



# 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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Tuesday, June 23, 2009

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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### Special

Meeting commenced at 9:08 a.m.

**Present** 4 - Bohl, Coggs, Hamilton, Witkowski

**Excused** 1 - Zielinski

1. [090057](#)

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

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

04 SCHMITT, Craig E., Agt. for "Grape Times, LLC", Class 'B' Tavern application for "Vino 100 Milwaukee" at 2272 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. *New Location; Special Letter*

*Applicant not appearing. Ald. Bauman at the table.*

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

04 KAJA, Michael J., Agt. for "DDDWG, LLC", Class 'B' Tavern and Tavern Amusement (Cabaret/Nite Club) applications for "Rockers Entertainment Bar" at 1131 N. Water St.

*Special Letter*

*Applicant at the table, 111 E. Seebooth Street #409. Ald. Bauman also at the table.*

*Matt McDonell, 111 E. Seebooth St. #408, LLC member at the table.*

*Ald. Witkowski at the table at 9:19 a.m.*

*Ald. Bauman asks the applicants about the lease agreement for the bar because he was contacted by the property owner about other possible tenants besides the applicants. Ald. Bauman says that the applicants actually have no lease.*

*The applicants present a letter of intent to have a lease, but there is not an actual lease. Ald. Bauman says that the letter of intent does not qualify as an interest in the property. Atty. Schrimpf says that usually there is a lease with a contingency clause*

*that would nullify the lease if the liquor license were not obtained.*

*Mr. McDonnell asks that the matter be held until the paperwork can be sorted out and they can present a finalized lease instead of just a letter of intent.*

*Hold to the call of the chair by Ald. Witkowski. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

*04 ARENA, Andrew P., Agt. for "Old World, LLC" Class 'B' Tavern and Tavern Amusement (Cabaret/Nite Club) renewal applications for "Buckhead Saloon" at 1044 N. Old World Third St. (expires 7/25/09) Special Letter*

*Applicant at the table, 3045 S. Beverly Dr., New Berlin.*

*Tate Winckler, 1094 W. Deerwood La, Franklin, manager of the establishment.*

*Mr. Winckler says that if a clearly intoxicated person tries to enter the bar, they are stopped at the door.*

*Ald. Bauman says that the bar is not open during the day and it does not serve food. He says that the bar is not a contributor to the resurgence of Old World Third Street.*

*Objector present:*

*Theodore Lipscomb, 5531 N. Shasta Dr., Glendale, Milwaukee County Supervisor. He says that several members of a group he was hosting was showered with beer from the upper patio of the bar after disembarking an Edelweiss Cruise. Mr. Lipscomb says that no one from the bar admitted seeing anyone from the business pour beer on the guests. He also says that an inebriated patron from the bar tried to get involved in the situation and was not controlled in any way by the employees or management of the bar. Mr. Lipscomb said that Mr. Winckler denied that his business was involved in the incident.*

*Mr. Winckler says that he was not a witness to any incident and was told that no one from the bar was involved in the incident.*

*Ald. Hamilton moves to make the letter from County Supervisor Lipscomb to the License Division part of the record. Prevailed 3-0. (Ald. Coggs and Ald. Zielinski excused)*

*Motion by Ald. Hamilton to renew with 10-day suspension based on the police report and resident testimony. Prevailed 3-1. (Ald. Bohl voting "no" and Ald. Zielinski excused)*

*04 CHITKO, John E., Agt. for "Yaffa Restaurant & Lounge, LLC", Class 'B' Tavern and Tavern Dance renewal applications with change of member and hours for "Byron's Beer Garden & Bistro" at 106 W. Wells St. (expires 7/25/09) Special Letter*

*Applicant at the table, 630 S. Hawley Rd., #102, Milwaukee Ald. Bauman also at the table, as is Atty. Michael Whitcomb as counsel for the applicant.*

*Ald. Bauman says that there are complaints from residents regarding noise from the outdoor patio late at night. He says that the issue is primarily with music after 10:00 p.m. outside.*

*Atty. Whitcomb says that usually music is turned off by 10:00 p.m. unless a special event or party is taking place on the patio.*

*Neighborhood objectors present:*

*Andrew D. Narrai, 108 W. Wells St., Unit 4A, lives in a unit overlooking the outdoor patio. He says that his main concern is the proximity of the patio to units and the loud music that comes from it. Mr. Narrai says that he would like no live music on the patio and no loud music after 10:00 p.m. He also says that music is played after 10:00 p.m. on most nights, not just for special events and parties.*

*Ald. Hamilton moves to make the three photos provided by Mr. Narrai part of the record. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

*Margaret Duprey, 108 W. Wells St., she says that she has spent many resources at the location and has been supportive of the business. She says that since the format of the location has been changed, the type of music and the noise level on the patio has been disruptive.*

*Nancy Hernandez, 108 W. Wellst St., Unit 4A, is disturbed by the noise and loud music from the patio.*

*Supporters:*

*Stacey Callies, 2565 N. Cramer St., is the executive director of the Westown Association. She says that the business has been an asset to the neighborhood and says that there has been a precedent of having this kind of mixed use business on the riverwalk.*

*Ald. Coggs asks if Ms. Callies is testifying as an individual or as a representative of the association. She says that the official association opinion is support of the business.*

*J. Michael Bartels, 826 N. Plankinton Ave., owner of the commercial portion of the building. He is in support of the license.*

*Joan Bartels Farrell, 11927 N. Bridgewater Dr., Mequon. She is president of the Westown Association, partial owner of the building, and daughter of J. Michael Bartels. She is in support of the license.*

*Eric Butlein, 9303 N. Valley Hill Rd., Milwaukee, is a patron of the restaurant and is in support of the license. He believes that activities such as entertainment on the outdoor patio is crucial to the survival of the business.*

*Mark Vila, 108 W. Wells St., condo association president who supports the business and hopes that the issues with noise on the patio can be resolved.*

*Atty. Whitcomb says that the applicant is willing to amend the plan of operation to*

*Motion by Ald. Coggs to accept the amendment to the plan of operation to restrict the outdoor music to 10:00 p.m. on the patio. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

*Grant by Ald. Hamilton as amended with the restriction of an ending time of 10:00 p.m. for outdoor music*

*04 BERG, Kathleen P., Agt. for "Wisconsin Billards, Inc." Class 'B' Tavern, Tavern Dance and Billiard Hall renewal applications with change of hours for "Lenny's*

*Wisconsin Billiards” at 2715 W. Wisconsin Ave. (expires 7/26/09)  
Special Letter*

*Applicant at the table, 2245 S. Sanctuary Dr., New Berlin. Leonard E. Berg, husband of the applicant, and Ald. Bauman also at the table.*

*Ald. Hamilton moves to make the entire police report part of the record. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski absent)*

*Grant by Ald. Witkowski with a warning letter based on items contained in the police report.*

*04 NAZER, Mohammad F., Agt. for “Loza Food, LLC”, Class ‘A’ Malt application for “Lucky Supermarket” at 2701 W. Wisconsin Ave. Special Letter*

*Applicant at the table, 9980 S. Jennifer Way. Ald. Bauman and Ihsan Atta, owner of the building, also at the table.*

*Ald. Bauman says that he is objecting based on the overconcentration of liquor outlets in the area. He also says that the location is blighted.*

*Ald. Witkowski moves to make the concentration map centered on 2701 W. Wisconsin Ave. dated May 1, 2009 part of the record. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

*June Moberly, Executive Director of BID #10, 624 N. 24th St. She says that it is a potentially prime location for any owner or business. Ms. Moberly says that the building owner has cooperated with the Business Improvement District, but the appearance of the building is in disrepair, and there is litter and tall weeds on the property.*

*Ald. Hamilton moves to make the photo of the property submitted by Ms. Moberly part of the record. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

*Mr. Atta says that the weeds addressed by Ms. Moberly are coming from the vacant building next door.*

*Ald. Bohl says that the condition of the store and its landscaping are not in the notice the applicant received, so it should not be considered.*

*Keith Stanley, Mainstreet Manager for the SoHi District, 624 N. 24th St. He is opposed to the license due to overconcentration of outlets in the area and the condition of the area.*

*Ald. Zielinski at the table at 12:10 p.m.*

*Ald. Bauman requests that the committee deny the license. Mr. Nazer says that he does not just want to sell beer but also groceries.*

*Deny by Ald. Witkowski based on overconcentration of alcohol beverage outlets and neighborhood objections. Prevailed 3-1-1. (Ald. Coggs voting “no” and Ald. Zielinski abstaining)*

**Present** 5 - Bohl, Coggs, Hamilton, Zielinski, Witkowski

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

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

04 PATEL, Jagdish, Agt. for "Clybourn Supermarket, LLC", Class 'A' Malt renewal application with change of agent for "Milwaukee Foods" at 2903 W. Clybourn St. (expires 7/25/09)

Special

Letter

Applicant at the table, 3972 S. 96th St. Greenfield. Atty. Roberto Ledesma at the table as counsel. Ald. Bauman and Ihsan Atta, owner of the building, also at the table.

Bob Greene, Executive Director of the Merrill Park Neighborhood Association, 461 N. 35th St. He is opposed to the license based on loitering and litter at the location. He also says that he has witnessed criminal activity at the location and says that it has become a hangout.

Keith Stanley, Main Street Manager for the SoHi District, 624 N. 24th St., says that he has personally witnessed loitering at the location as late as last week.

Meeting recessed at 12:41 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 12:45 p.m.

Ald. Bauman objects to the continuation of the hearing without a court reporter. Ald. Bohl acknowledges the objection but the hearing continues.

Supporters:

Robert Scott, 2738 W. Clybourn St., says that he does not see loitering outside of the business and is in support of the license.

Linda Sanders, 508 W. 28th St., says that there are residents that buy their alcohol at the store and then hang out directly behind the store on a different property.

Mr. Atta says that the area where the people who drink hang out is actually about 20 feet from the back of the store.

Jim Gleason, 508 N. 28th St., is a patron of the establishment and says that he has never seen any criminal activity or loitering at the location. He is in support of the license.

Mr. Gleason says that he has seen the owner ask any loiterers to leave.

Rommie Harland, 446 N. 28th St., patronizes the store at least twice a day and never sees any criminal activity at the location.

Mary Harland, 446 N. 28th St., is a patron of the store and is in support of

Atty. Ledesma says that licensee cleans up in the neighborhood and the business is trying to prevent the nuisances, such as loitering, that concerns the neighbors.

*Ald. Bauman supports the grocery store aspect of this establishment, but not the liquor license. Since only 12% of the gross sales are due to liquor sales, he feels the grocery store can exist without the liquor sales. He is also concerned that the licensee is solely a front and not actively involved in the business. He urges non-renewal.*

*Grant, with a 10-day suspension based on the police report (item #3 solely) and neighborhood testimony, by Ald. Witkowski. Prevailed. 4-1 (Ald. Coggs voting "no")*

*Roll call taken at 1:15 P.M.*

**Present** 4 - Bohl, Coggs, Hamilton, Zielinski

**Excused** 1 - Witkowski

**090057**

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**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*04 STAMATES, Jay K., Agt. for "631, LLC", Class 'B' Tavern and Tavern Amusement (Cabaret/Nite Club) applications for "Star Bar" at 631 N. Milwaukee St.*

*Special*

*Letter*

*Atty. Vincent Bobot for the licensee*

*Ald. Bauman at the table - he would not object to this application if it's only a Class "B" Tavern license.*

*The applicant amends his application to remove the Tavern Amusement (Cabaret/Nite Club) portion of the application.*

*Accept withdrawal, by Ald. Zielinski. Prevailed. 4-0*

*Grant, as amended, for a Class "B" Tavern license only, by Ald. Zielinski.*

*The applicant believes his application was for a Tavern Dance license and cigarette license. The Licenses Division needed clarification as to what was being applied for by the applicant.*

*The committee considered the Tavern Dance license and cigarette license as part of this application.*

*Ald. Bauman objects to the issuance of Tavern Dance license due to past-due taxes, outstanding building codes and what he believes are false statements already made by the applicant. The previous applicant had a Tavern Dance license, but had a go-go dancer on the premises, which was a violation.*

*Atty. Bobot responded that the applicant and his manager have met extensively with area businesses and this business will be a top-notch enterprise.*

*Supporters:*

*Colin Harbeck - 11334 Lake View Place, Mequon - assistant general manager*

*Marvin Pratt - Marvin Pratt Associates*

*Make police report part of the record, by Ald. Hamilton. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Witkowski excused)*

*Grant Class "B" Tavern and deny Tavern Dance license based on past problems with this premises and testimony by the local alderman, by Ald. Zielinski. Prevailed 4-0.*

*(Ald. Witkowski excused)*

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

**Aye** 4 - Bohl, Coggs, Hamilton and Zielinski

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Witkowski

**Meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M.**

**Tobie Black, Staff Assistant**

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