



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes 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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Friday, September 9, 2011

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

SPECIAL

Meeting convened at 9:15 a.m.

Present 4 - Bohl, Coggs, Zielinski, Kovac

Excused 1 - Hamilton

Individuals also present:

Rebecca Grill, License Division Manager

Adam Stephens, Assistant City Attorney

Sgt. Chad Raden, License Investigation Unit MPD

Officer Tracy Tabiadon, License Investigation Unit MPD

1. [110147](#) Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relative to licenses.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

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

Aye 4 - Bohl, Coggs, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

12 GARCIA, Jerry, Class A Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer's License Application for "Garcia Grocery Store" at 1610 S 7TH St.

*Jerry Garcia, applicant
2964 S. 7th St., Milwaukee, WI 53204*

*Individuals appearing in support:
Barbara Baumgartner, 1614 S. 7th St., Milwaukee, WI 53204
Patricia Tim, 1624-26 S. 7th St., Milwaukee, WI 53204*

Ald. James Witkowiak, aldermanic district 12, was present with no objections.

Ald. Kovac moved approval. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Bohl, Coggs, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

12 KAKUK, Charles D., Agent for "Next Act Theatre, Inc", class B Tavern and Tavern Amusement License Applications as agent for "Next Act Theatre" at 255 S. Water Street.

*Charles D. Kakuk, Agt.
P.O. Box 394, Milwaukee, WI 53201*

*Individual appearing in support:
Richard Schreiner, 912 E. Pleasant St., Milwaukee, WI 53202*

Ald. Witkowiak was present in support.

Ald. Kovac moved approval. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Bohl, Coggs, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

12 SWANSON, David K, Agent for "Braise Restaurant, LLC", Class B Tavern License Application as agent for "Braise Restaurant" at 1101 S 2nd St.

*David Swanson, Agt.
1101 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee, WI 53204*

No neighborhood testimony.

Ald. Witkowiak was present in support.

Ald. Coggs moved approval. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Bohl, Coggs, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

12 TORRIJOS, Juan J, Agent for "Taqueria Los Altos de Jalisco, Inc.", Class B Tavern License Application as agent for "Taqueria Los Altos de Jalisco" at 1336-38 S 7th St.

*Juan J. Torrijos, Agt.
1215 S. Cesar E. Chavez Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53204*

*Also appearing with the applicant:
Alejandro Torrijos, co-owner, 1536 S. Comstock Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53204*

No neighborhood testimony.

Ald. Witkowiak was present in support.

Ald. Zielinski moved approval. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Bohl, Coggs, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

12 AGOSTO, Evelyn, Agent for "Lincoln Jewelry and Electronics LLC", Precious Metal and Gem Dealer's License Application as agent for "Lincoln Jewelry and Electronics" at 1438 W LINCOLN Av.

Applicant was not present.

*Individuals appearing in opposition:
Barbara Nelson, 1022 W. Lincoln Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53215
Rick Peattie, 3455 N. Fratney St., Milwaukee, WI 53212*

Ms. Nelson testified that there are three other jewelry cashing facilities in the area.

Mr. Peattie said that the applicant was a part of a previous jewelry business that was in noncompliance and that the new LLC may be operated in the same manner as the previous company.

Ald. Witkowiak said that the applicant had spoken to him, and the alderman said to hold the application at the request of the applicant.

Ald. Coggs moved to hold the application to the call of the Chair. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Bohl, Coggs, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

12 ALVI, Ghulam M, Agent for "TMS MINI MART, INC", Extended Hours Establishments Application as agent for "TMS MINI MART" at 902-914 W NATIONAL Av.

*Ghulam M. Alvi, Agt.
902-914 W. National Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53204*

No neighborhood testimony.

Ald. Witkowiak was present to testify in opposition based upon communication with several neighbors in the area opposed to the license due to noise from people and their cars outside of the gas station.

Ald. Kovac moved denial. (Prevailed 2-1)

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

Aye 2 - Zielinski and Kovac

No 1 - Bohl

Excused 2 - Coggs and Hamilton

12 SALINAS, Hector, Agent for "El Paisano LLC", Precious Metal and Gem Dealer's License Application as agent for "El Paisano LLC" at 813 W Historic Mitchell St.

*Hector Salinas, Agt.
813 W. Historic Mitchell St., Milwaukee, WI 53204*

No neighborhood testimony.

Ald. Witkowiak was present in support.

Ald. Kovac moved approval. (Prevailed 3-0)

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

Aye 3 - Bohl, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

Abstain 1 - Coggs

12 GOMEZ-ORTIZ, Francisco, Agent for "CANTARITOS BAR, LLC", Class B Tavern License Renewal Application as agent for "CANTARITOS BAR" at 1566 S MUSKEGO Av. (expires 10/11/2011)

*Francisco Gomez-Ortiz, Agt.
1829 S. Pearl St., Milwaukee, WI 53204*

*Also appearing with the applicant:
Erwin Magritz, vendor, 407 E. Elm St., Dousman, WI 53118*

No neighborhood testimony.

Ald. Witkowiak was present to recommend renewal.

Ald. Kovac moved approval. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Bohl, Coggs, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

12 NAVA, Ernesto S, Agent for "LOS CISNES, LLC", Class B Tavern and Tavern Dance License Renewal Applications and NEW Tavern Amusement Application with change in plan of operation and hours as agent for "LOS CISNES" at 2000 S 13TH St. (expires 9/27/2011)

*Ernesto S. Nava, Agt.
2707 S. 20th St., Milwaukee, WI 53215*

*Also appearing with the applicant:
Paloma Nava and Teresa Nava
2707 S. 20th St., Milwaukee, WI 53215*

The applicant requested to withdraw the Tavern Amusement license application.

Ald. Zielinski moved to accept the withdrawal of the Tavern Amusement license application. There were no objections.

No neighborhood testimony.

Ald. Witkowiak was present in support.

Ald. Zielinski moved approval as amended. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Bohl, Coggs, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

12 PLISS, Sean A, Agent for "20 BELOW LLC", Public Entertainment Club License Renewal Application as agent for "SUGAR" at 126 E MINERAL St. (expired 6/30/2011)

Atty. Stephens stated that there is a remand from the Milwaukee County Circuit Court to rehear the 2010 to 2011 license renewal application and the 2011 to 2012 license renewal application. Originally renewed with a suspension, the subsequent Common Council substituted with a motion to nonrenew the 2010 to 2011 renewal license. The Circuit Court ruled that the Council could not make their ruling in this case. The committee was to make recommendations on the two renewal licenses, one from 2010 to 2011 and the other from 2011 to 2012.

*Sean A. Pliss, Agt.
126 E. Mineral St., Milwaukee, WI 53204*

*Individual appearing in opposition:
Victor Ray, 1137 S. 3rd St., Milwaukee, WI 53204*

Mr. Ray testified as to witnessing kids in the area being disrespectful, buying drugs, changing in the cars, using the parkway as toilets, throwing trash around the cars, making noise prior to opening and after closing, yelling, making obscenities, making finger gestures, and consuming alcohol. He saw kids changing clothes and going to

the club. He described mayhem with young people in the area, which included loud noise, yelling of profanity, trash, music from cars, public urination, and cars speeding and cruising in the area and ignoring stop signs. At or near the club, he has witnessed these issues seven or eight times during the last two years.

Ald. Wikowiak testified in opposition based upon his personal observations of patrons exiting the club and going to their cars at the BP gas station nearby, smoking weed in their cars, drinking alcohol in their car, cruising, doing donuts with their cars on the intersection of 1st and Mineral St., and blasting loud music from their cars. Also, he added that many neighbors are intimidated to testify and that there are significant items in the police report.

Ald. Kovac moved to make an email submitted by Mr. Pliss and additional emails in the EBook (pg. 164 through 173) as part of the record, but as an addendum file not to be considered by the committee. There were no objections.

Mr. Pliss said he has implemented the suggestions of the committee to improve security, cooperate with the police department, and investigate social media.

The Chair, Ald. Bohl, passed the gavel to Vice Chair, Ald. Coggs

Ald. Bohl moved nonrenewal based upon the police report, excluding item #3, and items #3-6 on the previous police report, neighborhood testimony of Mr. Ray, and aldermanic testimony. (Prevailed 3-1)

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

Aye 3 - Bohl, Zielinski and Kovac

No 1 - Coggs

Excused 1 - Hamilton

AGENDA ONLY

*02 WARAKSA, Mark H, Agent for "ULTRA MART FOODS, LLC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor License Transfer - Change of Agent, Officer as agent for "PICK 'N SAVE #6365" at 5700 W CAPITOL DR.
Granted by Ald. Zielinski. (Prevailed 4-0)*

*03 KOVACOVICH, JR, Jeffrey A, Agent for "LUKE'S OF MILWAUKEE, LTD", Class B Tavern License Renewal Application with change of agent and officer for "RED ROCK SALOON MILWAUKEE" at 1225 N WATER St.
Granted by Ald. Zielinski. (Prevailed 4-0)*

*04 GRAMS, Derek S., Agent for "Bar None Milwaukee, LLC", Class B Tavern renewal with change of member and shareholder for "Bar None" at 1139 N. Water Street.
Granted by Ald. Zielinski. (Prevailed 4-0)*

*04 HORNBURG, John, Agent for "Milwaukee School of Engineering", Class B Tavern License Renewal Application with change of agent for "Milwaukee School of Engineering" at 1000 N BROADWAY.
Granted by Ald. Zielinski. (Prevailed 4-0)*

04 SCHMIDT, JR, Robert C, Agent for "BREW CITY BAR B Q, INC", Class B Tavern and Tavern Amusement License Renewal Applications with change of

entertainment as agent for "TRINITY THREE IRISH PUBS" at 125 E JUNEAU Av.
Granted by Ald. Zielinski. (Prevailed 4-0)

10 OLSON, Thomas N, Agent for "MILWAUKEE SPORTSERVICE, INC", Class B Tavern License Renewal Application with change of hours for "THE SAUSAGE HOUSE" at 201 S 46TH St.

Granted by Ald. Zielinski. (Prevailed 4-0)

12 WINTER, Lynn M, Agent for "TRISKELE'S, LLC", Class B Tavern License Renewal Application with change of shareholder for "TRISKELE'S" at 1801 S 3RD St.

Granted by Ald. Zielinski. (Prevailed 4-0)

TEMPORARY EXTENSIONS

03 STEFFKE, Gregg W, Agent for "HARP AND EAGLE, LTD", Temporary Extension Application as agent for "COUNTY CLARE" at 1234 N ASTOR St. to include the parking lot at the rear of the building on October 15, 2011 from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Granted by Ald. Coggs. (Prevailed 4-0)

Warning Letter

01 ABDALLAH, Fahmi A., Class A Malt & Class A Liquor License Renewal Application and Cigarette and Tobacco Renewal Application for "HOME RUN BEER & LIQUOR" at 6201C N TEUTONIA Av.

Granted by Ald. Kovac. (Prevailed 4-0)

12 ANTON, Joanne A, Agent for "LA PERLA, LLC", Class B Tavern and Tavern Dance License Renewal Applications as agent for "LA PERLA RESTAURANT" at 730-34 S 5TH St.

Granted by Ald. Kovac. (Prevailed 4-0)

12 HENEY, Patrick T, Agent for "MULTIVERSE, INC", Class B Tavern, Tavern Dance and Videogame Center Renewal Applications as agent for "WOODY'S" at 1579 S 2ND St.

Granted by Ald. Kovac. (Prevailed 4-0)

14 KARDARIS, John J, Agent for "MIDWEST DINER SOUTH, INC", Class B Fermented Malt and Class C Wine Retailer's License Renewal Application as agent for "MIDWEST DINER" at 2321 S KINNICKINNIC Av.

Granted by Ald. Kovac. (Prevailed 4-0)

15 ISSA, Rida A, Agent for "TOBRUK FOOD MARKET, LLC", Class A Fermented Malt Beverage Retailer's License Renewal Application as agent for "TOBRUK FOODS" at 4401 W LISBON Av.

Granted by Ald. Kovac. (Prevailed 4-0)

PEHOWSKI, Jason W, Agent for "ALWAYS CONSTRUCTION, LLC", Home Improvement Contractor's License Renewal Application as agent for "ALWAYS CONSTRUCTION, LLC".

Granted by Ald. Kovac. (Prevailed 4-0)

LEWICKI, Steven R, Direct Seller's License Application.

Granted by Ald. Kovac. (Prevailed 4-0)

CANO-Brown, Natalie C., Class D Operator's License Application.

Granted by Ald. Kovac. (Prevailed 4-0)

*GILBERT, Katrina A, Class D Operator's License Application.
Granted by Ald. Kovac. (Prevailed 4-0)*

*SCHLICHT, Joshua J, Class D Operator's License Application.
Granted by Ald. Kovac. (Prevailed 4-0)*

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

Aye 4 - Bohl, Coggs, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

A motion was made by ALD. ZIELINSKI that this Motion be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Bohl, Coggs, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

- 2. The Licenses Committee may convene into closed session, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved.**

Ald. Coggs moved that the License Committee convene into closed session, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved.

*Roll call taken at 12:00 p.m.
Ayes: 4 Kovac, Zielinski, Coggs, Bohl
Noes: 0*

*Individual appearing::
Atty. Adam Stephens*

**Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.
Chris Lee, Staff Assistant**

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