

City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes - Final LICENSES COMMITTEE

ALD. JAMES A. BOHL, JR., CHAIR

Ald. Milele A. Coggs, Vice-Chair

Ald. Ashanti Hamilton, Ald. T. Anthony Zielinski, and Ald. Nik Kovac

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Wednesday, September 9, 2009

8:15 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

Meeting commenced at 8:23 a.m.

Present 3 - Bohl, Hamilton, Kovac

Absent 1 - Zielinski

Excused 1 - Coggs

1. 090373

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

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

09 PATEL, Chirag J., Agent for "Daxa, LLC", Class "A" Liquor & Malt application for "Ridge Plaza Liquor" at 8700 W. Brown Deer Road. Special Letter

Applicant not appearing. Ald. Puente at the table.

Ald. Hamilton moves to hold to the call of the chair. Prevailed 3-0. (Ald. Coggs excused and Ald. Zielinski absent)

Applicant now at the table. Ald. Hamilton moves to reconsider. Prevailed 3-0. (Ald. Coggs excused and Ald. Zielinski absent)

Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 3-0. (Ald. Coggs excused and Ald. Zielinski absent)

A motion was made by ALD. KOVAC that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 3 - Bohl, Hamilton and Kovac

No 0

Absent 1 - Zielinski

Excused 1 - Coggs

10 BLODGETT, Dana N., Agent for "The Fieldhouse, Inc.", Request for a permanent extension of premises for "Dana's Fieldhouse" to include a 20' x 20' fenced in patio at the rear of the premises at 5004 W. Vliet Street.

Special Letter

Applicant at the table, 3015 N. 80th St.

No neighborhood objectors present when called.

Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 3-0. (Ald. Coggs excused and Ald. Zielinski absent)

A motion was made by ALD. KOVAC that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 3 - Bohl, Hamilton and Kovac

No 0

Absent 1 - Zielinski

Excused 1 - Coggs

Attendance taken at 8:34 a.m.

Present 4 - Bohl, Hamilton, Zielinski, Kovac

Excused 1 - Coggs

090373

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

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

10 SANDHAR, Harjit, Agent for "Sandhar Enterprises, Inc.", Class "A" Liquor & Malt application for "Bluemound Liquor" at 6001 W. Bluemound Road. Special Letter

Applicant at the table, 214 E. Brown Deer Rd., with Atty. David Hass at the table as counsel.

No neighborhood objectors present when called.

Grant by Ald. Zielinski despite items contained in the notice. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

A motion was made by ALD. ZIELINSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Bohl, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

08 PEREZ, Alejandra and MARTINEZ, Elva E., Class "B" Tavern – Service Bar Only partnership application for "Taqueria Mr. Churro" at 2333 W. National Avenue.

Special Letter

Alejandra Perez, 3633 S. Moorland Rd. New Berlin, Elva Martinez, 18680 W. Lynette Lane, New Berlin. Ald. Donovan also at the table.

No neighborhood objectors present when called.

Ald. Kovac moves to grant. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

A motion was made by ALD. KOVAC that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ave 4 - Bohl, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

07 BRISTER, Leonard J., Executor of "Estate of Joan Spencer", Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Amusement (Cabaret/Nite Club) applications for "Sahara Lounge" at 4750 N. Hopkins Street. Special Letter

Atty. John Germanotta at the table representing the applicant.

Atty. Germanotta requests that the item be held since there is a buyer of the property that will be applying for a license at the location.

Hold to the call of the chair by Ald. Hamilton. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

A motion was made by ALD. HAMILTON that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ave 4 - Bohl, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

14 DANOWSKI, Daniel J., Agent for "Magic Dann's, LLC", Class "B" Tavern –
Service Bar Only and Instrumental Music applications for "Magic Dann's Jazz & Blues
Restaurant" at 2691 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue. Special Letter

Applicant at the table, 2415 S. Howell Ave.

Neighborhood supporter:

Timothy Deneter, 2236 S. Allis St., Lower, in support of the license.

Grant by Ald. Zielinski. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

A motion was made by ALD. ZIELINSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Bohl, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

14 YANDELL, Kendrick B., Agent for "BYO Studio, LLC", Class "B" Tavern – Service Bar Only and Record Spin applications for "BYO Studio" at 2246 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue. New Location Special Letter

Applicant at the table, 1811 N. 49th St., Kerry Yandell, co-owner, 1811 N. 49th St., also at the table.

Mr. Yandell says that he would like to change the application from a service bar only to a full bar.

Ald. Zielinski says that the applicant did not apply for a retail liquor license because he knew of the overconcentration of liquor outlets in the area.

Ald. Zielinski moves to amend the application to extend the hours of operation to an 11:00 a.m. opening everyday to 2:00 a.m. closing on weekdays and to 2:30 a.m. closing on the weekends and to remove the service bar designation for the liquor license. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

No neighborhood objectors present when called.

Approximately 10 neighborhood supporters are present.

Grant by Ald. Zielinski as amended. Prevailed 4-0 (Ald. Coggs excused)

A motion was made by ALD. ZIELINSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Bohl, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

06 GARDNER, Cettery M., Class "B" Tavern and Record Spin renewal applications for "Shananigans" at 3751 N. Teutonia Avenue. (expires 9-24) Special Letter

Applicant at the table, 3760 N. 3rd St. Akuwa Dantzler, Legislative Assistant for District 6, also at the table.

No neighborhood objectors present when called. No objection from the alderwoman's office.

Grant by Ald. Zielinski. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

A motion was made by ALD. ZIELINSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Bohl, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

06 MALLETT, Joe F., Class "A" Malt renewal application for "Mallett's Food Store" at 3501 N. 14th Street. (expires 10-13) Special Letter

Applicant at the table, 3241 N. 46th St., as is Akuwa Dantzler, Legislative Aide for District 6.

No neighborhood objectors present when called.

Ms. Dantzler says that the alderwoman has no objections.

Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

A motion was made by ALD. KOVAC that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Bohl, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

13 KHULLAR, Anup K., Agent for "Priya Corporation", Class "A" Liquor & Malt application for "Martha's Vineyard" at 552 W. Layton Avenue. New Location Special Letter

Applicant at the table, 10702 N. Gazebo Hills Parkway, Mequon, as is Ald. Witkowski. Mark Krueger, 11428 N. Vega Ave., Mequon, business partner, at the table with the applicant.

Mr. Khullar says that the establishment will be a high-end wine store.

Ald. Witkowski says that he is in opposition to the license. He says that the applicant's other locations have violations such as litter, tall weeds and excessive signage. He also objects on the basis of overconcentration of alcohol beverage outlets.

Ald. Zielinski moves to make as part of the record a concentration map centered on the location of 552 W. Layton Ave. dated August 1, 2009. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

Neighborhood objectors present:

Don Schaewe, 4483 S. 5th Place, representing the Town of Lake Neighborhood Association. He says that the neighborhood association voted to object to the license, primarily because of overconcentration. He says that the objection is to a full service liquor store and that the association is also concerned about the proximity of the location to a school and about the limited parking at the location.

Agi Nikolau, works for Boraxis Properties, 4635 S. 108th St. He is in opposition to the liquor license.

Gary Tiedke, 1555 W. Whitaker Ave., is in opposition to the license because of overconcentration of liquor licenses in the area.

Jim Yohanan, 1010 W. Layton Ave., real estate agent for Boraxis Properties. He is in opposition to the license.

Deny, by Ald. Hamilton, based on neighborhood objections and overconcentration. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

A motion was made by ALD. HAMILTON that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Bohl, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

13 VAN REMMEN, Jill, Agent for "Dino's, Inc.", Class "B" Tavern renewal application for "Dino's Italian Restaurant" at 4252 S. Howell Avenue. (expires 9-27) Special Letter

Applicant at the table, 11941 W. Coldspring Rd., Greenfield. Ald. Witkowski also at the table.

Neighborhood supporters:

Don Schaewe, 4483 S. 5th Place, representing the Town of Lake Neighborhood Association. He says that the association is in favor of the license if there is a full restaurant at the location.

Ald. Zielinski moves to grant and to wave the restriction in the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances 90-10.5. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

A motion was made by ALD. ZIELINSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Bohl, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

15 KAUR, Navdip, Agent for "K P Petro, Inc.", Extended Hours Establishment application for "Amepak" at 2514 N. 27th Street. Special Letter

Applicant at the table, 4218 W. Fieldview Ct., Franklin, with Kamalpreet Singh, 4218 W. Fieldview Ct., Franklin. Alex Runner, Staff Assistant to Ald. Hines, also at the table.

Mr. Runner asks that the item be held since the applicants have not met with the alderman.

Hold to the call of the chair by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 3-0. (Ald. Coggs and Zielinski excused)

A motion was made by ALD. KOVAC that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 3 - Bohl, Hamilton and Kovac

No 0

Excused 2 - Coggs and Zielinski

Meeting recessed at 10:13 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 10:26 a.m.

<u>090373</u> Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relative to licenses.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

12 CABRAL VILLARREAL, Juan A., Class "B" Tavern – Service Bar Only application for "La Esperanza" at 645 S. 6th Street. Special Letter

Applicant at the table, 1017 S. 18th St. Juana Cabral, daughter of the applicant, at the table as translator. Ald. Witkowiak also at the table.

Ald. Witkowiak says that he has no objections.

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Grant by Ald. Zielinski. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

A motion was made by ALD. ZIELINSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ave 4 - Bohl, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

12 SOTO CRUZ, Antonio, Class "B" Tavern – Service Bar Only application for "Taqueria El Local" at 1336-38 S. 7th Street. Special Letter

Applicant at the table with Atty. Ronny Vargas as counsel. Ald. Witkowiak also at the table.

Ald. Witkowiak has no objections.

Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

A motion was made by ALD. KOVAC that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ave 4 - Bohl, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

12 WEISS, Robert G., Agent for "Shakers, Inc.", Class "B" Tavern renewal application for "Shakers Cigar Bar & World Café" at 422 S. 2nd Street. (expires 10-13) Special Letter

Applicant not appearing. Ald. Witkowiak at the table.

Marla Weiss, 800 Lakeview Ct., Brookfield, wife of the applicant, at the table. She filed a complaint in objection to the license, and says that she would like to withdraw it.

Ald. Witkowiak says that there have been no other objections to the license and that his office does not have any objections.

Grant by Ald. Zielinski. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

A motion was made by ALD. ZIELINSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Bohl, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

Attendance taken at 10:52 a.m.

Present 5 - Bohl, Coggs, Hamilton, Zielinski, Kovac

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090373

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

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

12 RODRIGUEZ, Mildred, Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Dance applications for "La Borinquena" at 1503 W. Arthur Avenue. Special Letter

Applicant not appearing.

Ald. Witkowiak says that the applicant asked that the matter be held, but there are neighbors in opposition to the license at the committee meeting to testify.

Neighborhood objectors:

Chester Schmear, 1436 W. Arthur Ave., is in opposition to the license due to noise issues. He says that he has also witnessed patrons smoking marijuana outside of the location.

Dawn Palma, 2487 S. 15th St., is in objection to the license due to noise issues and drug activity.

Ald. Coggs at the table at 10:51 a.m.

Hold to the call of the chair by Ald. Coggs. Prevailed 5-0.

A motion was made by ALD. COGGS that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bohl, Coggs, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

12 TOSADO, Reinaldo, Agent for "Tosado, LLC", Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Dance applications for "T's Inn" at 1979 S. 15th Street. Special Letter

Applicant at the table, 1983 S. 12th St., with Atty Robert Courtaney as counsel. Ald. Witkowiak also at the table.

Ald. Witkowiak says that his office has no objections.

No neighborhood objectors present when called.

Felix Questell, 911 W. Maple St., is the contractor that repairs the applicant's properties and he is in support of the license

Helen Sada, 1961 S. 15th St., is in support of the license.

Grant by Ald. Zielinski. Prevailed 5-0.

A motion was made by ALD. ZIELINSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bohl, Coggs, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

12 HUSSAIN, Dilshad, Class "A" Malt application for "Dua Food" at 935 W. Greenfield Avenue. Special Letter

Applicant at the table, 2778 N. 59th St. Surinder Bhatti, 1603 W. Rogers St., at the table as a translator. Ald. Witkowiak and Legislative Aide Michael McGuire also at the table

Ald. Witkowiak says that he had received letters of opposition to the license. Ald. Witkowiak presents a concentration map centered around the property.

Ald. Hamilton moves to make as part of the record a concentration map centered on 935 W. Greenfield Ave. dated on August 1, 2009. Prevailed 5-0.

Neighborhood objector:

Jason Cleereman, 1028 W. Washington St., President of the Walker's Square Neighborhood Association. He says that the neighborhood association is in opposition to a beer license at the location. Mr. Cleereman also says the the applicant has poor relations with the community.

Mr. Bhatti says that no one can stop any illegal activity at the location.

Deny by Ald. Zielinski based on overconcentration of alcohol beverage outlets and neighborhood objections. Prevailed 5-0.

A motion was made by ALD. ZIELINSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bohl, Coggs, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

12 SINGH, Harshinder, Class "A" Malt application for "Lincoln Beer & Food Mart" at 1001 W. Lincoln Avenue. Special Letter

Applicant at the table, 4417 S. 64th St., Greenfield. Raimi Kaur, 1600 W. Becher St., prospective manager for the location also at the table.

Michael McGuire, Legislative Aide for District 12 at the table and Atty. David Hass at the table as counsel.

Mr. McGuire says that Ald. Witkowiak is in opposition to the license because of overconcentration. He also says that the son's father previously agreed not to apply for a alcohol beverage license at the location.

Ald. Coggs moves to make a concentration map centered on 1001 W. Lincoln Ave. and dated August 1, 2009 part of the record. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)

Ms. Kaur says that the applicant wants to run a business separate from his father's.

Neil White, 1133 W. Lincoln Ave., Executive Director of the Lincoln Village Business Association, is in opposition to the license because the type of business is not in demand in the neighborhood and because of the overconcentration of alcohol beverage licenses in the neighborhood.

Atty. Hass says that any discussions with the alderman previously were held with the applicant's father, not the applicant.

Robert Tolbert, 2306 S. 11th St., lives adjacent to the location. He is opposed to the license because he is concerned about vagrants frequenting the location and hanging around the area after they leave the establishment.

Atty. Hass says that a vagrancy problem in the area cannot be blamed on the applicant and is not relevant to the application.

Ms. Kaur says that if there were to be problems with loitering and littering at the location, the licensee would take care of it by calling the policing and addressing problems with their patrons.

Mr. McGuire says that there have been a number of complaints from residents regarding the homeless and littering problems that are aggravated by the proximity to Kosciuszko park.

Deny by Ald. Kovac based on neighborhood objections and overconcentration of alcohol beverage outlets. Prevailed 5-0.

A motion was made by ALD. KOVAC that this Motion be AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Bohl, Coggs, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Meeting recessed at 12:07 p.m.

Tobie Black Staff Assistant

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety through the City's Legislative Research Center at http://milwaukee.legistar.com/calendar.