent for "GARY FOOD MART LLC", Class A Fermented Malt,
Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "GOLDEN
NORTHTOWN FOOD" at 4402 N 27TH St. (Expires 11/25/2025)*

*The applicant was present along with Atty. Maistelman and said that they have been in
communication with Ald. Pratt.*

Individuals also present:

*Ald. Pratt said that the homicide that happened on 27th St., is very close from this
business and that she has seen there 20-30 people standing outside, that she has
changed the parking rules and still struggling. She added that the applicant definitely
needs to improve the lighting, put up no loitering signs and to call the police when
needed it.*

*Atty. Maistelman requested to amend the plan of operations in response to Ald. Pratt's
request with:*

a) File restriction orders against frequent flyers

b) Place "no trespassing" signs

c) Being more proactive in dispersing crowds standing outside

Ald. Pratt moved to amend the plan of operations. There were no objections.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

*Ald. Pratt moved approval as amended with a warning letter. There were no objections.
(Prevailed 5-0)*

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

01 CANNON, JR, Mark C, Agent for "TASTE SOCIAL LOUNGE LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Disc Jockey, Hookah Service, Bands, Karaoke, Poetry Readings, Comedy Acts and Patrons Dancing for "TASTE SOCIAL LOUNGE" at 4923 W VILLARD Av.

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Pratt moved to hold the application to the call of the chair for a neighborhood meeting. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

01 KAUR, Charnjit, Agent for "4616 STARK INC.", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "STARK FOODS II" at 4616 W HAMPTON Av. (Expires 12/4/2025)

The applicant was present along with Atty. Maistelman and said that this business has renewed its license with no issues the past 5 years, that the applicant has a number of businesses with no issues and that his client is always cooperative with MPD no matter what. He added that she runs her business the best way she can and that the homicide is not linked to her business, that they did everything what they should have done as the police report shows and that they do not know what else to do with the challenges present in the area.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Pratt said that this application was scheduled due the homicide and the following week's incident where an officer was involved in a shooting there as well. She said that she does not know if these have happened if the store wasn't there but moving forward they need to do more and better because it is not secure and that neighbors do not want to go there because they do not feel safe and they are frustrated as well.

Atty. Maistelman said that his client has invested in the store and the community.

Mr. Lehal (Manager) said that they have no loitering and no firearms signs and have filed restraining orders but that if they cannot identify an individual, they cannot file the restriction order.

Ald. Pratt asked if they have a security guard.

Mr. Lehal said that they do not have a security guard and that they could set something up if it's feasible.

Atty. Maistelman said that they will get a professional assessment on what can be done.

Ald. Zamarripa asked what happened the day of the homicide.

Mr. Lehal said that they were not there, only the staff working behind the bullet proof glass and the shooting came out of nowhere.

Individuals in support:

Twanda Lackardt – 3703 N 42nd St – said that she was there at the moment of the shooting and she does not think that the store could have done something to prevent it. She added that those kids involved are not from the neighborhood and that they need more police patrolling the area.

Atty. Maistelman asked to add to record that there are 7 people present in support.

Ald. Pratt said that she agrees that the applicant is cooperative with MPD.

Atty. Maistelman said that the applicant is a very good business owner in the city and at this location and that they will continue having security coming thru and that her business record speaks for her.

Mr. Lehal said that they run the stores almost identical and that the shooting incident was not something that they could have controlled but willing to make what is recommended.

The applicant said that MPD has 24hr access to all the surveillance cameras of all her businesses.

Ald. Pratt said that the applicant should rise to the challenges.

Ald. Pratt moved approval with a warning letter. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

13 HANSEN, Richard A, Agent for "SSP AMERICA, INC.", Class B Fermented Malt, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Application for "CENTRAL STANDARD DISTILLERY" at 5300 S HOWELL Av #ConcourseC.

The applicant was present and said that this would be an open concept inside the airport.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Spiker said that he has no objections.

Ald. Pratt moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

13 CROW, Stephanie, Agent for "MC DONALDS CORPORATION", Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "MC DONALDS #5747" at 2612 W MORGAN Av. (Expired 9/25/2025)

Atty. Miller appeared on behalf of the applicant.

Ald. Spiker asked that the application be held due the almost 5 hours behind schedule.

Ald. Brower moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

13 DIAZ, Mark S, Agent for "SASAS HOSPITALITY LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Hotel/Motel Licenses Renewal Application

Adding 2 Pool Tables (Total of 3) for "BEST WESTERN PLUS MILWAUKEE AIRPORT" at 5105 S HOWELL Av #1. (Expired 9/23/2025)

The applicant was present.

Ald. Spiker asked that the application be held due the almost 5 hours behind schedule.

Ald. Jackson moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

13 COOK, Thomas M, Agent for "PACIFIC BELLS LLC", Extended Hours Establishments and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "TACO BELL #31507" at 6268 S 27TH St. (Expires 11/1/2025)

The applicant was present.

Ald. Spiker asked that the application be held due the almost 5 hours behind schedule.

Ald. Jackson moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

13 ABDALLAH, Yousef, Agent for "PITA PALACE LLC", Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "PITA PALACE" at 789 W LAYTON Av. (Expired 8/13/2025)

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Spiker asked that the application be held due the almost 5 hours behind schedule.

Ald. Jackson moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

13 PETERSON, Carol J, Agent for "THREE BLONDES, INC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "MAVERICKS" at 2030 W HOWARD Av. (Expired 9/23/2025)

The applicant was present.

Ald. Spiker asked that the application be held due the almost 5 hours behind schedule.

Ald. Burgelis moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no

objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

13 FRANZ, Kenneth D, Agent for "HOWELL AVE FOS LODGING ASSOCIATES, LLC", Class B Tavern, Food Dealer and Hotel/Motel Licenses Renewal Application with Transfer of Stock for "HILTON GARDEN INN- MILWAUKEE AIRPORT" at 5890 S HOWELL Av. (Expired 9/23/2025)

The applicant was present.

Ald. Spiker asked that the application be held due the almost 5 hours behind schedule.

Ald. Brower moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

13 SCHNEEBERG, Eric B, Agent for "13TH POUR LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application for "13TH POUR" at 3675 S 13TH St. (Expires 12/11/2025)

The applicant was present.

Ald. Spiker asked that the application be held due the almost 5 hours behind schedule.

Ald. Jackson moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

13 GATES, Rick, Agent for "WALGREEN CO", Food Dealer License Renewal Application with Change of Agent for "WALGREENS #2911" at 6292 S 27TH St. (Expires 11/19/2025)

The applicant was present.

Ald. Spiker asked that the application be held due the almost 5 hours behind schedule.

Ald. Burgelis moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

03 MUSA, Alaa I, Agent for "CASABLANCA RESTAURANT, LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining Licenses Renewal Application for "CASABLANCA RESTAURANT" at 728 E BRADY St. (Expires 10/14/2025)

The application was called at 5:10 pm.

The applicant was not present.

Mr. Cooney said that he received a request to hold the application.

Ald. Jackson moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

Agenda Only

01 SINGH, Sukhwinder, Agent for "HAMPTON MEAT MARKET INC.", Class A Fermented Malt, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application with Change of Agent and Removing/Adding Stockholder for "HAMPTON MEAT MARKET" at 5308 W HAMPTON Av.

08 HOEPPNER, Melissa M, Agent for "MISSY SWEETS LOUNGE LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application Adding Hookah Service for "MISSY SWEETS LOUNGE" at 3412 W NATIONAL Av.

08 ZILLI, Stephen P, Agent for "GRANDVIEW MANAGEMENT, INC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application with Change of Agent, Removing Stockholder and Transfer of Stock for "ZILLI HOSPITALITY GROUP" at 524 S LAYTON Bl.

Ald. Pratt moved approval of the "Agenda Only" items. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

RODRIGUEZ, Adrian Class D Operator's License Application

SZCZECH, Jacob A Class D Operator's License Renewal Application

01 SCHROEDER, Erik S, Agent for "MKEATIN, LLC", Extended Hours Establishments and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "MCDONALD'S" at 5191 N TEUTONIA Av.

02 HANSI, Lakhvir S, Agent for "HANSI BROTHERS, LLC", Hotel/Motel License Renewal Application for "DIAMOND INN MOTEL" at 6222 W FOND DU LAC Av.

02 MC AFEE, Randle K, Agent for "KINKY RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application Adding Hookah Service for "KINKY RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE" at 5950-5954 N 76TH St.

02 SMITH, Rochelle R, Agent for "MEGA MARTS, LLC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "PICK N SAVE #6365" at 5700 W Capitol DR.

13 PATEL, Arpit K, Agent for "SIDHIVINAYAK, LLC", Class B Tavern License Renewal Application for "QUALITY SUITES" at 4488 S 27TH St.

Ald. Brower moved approval of the "Warning Letter" items. There were no objections.
(Prevailed 5-0)

AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

Ald. Pratt moved approval of the File 251041 as amended. There were no objections.
(Prevailed 5-0)

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, Brower, and Jackson

No 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

Yadira Melendez
Staff Assistant

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