



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes

### LICENSES COMMITTEE

**ALD. JOCASTA ZAMARRIPA, CHAIR**

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**Tuesday, July 22, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall**

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*The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am*

**Present** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, Brower

1. [250552](#) Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relating to licenses.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*WALKER, Samantha Marie Class D Operator's License Application*

*The applicant was not present.*

*Ald. Pratt 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, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

*10 HAMILTON, Anton L, Agent for "LISBON AVE GROCERY, TOBACCO & ACCESSORIES LLC", Food Dealer License Application for "LISBON AVE GROCERY, TOBACCO & ACCESSORIES" at 5611 W LISBON Av.*

*The applicant was present and said that he paid his time for what he did regarding the items on the police report. He added that he has experience with grocery stores and that he will have fair prices for the community.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Moore said that no constituents have reached out her office.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Ald. Moore said that she has no objections and told the applicant to follow standards and to work with her to make a successful business.*

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

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

10 KASHEVAROF, Robbin V, Agent for "VALENTINE COFFEE ROASTERS VLIET STREET, LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians for "VALENTINE COFFEE ROASTERS" at 5918 W VLIET St.

*The applicant was present and said that it is the same business with a change of legal entity.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Moore said that the applicant has been a successful asset in the community for 16 years.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

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

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

10 ALIOTO, Rachelle M, Agent for "BOB AND ROSEMARIE, LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Bands, Poetry Readings and Patron Contests for "CHARLES E. FROMAGE" at 5811 W VLIET St.

*The applicant was present and said that the business has been in the community for 16 years and that she and her family (son is a chef) are purchasing it and will do very minor changes as the current model is working.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Moore said that she is very excited that such an eclectic business will continue operations in the neighborhood.*

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

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

13 AHMED, Aziz, Agent for "JA PETROLEUM INVESTMENT LLC", Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "HOMETOWN" at 3200 S 27TH St. (Expires 9/6/2025)

*The applicant was present (virtually) along with Atty. Bobot.*

*Atty. Bobot said that the location was closed for a period of time due renovations and also the large influx of homeless people has affected the operations. He added that this business is well ran with no significant problems and always call the police.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Spiker said that for item 8 on the police report the surveillance video was not retrieved to MPD.*

*Atty. Bobot said that for this particular instance he does not know why the employee did not have access to the system but that they always provide the video.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Ald. Spiker said that the applicant has invested a lot of money in remodeling the station and that it is true that there are panhandling issues around.*

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

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

13 HANSEN, Richard A, Agent for "SSP AMERICA, INC", Class B Tavern, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Application for "MITCHELL MARKET" at 5300 S HOWELL Av.

*The applicant was present along with Ms. Jacyntha Barclay (Director of Operations). Ms. Barclay said that half of the location will be a market featuring local products and the other half will be a restaurant bar. He also explained that the request for a full Class B license was a mistake and that it is supposed to be for a Class B Beer.*

*Ald. Chambers moved to amend the application for a Class B Beer. There were no objections.*

*Ald. Spiker said that he has no objections.*

*Ald. Chambers moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

13 ZHOU, Yan, Agent for "H SPA LLC", Massage Establishment License Application for "H SPA" at 3935 S HOWELL Av #2.

*The applicant was present along with Atty. Geoffrey Gist and a mandarin interpreter (unable to get the name).*

*Atty. Gist said that he has a packet of the holistic services offered at the location. He added that there are signs posted about the rules and expectations, that there are no sexual services and the applicant has a massage therapist degree but not licensed yet. He added that there was a misunderstanding because the location is not open to the public yet and that the activity there was due contractors working in there.*

*The applicant said that the "open" sign has a timer and lits up by itself.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Spiker asked the applicant what is her experience managing this type of business.*

*The applicant said that she has experience in China.*

*Atty. Gist said that this would be her first experience managing the business.*

*Ald. Spiker said that he does not think that this business will add value in terms of employment and experience.*

*Atty. Gist acknowledged her client has no experience but that she is hard worker, that has invested a lot of money in the location and that it is her dream business.*

*Ald. Spiker said that he was not contacted prior this hearing.*

*Ald. Burgelis moved denial based on aldermanic testimony and a clear disregard for the licensing process from the applicant.*

*Ald. Brower asked if there is a chance to hold the application to the call of the chair to give the applicant a second chance to provide a proper business plan. The motion prevailed 3-2*

**HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Aye** 3 - Zamarripa, Pratt, and Brower

**No** 2 - Chambers Jr., and Burgelis

13 PATEL, Arpit K, Agent for "SIDHIVINAYAK, LLC", Class B Tavern, Food Dealer and Hotel/Motel Licenses Renewal Application for "RODEWAY INN & SUITES" at 4400 S 27TH St. (Expires 8/21/2025)

*The applicant was present along with Ms. Patel (manager).*

*Ms. Patel said that most of the calls on the police report are welfare checks and that she is ready to address any questions that the committee might have. She added that they have direct contract with Milwaukee Housing Services and that few of those calls were from those guests and that if they cause any issues, they are asked to leave.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Spiker said that this application was scheduled due item 50 and that he spoke to MPD and he was explained that the guest made a bunch of accusations that were not true.*

*Ms. Patel said that it is correct and that the guest made it clear before he left that they were going to hear from the City. She also said that she keeps on changing procedures to address issues as they present. She said that she has a contract with Hilton for next year as well.*

*Ald. Spiker said that he has no objections.*

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

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

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 to hold the call of the chair upon second nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

09 MCCRANEY, Kevin D, Agent for "TR3 OS LLC", Food Dealer and Food Peddler Licenses Application for "TR3 OS" at 8103 W TOWER Av.

*The applicant was present.*

*Ald. Chambers moved to hold the application to the call of the chair due technical difficulties. There were no objections.*

*Ald. Pratt moved to reconsider the application at 9:55 am. There were no objections.*

*The applicant was present and said that his case was from 30 years ago, when he was 18 and that he has served his time. He added that his supervisor agrees with the license. He also said that he has been cooking forever and looking to bring something new to Milwaukee.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Taylor said that this neighborhood kitchen has been very successful mentoring new businesses and wished him success.*

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

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

09 TAYLOR, Odean H, Agent for "JGT INVESTMENTS LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "PRIME SOCIAL RESTAURANT & BAR" at 7225 N 76TH St. (Expires 8/28/2025)

*The applicant was not present.*

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

*There was a recess due technical difficulties at 10:32 am.*

*The meeting reconvened at 10:49 am.*

**HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

06 PERKINS, Kevin D, Agent for "MAI BAR LLC", Class B Tavern License Application for "MAI BAR" at 1840 N 6TH St.

*The applicant was present and said that they have corrected the minor issues they had before and that he and his wife are working there.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Akuwa Dantzler (LAS for Ald. Coggs) said that they held a neighborhood meeting last night and the applicant stated that the bar is open to hotel clients only.*

*Ms. Lopez said that it is not stated on the plan of operations.*

*The applicant said that it is fine but that they also agreed on allowing the guests and their visitors.*

*Atty. Gresham said that the proper motion would be only patrons of the hotel and their guests are allowed to patronize the bar.*

*Ald. Chambers moved to amend the application to only patrons of the hotel and their guests are allowed to patronize the bar.*

*Ms. Dantzler recommended approval as amended.*

*Ald. Chambers moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

06 AMIN, Dhanani, Agent for "ZUBHA POP FOODS LLC", Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "POPEYE'S #904" at 207 E CAPITOL DR. (Expires 9/23/2025)

*The applicant was not present.*

*Ald. Pratt 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, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

06 JOHNSON-WILLIAMS, Tina L, Agent for "JO-WILL, LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application Adding 3 Amusement Machines for "SAVOY'S" at 2901 N DR. WILLIAM FINLAYSON St. (Expires 9/20/2025)

The applicant was present along with Atty. Riley.

Atty. Riley said that his client had no information about the items on the police report until she received the hearing notice. He added that his client is in communication with the community liaison officer and that she was not informed of the items on the police report, which she takes very seriously.

Individuals also present:

Ms. Dantzler said that there are no objections.

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

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

06 SINGH, Jasjeet, Agent for "J S PETROLEUMS, LLC", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "LOCUST GAS & FOOD MART" at 1432 W LOCUST St. (Expires 7/29/2025)

The applicant was present along with Atty. Bobot.

Atty. Bobot said that there is a common thing in all the incidences which is that his client calls the police. He added that the applicant has updated the surveillance system and added a security guard who is patrolling in and out the station from 9pm to 5am in response to the incidents.

Individuals in support:

Mr. Harmon - 1338 W Groeling Av – said that the gas station is very convenient for him, his family and the neighborhood and that they do not have anything around after midnight. He added that feels safe going there at any time.

Mr. Williams - 2925 N 11th St – said that they shop at the gas station for last minute items and that they do not see safety issues.

Individuals also present:

Ms. Dantzler asked if the security carries a weapon and if they are licensed and bonded.

The applicant responded "yes" to both questions.

Ms. Dantzler asked the applicant to continue working with the police and to treat the neighbors and customers with respect.

Ald. Pratt moved to amend the plan of operations to include a mobile-armed security guard from 9pm to 5am everyday per Atty. Bobot statement. There were no objections.

Ald. Brower moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

06 MC BRADY, Jason R, Agent for "FLY BY NIGHT LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application and Center for the Visual & Performing Arts License Application for "HIGH DIVE" at 701 E CENTER St. (Expires 7/27/2025)

*The applicant was not present.*

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

*There was a motion to reconsider this application after the 11:05 am. There were no objections.*

*The applicant was present and said that he did not receive the notice and that he wants to proceed.*

*A roll call was made in order to proceed. (Prevailed 4-0) (Ald. Zamarripa was excused).*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ms. Dantzler said that there are no objections.*

*Ald. Chambers moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 4 - Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zamarripa

*06 SIMMS, Jimmy E, Agent for "OTS MKE LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application Adding Disc Jockey, Poetry Readings and Comedy Acts for "VISION SPORTS BAR AND GRILL" at 2221 N HUMBOLDT Av. (Expires 8/4/2025)*

*The applicant was present.*

*The police report was read.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ms. Lopez said that only items 12 and 13 from the police report were read because the other items were read at the revocation's hearing held recently.*

*Ms. Dantzler asked the applicant if he has contacted an audio engineer yet.*

*The applicant said that he has not because he cannot find one that he can afford yet.*

*Individuals in objection:*

*Jennifer Englert - 1020 E Garfield Av – asked when the applicant will have the sound check/report done and also said that after the revocation everything seems to be better now.*

*Ald. Zamarripa said that she is concerned about the applicant not doing the sound check yet.*

*Ms. Lopez read for the record what was agreed on the revocation hearing.*

*Ms. Dantzler said that a serious commitment was made at the revocation and that the applicant must have had followed up despite the fact that it is hard to get an audio engineer and that there are other options that the applicant can do on his own.*

*The applicant said that he does not want the disc jockey.*

*Ms. Lopez asked the committee members to disregard the request for Poetry Readings and Comedy Acts because they are part of the current license.*

*Ald. Chambers moved to remove the disc jockey request. There were no objections.*

*Ald. Chambers moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

*06 BAILEY, Marvin S, Agent for "MONEY CLIP ENTERPRISES LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "FLAME 13 RESTAURANT AND BAR" at 2230 N MARTIN L KING JR*

*DR. (Expires 7/31/2025)*

*The applicant was present.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Zamarripa said that Ald. Coggs is recommending to hold this application due a recent situation that just happened and was not proper noticed.*

*Ald. Pratt 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, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

*05 ALBAQSHI, Ali H, Agent for "ALBAFROST LLC", Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "CRAZY CHICKEN" at 7818 W CAPITOL DR. (Expires 9/16/2025)*

*The applicant was present with Mr. Achraf.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Westmoreland said that the application was scheduled due multiple complaints since 2 years ago from tall weeds to garbage. He added that this business is not up to the fifth district standards and that he would like to hold this application to have the issues corrected prior granting the license.*

*The applicant agreed.*

*Ald. Chambers moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)*

**HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Aye** 4 - Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zamarripa

*05 DAOUD, Mervat, Agent for "MIDWEST PERFECTION INC", Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "76 STEAK & POTATO" at 7601 W HAMPTON Av. (Expired 6/30/2025)*

*Atty. Bangert appeared on behalf of the applicant and with Mr. Mohamed Salhab (store manager).*

*Atty. Bangert said that there are no comments on the police report.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Chambers said that the police report is not the issue but the upkeep of the building/store.*

*Ald. Westmoreland agreed and said that the issues are a broken fence for 6 months, the sign, the broken window, long grass, etc. but that he got in communication with the store and that he is happy to report that the issues have been corrected. He also mentioned that he wants the business to conduct hourly cleanups while in operation.*

*The applicant agreed.*

*Ald. Chambers moved to amend the plan of operations to conduct hourly cleanups while in operation. There were no objections.*

*Ald. Chambers moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 4 - Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower



**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zamarripa

*05 COOK, Thomas M, Agent for "PACIFIC BELLS LLC", Extended Hours Establishments and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application with Change of Hours From Closing at 1AM Thu and 2AM Fri-Sat To Close at 4AM Thu-Sat for "TACO BELL #31497" at 4117 N 76TH St. (Expires 9/5/2025)*

*Atty. Donner appeared on behalf of the applicant.*

*Appeared also: Ms. Coleman and Ms. Norman (employees)*

*Atty. Donner said that the store called MPD for the item on the police report. He also said that they are not pursuing the change of hours and that they would like to remain with the current hours 7am-1am Sun-Thu and 7am-2am Fri-Sat.*

*Ald. Chambers moved to remove the request the change of hours. There were no objections.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Westmoreland said that the concern here is the litter and the broken sign and that they have agreed on conduct cleanups twice/hr while the lobby is open.*

*Atty. Donner said that they agreed to conduct cleanups between 7am and 9pm when the lobby is open.*

*Ald. Chambers moved to amend the plan of operations to conduct cleanups twice/hr 7am and 9pm. There were no objections.*

*Ald. Westmoreland said that the company is easy to work with and that he has no objections.*

*Ald. Chambers moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 4 - Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zamarripa

*05 KRAHN, Scott A, Agent for "CAMELOT BANQUET ROOMS, INC", Class B Tavern, Extended Hours Establishments, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "SILK/ROCK COUNTRY" at 11400 W SILVER SPRING Rd. (Expired 6/30/2025)*

*The applicant was present in the room along with Atty. Halbrooks and Mr. Kyle (virtually).*

*Atty. Halbrooks said that the item on the police report was not a theft, he explained that the person said that he arrived in the vehicle and that the police investigation says that there were no pieces of broken glass and that the "person" had no keys.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Westmoreland said that he has no concerns.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify*

*Ald. Chambers moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)*

*The meeting paused at 12:02 pm*

*The meeting reconvened at 1:05 pm*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 4 - Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zamarripa

07 JEJI SHER GILL, Manbir S, Agent for "NORTHPOINT FOODS LLC", Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Application for "NORTHPOINT FOODS" at 3076 N 27TH St.

*The applicant was not present.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Jackson requested that this application be held since more information was added last minute and not properly noticed.*

*Ald. Pratt 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, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

07 SINGH, Avtar, Agent for "NORTHPOINT FOODS LLC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor License Application for "NORTHPOINT FOODS" at 3076 N 27TH St.

*The applicant was not present.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Jackson requested that this application be held since more information was added last minute and not properly noticed.*

*Ald. Chambers 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, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

04 EDWARDS, Oliver C, Agent for "UPPA YARD LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Disc Jockey, Bands and Karaoke for "UPPA YARD ON WATER" at 1123 N WATER St.

*The applicant was present and said that he has 12 years of experience running his business on Fond Du Lac Av and that he is following his dream of expanding his business to downtown. He added that this is more a restaurant experience with some light entertainment.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Bauman said that he is not in support if any application that has the box for promoters checked and that this would be his policy moving forward.*

*The applicant said that he won't use promoters.*

*Ald. Chambers moved to amend the plan of operations removing the use of promoters. There were no objections.*

*Ald. Bauman said that he has no objections.*

*Ald. Chambers said that the applicant is a positive asset in his community, a strong community partner and that it is exciting that he is coming to downtown.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Ald. Chambers moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

04 CHOI, Inhjea, Agent for "MYJS, INC.", Class B Beer, Class C Wine and Food Dealer Licenses Application for "MAKI YAKI JAPANESE GRILL" at 1616 W WISCONSIN Av.

*The applicant was present and said that he was offered to purchase the business after working there and that he is not changing anything. He added that he has experience as a manager as well.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Bauman said that he has no objections.*

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

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

04 SORGE, Michael R, Agent for "YOUR OFFICE, LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining Licenses Application Requesting Jukebox, Patron Contests and 5 Amusement Machines for "YOUR OFFICE" at 763 N MILWAUKEE St.

*The applicant was present along with Lisa Proeber and Nicholas Starr.*

*The applicant said that they are opening this adjacent space as "Your Office", that they will keep the same esthetics and that they will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner with bar hours with a walkout window for lunch orders.*

*Individual also present:*

*Ald. Bauman said that he has no objections.*

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

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

04 SHAFTON, Andrea M, Agent for "KEN ELLIOT'S, INC.", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Application Requesting Disc Jockey, Patrons Dancing, 2 Dart Boards and 5 Amusement Machines for "DUKES ON WATER/VARSITY" at 154-158 E JUNEAU Av.

*The applicant was present along with Tim Sluga.*

*The applicant said that she has been on Water St for 42 years and that she is taking the business back after selling it last year. She added that she will do it with the help of Tim Sluga who has been managing the place for the last year with very strict rules and security staff.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Chambers asked Mr. Sluga when did he took the position as a manager.*

*Mr. Sluga said that on April 1, 2024.*

*Ald. Bauman asked Mr. Sluga if he is being sued for the incident that happened on April 1, 2024.*

*Mr. Sluga said that he is not.*

*Ald. Chambers said that he hopes that something like that never happens again.*

*The applicant said that it was their first day in business and that he has made changes since then like hiring an entire new staff.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

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

*The meeting paused at 1:28 pm*

*The meeting reconvened at 1:31 pm*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

04 WECKLER, Wendy M, Agent for "ST CATHERINE'S OF HOPE LLC", Rooming House Licenses Renewal Application for "ST CATHERINE'S" at 1032 E KNAPP St. (Expires 9/17/2025)

*The applicant was present along with Atty. Maistelman.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Bauman said that there are several objections on file and that he requested that the call report be added to the notice because he is concerned about the amount of City resources that this organization uses. He also explained that call reports reflect that a call was made to MPD and do not verify if an incidence took place.*

*Atty. Maistelman said for the record that this license was granted with no issues last year.*

*Ms. Weckler said that she has been working at every job there since 2000, that since 2021 they became St. Catherine's of Hope with 11 families living there, 25 woman under permanent supporting housing and around 100 units at market rate. She added that the rooming house license is needed due the lay out of the units but it is not manage as one. She added that everyone is under a 30 day lease with behavior agreements and that they conduct eviction processes. She also explained that everyone there has access to supportive services (with three case managers) but not everyone take advantage of them. She added that they have 24hr security, a full time manager, 2 maintenance people and a cleaning person.*

*Atty. Maistelman said that on July 17th he submitted a mitigation plan to amend the plan of operations based on what he spoke with Ald. Bauman, Atty. Adamson and the previous police report. He also said that the applicant met with MPD to discuss the ongoing concerns.*

*Atty. Maistelman continued saying that they are doing new things like a mental health and first aid training for the staff, inspection of the perimeter every 2 hours for all sorts of situations and behaviors with logs maintained for accountability and that problematic tenants will be evicted within the federal and State of Wisconsin laws. He also explained that they have been requesting the call logs every month to MPD to be on top it, that they will continue working with the community prosecution team and they will register the surveillance cameras with MPD.*

*Ald. Zamarripa confirmed that the mitigation plan is on file and asked what is going on with the 2 tenants who made the majority of the calls.*

*The applicant said that two tenants made the majority of the calls and that they are under eviction process.*

*Ms. Weckler said that one left voluntarily and the other one was at the court yesterday due the eviction process.*

*Ald. Bauman said for the record that whoever lives on 703 called MPD 5 times on the same day.*

*Individuals in opposition:*

*Sandra Zappaterreno - 1328 N Astor St (property owner) – said that she has called the applicant in multiple times and never received a call back and requested to place a camera from St Catherine towards Astor St because people walk towards The Hop to go grocery shopping, throwing garbage around, pooping in between vehicles and that*

she even has cigarette burns on the patio furniture. She asked the applicant to teach the residents to live and respect the neighbors.

Amy Bartholomew – 1302 N Astor St – said that she is the building manager and tenant as well. She explained that the problems have been worse in the past 5 years, that a resident from St. Catherine's spat her when Mr. Bartholomew asked to move to throw her garbage. She added that a resident from St. Catherine's applied for a lease with her because she said that it was dangerous in there. She also said that she has been threaten to death and that she has directly witnessed situations that she has reported to the regional office with no response.

Atty. Maistelman asked Ms. Bartholomew who she contacted at the regional office.

Mr. Bartholomew said that she called the Mercy Housing in Illinois.

Atty. Maistelman said that Mercy Housing has nothing to do with his client anymore and that she did not contact his client. He also asked if she called the police when she was threaten and/or observed others being threaten.

Ms. Bartholomew answered yes and that those people were from St. Catherine's because she saw them walking in.

Atty. Maistelman said that none of the situations reported by the neighbors are reflected on the police report and that those are serious accusations.

Individuals in support:

Atty. Maistelman said that two individuals (board members) are here in support and seven tenants virtually that they won't necessarily talk.

Kim Sturtevant - Property Manager at St. Catherine's - said that what they do is according to law and that any individual causing problems inside and outside is served with a 30 day notice. She added that the person who applied for a lease at Ms. Bartholomew's building is the same person who got a 5 day eviction notice for attacking the staff including herself and that MPD was there (probably June 29th). She added that she has been there 11 years and that this year is probably the hardest. She also explained that the two ladies who are making most of the calls moved in May and June and that they are already working on their eviction processes.

Ald. Bauman said that the property manager statement corroborates at some extent that there are behavior issues like Ms. Bartholomew said.

James Mathy – Milwaukee County Housing Administrator – said that this organization is very important for the county and City of Milwaukee housing services.

Ald. Brower asked Mr. Mathy if he had a chance to review the mitigation plan and if he thinks that is going to help to reconcile.

Mr. Mathy said that he is in support of the mitigation plan.

Monique Parker – resident at St. Catherine's – said that there are more positive things about the place with isolated situations and that residents are well situated and connected to public transportation.

Ms. Jacobs – resident at St. Catherine's – said that this place is safe with 24hr security and that they have resources for the woman there.

Ald. Bauman said that this license has come before the committee in previous years because there are issues that must be addressed. He added that he supports the mitigation plan and the renewal with a warning letter. He also explained that he is bothered by the organization's position like nothing is going on and that he and his constituents are offended because they can see and hear what is going on and they are pushed back. He also said that the organization is facing some challenges in the future if they do not address the discussed issues.

Atty. Maistelman said that he respects Ald. Bauman and his constituents and that they have acknowledged that they have issues presenting a mitigation plan.

Ald. Chambers moved approval with a warning letter. There were no objections.

(Prevailed 5-0)

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

04 MONROE, Jamilah, Agent for "LION CAPITAL HOLDING LLC", Class B Tavern and Food Dealer Licenses Application for "JOSA' ON THE RIVER" at 106 W WELLS St.

*The applicant was present and said that she is looking forward to have a full service restaurant with American fusion cuisine and that she has 25 years of banking experience helping small business to start up the last 10 years.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Bauman asked the applicant if she never ran/operated a restaurant/bar.*

*The applicant answered that she has assisted and helped some other restaurants.*

*Ald. Bauman asked if she is withdrawing the Public Entertainment Premises license application and amending the hours of operation to close at 12am.*

*The applicant answered yes.*

*Ald. Bauman asked what is the plan for the patio at the east of the building.*

*The applicant said that it will be used until 10pm with no amplified music on the patio at anytime.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Ald. Bauman said that he received a strange packet on Friday, July 18 at 3:15pm and read the note that came with it and explained that the are a bunch of references to a Tyrone McMillian who received 30 years sentence in federal prison for sex trafficking. The applicant said that she is the sole owner of Lion Capital Holding LLC and that he helps her with the construction, that he is not part of the business, that she knows him but he has nothing to do with her business.*

*Ald. Pratt moved to amend the plan of operations to close the patio at 10pm and no music allowed at anytime per applicant's request. There were no objections.*

*Ald. Bauman said that he has no objections.*

*Ald. Chambers moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

04 MONROE, Jamilah, Agent for "LION CAPITAL HOLDING LLC", Class B Tavern License Application for "THE RIVERWALK EVENT CENTER" at 800 N PLANKINTON Av.

*The applicant was present and said that she is planning to open a separate business and that this would be an event hall. She added that she applied for a Public Entertainment Premises licenses but some residents in the building opposed to her plan based on false accusations made on Urban Milwaukee. She said that she is going to work on a temporary permit basis to build the trust with the residents.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Bauman said that this is a condominium building and that the applicant purchased both units in a quite unusual turn of events before even applying for the licenses, that she bought those properties at her own risk. He added that there was a substantial opposition from condo owners who were very concerned of noise issues and other types of disruption and to Ms. Monroe credit, she withdrew those applications. He also said that temporary permits will be used on a case basis and in compliance with the HOA.*

*Ald. Buaman noted that no one is here in opposition of the applicant's fine dining restaurant and event space with the inability to provide any entertainment.*

*Mr. Jacka – 108 E Wells St Unit 2E – said that he met with the applicant and her*

*business partner and that they have been absolutely wonderful making a lot of decisions with the residents' ideas in mind. He added that there has been a better energy around the applicant, her business partner and residents after the meeting from June 9, 2025.*

*Ald. Bauman asked the applicant if TJ is a contractor.*

*The applicant said that she is the solely proprietor of her business and that TJ is a contractor for the build out.*

*Ald. Bauman said that he has no objections.*

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

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

*10 REDMOND, Briana NICOLE, Agent for "THE AMANI PLACE LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Disc Jockey, 12 Motion Pictures/Yr, Karaoke, Poetry Readings, Comedy Acts and Patrons Dancing for "THE AMANI PLACE" at 401 N 35TH St.*

*The applicant was present and said that she has been three years in the neighborhood and that this would be an event space for private events and community gatherings, that it is not a walk-in bar and that the future plans are to add food truck patio.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Moore said that she held a neighborhood meeting and that some residents have reservations about the applicant's plan because of the different applications that were submitted. She added that she wants to provide neighbors more clarity and to take a pause to go back to the table to explain what the applicant is asking for. She also said for the record that the applicant has been renting this venue for private events.*

*Individuals in objection:*

*Asia Carter - 425 N 34th St – said that they are trying to make a family friendly neighborhood by reducing the amount of alcohol available there, that they have been working over the years not supporting new alcohol licenses and that this location does not have a designated parking lot area.*

*Ald. Chambers recognized that this location was a grocery store before and a bar prior that.*

*Ald. Zamarripa mentioned that the closing hours are 10PM Sun-Thu and at 12AM Fri-Sat.*

*Valerie Langston - 201 N 36th St – said that she attended the town hall meetings and that she agrees with Ald. Moore about the confusion with the different applications. She added that she likes the hours and that it seems that the applicant has been screening the people renting her space but that there is a problem with the word "tavern" that was checked on the application instead of an assembly hall.*

*Ald. Zamarripa said that the applicant had to apply for a Class B Tavern because it is the how this license is called (language).*

*Ms. Lopez stated that this is an occupancy permit question and that is why the Class C and Class B were held and that the applicant should apply for an assembly hall as well on the occupancy permit.*

*Mr. Cooney (License Division Manager) – said that this is the 3rd application within 2.5 years and that the Class B Beer/C Wine applications were held up in BOZA due to assembly hall use with some zoning implications. He added that the Class B Tavern is a permitted use and would not require BOZA hearing.*

*Lucy Cooper – 215 N 38th St – said that she has been a resident since the 70's, that she was one of the ones who shut down the previous tavern and this neighborhood is*

very cautious about new tavern licenses due past experiences. (Hard to hear due technical difficulties). She added that they have not been properly advised of what is going on there.

Lindsay St. Arnold Bell – Near West Side Partners – said that the organization has been in objection to liquor licenses (technical difficulties as well) and that application does not reflect that alcohol would be served only for events. She added that there are other three business in the neighborhood that holds occupancy for a Class B Tavern and Assembly Hall and that the applications clearly state the purpose. She said that she truly believes that the applicant wants to operate the business the way she says she is but that it must be included on the record to avoid any issues down the line.

Melissa Stanke – 3630 W Park Hill Av – said that she is a resident of 20 years, that her issue is the traffic, the parking and the track and field park that is attended by families. She also said that she is concerned about the consume of alcohol when the children are present. She added that the assembly hall designation would make neighbors more comfortable.

Barbara Boden - 3840 W Mt. Vernon Av – said that she still in opposition like the first time and that another alcohol license is not needed. She added that the applicant was asked to have a food establishment or a coffee shop prior applying for the alcohol license.

Individuals in support:

Annie Wacker – 3411 W Clybourn St – said that she has been at the neighborhood meetings and that the applicant has stated very clear what she wants to do with the Amani Place at every instance. She added that she does not understand the issue with alcohol because currently people bring their own alcohol and that the problem (if any) is already there. She added that the applicant has been in contact with Council 32 for parking.

John Kaye – 3411 W Clybourn St – said that the neighborhood has been family friendly since the 70's, that he raised his children there, and that he also remember the problem with the previous tavern but has nothing to do with this application. He added that the building is beautiful and that it is an asset to the community.

Terry Howard – Vice President of Equity for HDA – said that the applicant was born and raised in Milwaukee, that for 20 years she worked for WE Energies (low income weatherization program) and that three years ago she opened the Amani Place as an event space built on community connections and celebrations. She added that the applicant has operated the space with integrity and no incidences providing a safe and welcoming environment for people to gather.

Mr. Robinson – 3504 W St Paul – said that he has done security for over a year with no issues.

Sandra Carlson-Kaye – 511 N 33rd St - said that she is impressed with the applicant, that the alcohol is already there with no issues with the current business model. She added that a service bar will add a security layer with a responsible person serving alcohol.

Carlos Barns – 3815 W Fond du Lac Av – said that the applicant is a successful business woman and that he is frustrating on how people is not giving a fair chance.

Sebastian Halverson - 3402 W St Paul Av – said that he just moved in and that there are not small businesses in the area and that the Amani Place is a great place. He added that the applicant has been proactive with the parking issues and that she is a responsible business owner.

William Mathis – 3504 W St Paul – said that he has lived there (above the premises) for 2 years and has not had any contact with police or even shown up and that there are no garbage issues at all.

Gerry Ann Nelson - 2740 N 27th St – said that the applicant is a good person all around and that her business is needed and hopes that the applicant moves forward.

Vince - 2740 N 27th St –said that this project is a great progress and that the applicant



*needs to have a chance to continue with her plan to show all the great things that she can do.*

*Elizabeth Kessler – 511 N 33rd St – said that she would like to see a commercial district development to happen and that the applicant is on the right step direction to lead the street development.*

*Mohammed – 204 N 32nd St – said that the applicant has a point and a vision trying to make a better place for this community.*

*Peter Laritson from DNS appeared before committee to answer different questions.*

*Ald. Moore asked if the location's current zoning is for a Class B Tavern.*

*Mr. Laritson said that the property is zoned LB2 and that there is no approved use of the commercial space yet. He added that limited use standards for an assembly hall are not met according to the permit center and that is why needs to be reviewed by BOZA.*

*Ald. Chambers asked if that would be the same case for the Class B (if approved) where the applicant would still needs the special use.*

*Mr. Laritson said that he believes so because the limited standards hinge on the operation and that does not bear whether or not the assembly hall portion needs to be in front of BOZA.*

*Ald. Brower asked if that portion of the assembly hall is coming in.*

*Mr. Laritson answered that the special use has not been started by the applicant.*

*The applicant said that she has started it and that she has a number of emails with the plan examiner.*

*Ald. Moore asked if there is a Class B Tavern occupancy permit application on file.*

*Mr. Laritson said that there is no Class B Tavern occupancy at this location at all. He also said that even if the premises are zoned LB2 (for a permitted tavern use) there are other regulations to be considered or that will trigger the application for a special use.*

*Ald. Burgelis moved to hold the application to the call of the chair because the application is not ready to be heard and that he is concerned about everybody's time. The motion failed 3-2.*

*Ald. Zamarripa said that she agrees somewhat with Ald. Burgelis but that this would not be the first time that the committee take a vote on an item with an occupancy hold.*

*Ald. Chambers moved approval. The motion passed 4-0-1.*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 4 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Brower

**No** 0

**Abstain** 1 - Burgelis

*LEE, Ad, Home Improvement Contractor's License Application for "HOME BRIGHT" at 4968 N 25TH St.*

*The applicant was present and said that the police report is accurate, that it happened 6 years ago and that he has been good since then.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Pratt moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 4 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Brower

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Burgelis

*RODRIGUEZ, Alfredo A, Agent for "FIXITFRED HOME IMPROVEMENT LLC", Home Improvement Contractor's License Application for "FIXITFRED HOME IMPROVEMENT" at 5230 S PACKARD Av.*

*The applicant was not present.*

*Ald. Chambers moved to hold the application to the call of the chair upon first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)*

**HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Aye** 4 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Brower

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Burgelis

*DURANT, Jimmy, Agent for "T-C HOMEPROVEMENT, LLC", Home Improvement Contractor's License Renewal Application for "T-C HOMEPROVEMENT, LLC" at 2541B N 19TH St. (Expired 6/17/2025)*

*The applicant was present and said that the item on the police report is about his daughter trying to fight with him and her mom called the police.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Chambers moved approval holding item 3 open. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 4 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Brower

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Burgelis

*Agenda Only*

*03 ECKHARDT, Nathan A, Agent for "GPM SOUTHEAST LLC", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Transfer Application with Change of Agent for "JETZ #4524" at 1425 N FARWELL Av.*

*03 GILBERTSON, Stephen G, Agent for "1754 NFRANKLINBAR LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining Licenses Renewal Application with Change of Floor Plan for "THE STANDARD TAVERN" at 1754 N FRANKLIN Pl.*

*03 LOPEZ AREVALO, Miguel, Agent for "COZUMEL III, LLC", Class B Tavern and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application with Change of Agent for "COZUMEL MEXICAN RESTAURANT" at 2060 N HUMBOLDT Av #200.*

*03 SALEH, Noha O, Agent for "H & H ASSAD, LLC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application with Change of Agent, Removing Stockholder and Transfer of Stock for "PARKSIDE LIQUOR & GROCERY" at 2700 N MURRAY Av.*

*12 WOLF, Samantha K, Agent for "MITCHELL STREET ARTS COLLABORATIVE INCORPORATED", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application with Change of Agent for "MITCHELL STREET ARTS*

COLLABORATIVE" at 710 W HISTORIC MITCHELL St.

13 BLOCK, Mark, Agent for "RAY'S TOWING, INC.", Recycling, Salvaging, or Towing Premises License Renewal Application Adding 6 Vehicles and Changing 3 Vehicles for "RAY'S TOWING, INC." at 833 W WATERFORD Av.

13 SCHOOF, Brenda A, Agent for "AMELIA'S, LTD", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application with Removing Stockholders and Transfer of Stock for "AMELIA'S" at 724 E LAYTON Av.

14 GONZALEZ, Francisco J, Agent for "EL TUCANAZO TAQUERIA Y MARISCOS CORP", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application Adding 2 Amusement Machines (Total of 5) for "EL TUCANAZO TAQUERIA Y MARISCOS" at 3261 S 13TH St.

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

Warning Letter

LONGORIA, Santiago Class D Operator's License Application

08 CASTRO PENA, Felipe, Agent for "PATRICIA HERRERA DE CASTRO, LLC", Class B Tavern License Renewal Application for "LA FONDITA" at 2523 W GREENFIELD Av.

08 HERRERA DE CASTRO, Patricia, Agent for "PATRICIA HERRERA DE CASTRO, LLC", Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "LA FONDITA" at 2523 W GREENFIELD Av.

15 SINGH, Kanwarvir, Agent for "RAVNEET LIQUOR, INC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "ABC BEER & LIQUOR DEPOT" at 2816 W FOND DU LAC Av.

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and Brower

**No** 0

Ald. Chambers moved approval of the File 250552 as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

**Aye** 4 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and Brower

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Burgelis

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm

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