

# City of Milwaukee

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# **Meeting Minutes**

# LICENSES COMMITTEE

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Ald. Mark Chambers, Jr., Ald. Peter Burgelis and Ald. Alex
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Tuesday, June 10, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am

Present 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, BROWER

**1.** 250076 An ordinance relating to tattooing and body-piercing licensing and temporary events.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

Carly Hegarty (MHD-Consumer Environmental Health Director)

RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

2. 250310 Communication from the License Division relating to the effects of 2023 Act 73 on event spaces that permit alcohol on site.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

Jim Cooney (License Division Manager) made a Power Point presentation that was added to the file.

**HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR** 

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

3. 250311 Communication from the License Division relating to "Class B" Tavern licenses issued by the city clerk relating to license quotas.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

Jim Cooney (License Division Manager)

#### RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

**4.** <u>250312</u>

Communication from the License Division relating to a list of "Class B" Special licenses issued by the City Clerk in 2024.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

Jim Cooney (License Division Manager)

### RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

**5**. 250292

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

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

NINNEMAN, Kathryn A Class D Operator's License Renewal Application

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Chambers moved to hold the application to 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

BROOKS, George Class D Operator's License Application

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 5-0)

# **HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

McCARVER, Laticia Class D Operator's License Application

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Chambers moved to hold the application to 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

LIU LUEVANO, Luis Eduardo Class D Operator's License Application

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Chambers moved to hold the application to 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

RUIZ, Nancy Class D Operator's License Application

The applicant was present and said that she has served her time and that she is in the process to satisfy the last fine in order to get her driver's license back regarding the items on the police report. She explained that she works for Potawatomi Hotel and Casino, that this license is a requirement and that her job is to train employees and to step up if needed.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Chambers asked the applicant what she learned about this.

She said that she has learned that this is not the reflection of herself and to set up better boundaries, that she is a human who made a mistake that won't repeat.

Ald. Chambers moved to hold the application to the call of the chair while the applicant negotiates the payment plan with the Municipal Court. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

### **HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

THARP, Latasha L Class D Operator's License Application

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 5-0)

### **HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

13 MUNZIR, Ahmed, Agent for "FUJI CARS LLC", Secondhand Motor Vehicle Dealer's License Application for "FUJI CARS" at 4828 S 13TH St #Unit B-6.

The applicant was not present.

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

# AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

13 LORCH, Aaron, Agent for "ARTHA MKE HOSPITALITY LLC", Class B Tavern, Hotel/Motel and Food Dealer Licenses Application for "HYATT PLACE MKE" at 200 W GRANGE Av.

The applicant was present and said that he has been working at the property for some years and that he became the agent with the change of ownership.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Spiker asked Mr. Lorch if he has been the manager for the last 15 years.

The applicant said that over 20 years.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Spiker said that he has communication with the applicant as the previous manager and now agent. He added 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

13 REHAN, Rakesh, Agent for "VASU HOSPITALITY LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Hotel/Motel Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Disc Jockey, Karaoke, 5 Amusement Machines, 4 Concerts/Yr, Dancing by Performers and 6 Theatrical Performances/Yr for "CROWNE PLAZA MILWAUKEE AIRPORT" at 6401 S 13TH St.

The applicant was present and said that he has experience in the restaurant industry. Individuals also present:

Ald. Spiker said that the applicant is familiar with the restaurant industry but that the hotel one is different.

The applicant said that he has experience in the hotel industry as well in other parts of the estate.

Ald. Spiker said that the entertainment request is very robust and asked what the plan is.

The applicant said that there is no plan yet but wants to offer all the options to the prospects.

Ald. Zamarripa noted that the applicant did not check the patrons dancing box given the types of entertainment requests.

The applicant said that he over sighted it and that he would like to have it. Ald. Spiker agreed.

Ald. Chambers moved to amend the Public Entertainment Premises application to include patrons dancing. There were no objections.

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

Ave 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

05 CHAPPELL, Xzavier, Disabled Loading Zone License Renewal Application at 4052 N 91ST St. (Expires 7/31/2025)

Renee Chappell (mother of the applicant) was present. Mrs. Chappell said that her son is not able to walk due a severe asthma and that this is not the first time that she applies for the license.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Chambers asked for the hours that she needs this license.

The applicant said that her neighbor is complaining because he is getting tickets for parking on the loading zone.

Ald. Chambers asked if she needs it for 24 hours.

The applicant said that she does because of her son's emergencies and her own

condition.

Individuals in support.

Jessica Chappell - 4050 N 91st St – said that the 24 hours are necessary because of her brother's needs who cannot walk short distances.

Ald. Zamarripa asked if the area is difficult for parking.

Ms. Chappell said that it is not and that this is only one neighbor complaining.

Ald. Brower asked if they are making sure that it is only used as a loading zone.

Ms. Chappell said that it is used that way and that there is a brand new ramp all the way to the sidewalk.

Todd Peterson (LAS for Ald. Westmoreland) said that the objector is not present. There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Westmoreland said he does not see the need for a 24-hour loading zone permit and that he does not want to take parking away.

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

#### AMILIADED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

No 0

07 HARRISON, James J, Agent for "TATOU AMUSEMENT, LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "TASTE KITCHEN AND COCKTAILS" at 3945 N 35TH St. (Expires 7/4/2025)

The applicant was present and declined to speak about the police report.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Jackson said that he does not have a problem with this business. Ald. Brower moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

### **AMENDED**

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

07 SZULCZEWSKI, Willie L, Agent for "PIERCINGS PLUS, LLC", Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishment License Renewal Application for "PIERCINGS PLUS TATTOOING AND PIERCING" at 4412 W CENTER St. (Expires 6/30/2025)

The applicant was present.

Individuals in objection:

Coree Coppinger - 2700 N 45th St - said that they are asking exactly what they asked last time to the business next door about parking, loitering, noise and trash. She added that the applicant is cooperative when she texts him. She also said that the applicant parks his vehicle in front of the store for the entire day taking away a spot from his customers.

Ald. Chambers asked Ms. Coppinger if she provided the applicant with a copy of the agreement.

Ms. Coppinger said that she believes so.

Peter Blewett - 2750 N 45th St - said that he recommends moving forward if the applicant agrees to sign the agreement and that he does not know if the applicant has a copy.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Jackson said that the agreement was made for the store next door and that he does not have an issue with this business.

The applicant said that no one has offered him a parking space and that there is a lot

happening on that corner (fights and robberies) and that is why he likes to park close by. He added that he has "no parking" signs everywhere, that he tries his hardest and makes sure that his clients are not parked disturbing neighbors.

Ald. Zamarripa asked the applicant if he is willing to sign the agreement.

The applicant said that he has not seen that agreement and that he always make sure that his clients are not bothering neighbors. He added that he is the only one at his business and does not understand what is the issue because he can only take one customer at time.

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

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

11 LALUSIC, Jadranka AND LALUSIC, Ranko for "FAMILY GROCERY STORE", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor License Application Partnership for "FAMILY GROCERY STORE" at 5160 W FOREST HOME Av.

The applicants were present and said that they are trying to do a little better since it has been slow in order to survive. She added that they have been open since 2014 and that it is a European grocery store.

Individuals also present:

Ms. Sherry Proschaska (LAS for Ald. Burgelis) said that they held a neighborhood meeting with 10 persons in favor and 1 opposition and also received 7 emails in opposition for safety and traffic concerns.

Ald. Burgelis said that they cannot control the shelving space for selling alcohol, that has happened that food stores convert into liquor stores after the license is granted. He added that he also wants to consider the neighborhood objections and concentration. He explained that the previous owner applied for the same license without any luck and sold the business right after.

Ald. Chambers moved denial based upon concentration. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# AMENDED

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

11 MUTLAQ, Nabil M, Agent for "MAD CHICKEN WI, LLC", Extended Hours Establishments and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application with Transfer of Stock for "MAD CHICKEN" at 2735 W OKLAHOMA Av. (Expires 7/6/2026)

The applicant was present with Aly Ramez, Elkady Mohammad and Atty. Obviagele. Atty. Obviagele said that he saw the surveillance video about the item on the police report and described the sequence of the events. He added that there was no chance for them to prevent the incident from happening because it is a single stall bathroom. He explained that they have come up with a plan to use the bathroom upon request and that it would be at the staff's discretion to provide the key. He also said that they have placed signs in strategic places (under surveillance, no loitering, etc). Individuals in opposition:

Robert Royal - 3141 S 28th St — said that he is speaking on behalf of his block in regards of the shooting, smell and garbage which is not taken care properly specially during the winter months and weekends. He added that the late hours would be an issue if the applicant is changing them.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Burgelis asked the witness if they have noticed a difference with the garbage issue.

Mr. Royal said that it has improved but it is not consistent.

Ms. Lopez confirmed that there is no change on the hours of operation.

Ald. Burgelis said that he does not see how the business could have done differently with the incident on the police report and that he likes the pro activeness of the business.

Ald. Zamarripa asked the applicant if they are members of the BID.

The applicant said that they are not and that they will contact the BID.

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

11 ANTUNEZ JIMENEZ, Maricela, Agent for "TAQUERIA PARRILLA MIXE LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Disc Jockey, Bands, Karaoke, 5 Amusement Machines and Patrons Dancing for "PARRILLA MIXE MEXICAN RESTAURANT" at 4952 W FOREST HOME Av.

The applicant was present along with Jorge Vazquez Ruiz and Maricela Nieves Martinez as interpreter.

The applicant said that they want to open a restaurant since they have owned food trucks from 6 years ago and that they are seizing the opportunity of this location that will be used as their base as well.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Burgelis said that he has a number of concerns that he shared with the applicant and that he has not heard back from the applicant yet. He added that neighbors are concerned about having a nightclub in the middle of a residential area and that there are some inconsistencies and conflicting information on the application.

Ald. Burgelis asked to hold the application for a neighborhood meeting and to have a direct conversation with the applicant before making any recommendation.

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

### **HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

14 LORCH, Christine M, Agent for "BRUECKE, INC.", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians for "SWAN SONG" at 3216 S HOWELL Av.

The applicant was present along with his spouse Mr. Jerry Patzwald.

Mr. Patzwald said that they purchased the building last year with the vision of having a restaurant with a conversational ambiance, piano nights and art expositions. He added that they have a combined experience in the hospitality and alcohol sales industries. Individuals also present:

Ald. Dimitrijevic said that they are in support and looking forward to see what this space will become.

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

# **AMENDED**

Ave 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

14 HUBER, Gregory L, Agent for "CALOGEROS TAVERNA LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting 5 Amusement Machines for "CALOGEROS" at 338 E BAY St.

The applicant was present along with Santo Galati and Antonio Galati (stockholders). The applicant said that they purchased the property last year, that they had tenants until now that they have remodeled it. He added that they own Santino's.

Mr. Galati said that they are so invested in the neighborhood and it is the reason why they made an offer to purchase the building in order to finish with the issues around it. Individuals in support:

Kathy Krause – 2733 S Wentworth St - said that Santino's needs that building and that they have done a fantastic job keeping Bay View growing.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Dimitrijevic said that they have held numerous conversations, that this location is on what is called a hot spot and that she is very happy supporting this application.

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

### **AMENDED**

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

14 RADICEVIC, Patricia J, Agent for "THREE BROTHERS RESTAURANT LLC", Class B Tavern and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "THREE BROTHERS RESTAURANT" at 2414 S ST CLAIR St. (Expired 5/24/2025)

The applicant was present along with Milunka Radicevic.

The applicant said that they have had issues with people breaking in cars and that they have been working with Ald. Dimitrijevic and MPD.

Individuals in objection:

Kathy Krause - 2733 S Wentworth St - said that she owns a business, that she is aware of the law and that this business has very poor food handling practices and that MHD is oversighting it.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Dimitrijevic said that this establishment is a James Beard award-winning restaurant and that the family stands with the standards because there are not standing issues. She added that everybody is welcome to share the opinions and that she supports this application.

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

AMENDED

Ave 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

08 FLORES PENA, Enmanuel A, Agent for "STREET MUNCHIES LLC", Food Dealer and Food Peddler Licenses Renewal Application for "STREET MUNCHIES" at 3300 W LINCOLN AV. (Expires 6/30/2025)

The applicant was present along with Karla Flores.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Zamarripa said that this business' base is in her district and parks on District 14.

Ald. Dimitrijevic said that she has no objections.

Ald. Zamarripa said that there was a neighbor complaint and wanted to give that person a chance to testify.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Dimitrijevic said that the food truck parks in a popular area where traffic, noise and garbage comes along and that those are growing pains.

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

#### **AMENDED**

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

12 PATEL, Ushaben H, Agent for "JAY SHRI RAM INC.", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Application Requesting 5 Amusement Machines for "MI SUPER FOOD & LIQUOR" at 2200 S 13TH St.

The applicant was present and said that he owns other liquor store in the city and that he has experience in the business.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Perez asked if this application is the same as the previous applicant.

Ms. Lopez said that it is except for number of amusement machines, which is currently

Ald. Zamarripa asked if there is a café inside.

Ald. Perez said that there is one like El Rey and El Campesino and that he has no objections.

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

### **AMENDED**

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

12 NASER, Ahmad, Food Peddler and Ice Cream Peddler Licenses Application for "AHMAD'S ICE CREAM" at 2068 S 16TH St.

The applicant was not present.

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

#### **AMENDED**

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

12 GOMEZ OCAMPO, Miguel, Agent for "GOMEZ TACO LLC", Food Dealer and Food Peddler Licenses Renewal Application for "GOMEZ TACO" at 1339 W GREENFIELD Av. (Expired 5/13/2025)

The applicant was present along with Sam Dawson as interpreter.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Perez said that there is MHD objection on file.

Carly Hegarty - MHD – said that the objection is based on operating without running water from back in October and that the applicant must acknowledge that he needs the proper infrastructure to operate safely.

Ald. Zamarripa asked the applicant if he has fixed the issue.

The applicant said that he fixed it the next day.

Ald. Zamarripa said that she wants to emphasize that running water is necessary to operate a food truck.

The applicant said that he has a secondary pump available now.

Ald. Perez said that he is satisfied with the corrections made.

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

#### **AMENDED**

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., and BROWER

**No** 0

### Excused 1 - Burgelis

12 CAMPECHANO GOLPE, Argelio, Agent for "TAQUERIA CAMPECHANO LLC", Food Dealer and Food Peddler Licenses Renewal Application for "TAQUERIA CAMPECHANO" at 621 S 4TH St. (Expired 12/7/2024)

The applicant was present along with Elisa as interpreter.

The applicant said that he did not know that he could not park there regarding the item on the police report.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Zamarripa said that it is prohibited to park food trucks almost on all of the Greenfield Av.

Ald. Perez said that he has no objections.

Ald. Zamarripa moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 3-0)

### **AMENDED**

Aye 3 - Zamarripa, Pratt, and Chambers Jr.

No 0

### Excused 2 - Burgelis, and BROWER

12 HERNANDEZ VAZQUEZ, Marco Antonio, Agent for "SEAFOOD AND GROCERY STORE LLC", Class A Fermented Malt License Application for "SEAFOOD AND GROCERY STORE" at 1948 W FOREST HOME Av.

The applicant was not present.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Perez said that it was his intention to hold this application.

Ald. Zamarripa moved to hold the application to the call of the chair upon first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 3-0)

#### **HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

Aye 3 - Zamarripa, Pratt, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

### Excused 2 - Burgelis, and BROWER

10 CHHINA, Amardeep, Agent for "HAWLEY FOOD MART, INC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor License Application for "HAWLEY FOOD MART" at 683 S HAWLEY Rd.

The applicant was present along with Mr. Kumar Patel and said that they have been

there since 2013 and wants to offer full liquor to his clients.

Individuals in support:

Nicholas – 1554 S 64th St - said that he is a veteran, that he has been helped by the applicant's family during very bad times in his life and that he cannot express the gratitude he has for this family.

Johnny Brown – 5633 N 67th St - said that he has known the applicant for 13 years, that his store is clean and safe and that he drives to that store almost everyday to get his groceries because they participate in the community and know customers by name.

Justin - 8122 N Michelle Ct – said that he grew up in the area, that he has known the applicant for so many years, that they help the community and that the store is clean and safe.

Christian Wood - 646 S Hawley Rd #202 – said that the applicant is very nice connecting him with people who need home improvement jobs.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Moore said that she is happy to know that she has businesses in the 10th district that cares for the neighborhood and that there are no objections from neighbors.

Ald. Brower moved approval. (Prevailed 3-2)

#### **AMENDED**

Aye 3 - Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

No 2 - Zamarripa, and Pratt

08 ARORA, Gurmeet S, Agent for "ARORA RESTAURANT, INC.", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Application Requesting 5 Amusement Machines for "LINCOLN CAFE" at 3330 W LINCOLN Av.

The applicant was not present.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Zamarripa said that it is her understanding that the application is going to be withdrawn.

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

# HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

08 JIMENEZ, Jessica, Agent for "38TH STREET MART, LLC", Class A Fermented Malt License Application for "38TH STREET MART" at 3745 W NATIONAL Av.

The applicant was present and regarding the police report, she said that it is not an excusable mistake, that she has owned it and retook the trainings. Individuals in opposition:

Ms. Jimenez (VIA) - 3534 W National Av - said that VIA is not in support of the alcohol license due saturation and the issues coming along like garbage, intoxicated people and that VIA will work with the applicant to increase the revenue stream for this store.

There were no more neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Zamarripa said that she is not in support of another liquor license on National Av just like VIA based on concentration and the public health and safety issues like prostitution, drugs use, traffic, etc.

The applicant said that she is fully invested in the community and looking forward to buy the building.

Ald. Zamarripa moved denial based upon concentration. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

The meeting paused at 12:32 pm The meeting reconvened at 1:02 pm

**AMENDED** 

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

MALDONADO, Felipe J, Agent for "MALDONADO, LLC", Home Improvement Contractor's License Renewal Application for "MALDONADO, LLC" at 3317 N WEIL ST. (Expired 5/18/2025)

The applicant was present.

Individuals in opposition:

Deveta Harrington - 3622 W Villard Av - said that she hired the applicant to do some work in her building and that nothing of the work done passed the inspections. She added that she has filed a civil matter at the small claims court.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Zamarripa asked the witness if the work has been corrected by another contractor.

The witness said that she has hired a new contractor.

Atty. Gresham said that this is a small claim that will be addressed at the court and that he does not recommend to hold the item open.

The applicant said that he has a print out of all the inspections that he passed and that the feud started when he ask for a payment in order to continue and the witness' checks started to bounce.

Atty. Gresham said that this is not the venue to use those exhibits.

The applicant said that he followed all the procedures.

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

#### **AMENDED**

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

03 NELSON, John T, Agent for "RIVERWEST ON WRIGHT LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Bands, 3 Amusement Machines and Bingo Night for "RIVERWEST ON WRIGHT" at 932 E WRIGHT St.

The applicant was present with Lisa Ballanger and Atty. Maistelman.

The applicant said that he is taking over and that he has been working there for 10 years since day one as the kitchen manager.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Brower said that this is the old Riverwest Pizza, a very popular establishment that is looking to reopen the bar. He asked the applicant to talk about the amendments to the plan based on the neighbors' concerns.

Atty. Maistelman said that the security guard will be outside monitoring the sound and noise and that there won't be amplified music outside.

The applicant said that they will have only acoustic music outside and that he will pull out a permit per event.

Individuals in opposition:

Benjamin Leubner – 2524A N Weil St – said that he objects on the basis of the

constant noise especially during the summer when they hold live music at the patio. He added that he lives a half block away and that his house vibrates due the loud music. He also said that he approached the business to address his concerns with no luck except for one time.

Ald. Zamarripa asked if he thinks that the loud noise comes from the events at the patio.

The witness said that they use an amplification system.

Individuals in support:

Nicholas Rice – 4332 S Howell Av - said that he is here in support of the new owners to continue the legacy of his deceased family member and that he knows that will do right.

Teresa Rice - 4332 S Howell Av – said that she is here to support the business. Ald. Brower said that he wants to acknowledge the neighbor's concern and that he wants them to be good neighbors and to stay open for further conversation. The applicant said that the bingo will be held inside like it is done during the fall and winter and that they won't use an amplified system at all.

The applicant said that he will give the neighbor his telephone number.

Ald. Zamarripa asked the applicant if he is willing to amend the application to hold the Bingo indoor only.

The applicant agreed.

Ald. Brower moved to amend the application to hold the Bingo indoor only. There were no objections.

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

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Chambers Jr.

03 DRIES, Donald R, Agent for "DRIES ENTERPRISES, LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Jukebox, Bands, Karaoke, Patron Contests, Patrons Dancing and 5 Amusement Machines for "DONNIE'S BAR" at 1686 N VAN BUREN St.

The applicant was present and said that there is no place for him to put a kitchen as the BSAA requests. He explained that this application has been filed for a year and half and that he had to start all over again with the passing of Ald. Brostoff and the new alderman. He also said that he does not see how he can get his money back, that he has no options despite the fact that this establishment operated without a kitchen for almost 40 years. He added that he did not know that there was going to be so much opposition.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Chambers recommended to hold a neighborhood meeting.

Ald. Zamarripa said that she wants to bring to the committee's attention that this applicant has been waiting for a long time to have a hearing.

Ald. Brower said that he wants to move forward with this application.

Individuals in objection:

Deb – 1689 N Franklin PI - member of the Brady St Area Association – said that they have concerns overtime like the business plan that has not been submitted and that only vague information has been received. She added that a commercial kitchen/hood is a general request in the area in order to support an alcohol license and to add value to the business and the area. She also said that the owner and the applicant have expressed that they won't be active participants and that today she is getting the

impression that the applicant is fine with moving away from the process.

Alan Musa – 608 E Lincoln Av - said that he is here representing Casablanca and as member of the Brady St BID. He added that the applicant is his tenant on Keefe Av. and that he has been a very difficult one for many reasons (no paying bills and rent) and that he has lost other tenants due questionable activities. He also said that he does not know if the applicant will hold with honor a liquor license.

Naser Musa – 723 E Brady St - said that he wants to see a local bar open but that he wants to see someone more motivated with a proven record that will bring something good to the neighborhood.

Tasha Sorenson – President BSAA – said that the association serves residents and businesses and that they have not received the proper answer to the letter sent to the applicant. She added that the commercial kitchen request adds value to the business and the area serving proper food instead of frozen pizzas. She mentioned that the security and operational plans remain insufficient, that the applicant has not even provided how to deal with problematic customers due the number of alcohol licenses in the area. She also said that there is a lack of clarity in regards the ownership and accountability.

Courtney – 1825 N Prospect Av – resident and member of BSAA said that she is fan of jazz and live music but that she is concerned about the lack of clarity of the plan of operations and that it must be safe and enjoyable for everybody.

Jeanine Ciulik - 1856 N Arlington PI - also a board member of BSAA said that there is lack of commitment from the applicant to work this through.

Individuals in support:

Angelo Mortellaro – 1686 N Van Buren St – said that he is the building owner and that his father operated this bar until he passed in 2016. He added that this place has a long legacy which adds a lot of value to the area with a movie being made about it. He also said that the applicant has been attacked by this group and that it is not fair what is being done to the applicant. He mentioned that it is a 40 people space where no kitchen can be added.

The applicant said that there was a paper prepared for the BSAA and that he is frustrated for how long has taken and for the commercial kitchen request. He added that the bar has held a keyboard for +30 years and that he did not know that it was such a big deal. He also said that even if there were space for a kitchen, he would not be able to get his money back and that he is not going to make himself rich. He said that he just wants to open this bar again.

Ald. Brower moved denial. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0) **AMENDED** 

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

04 MARCUS, David J, Agent for "BENSON'S CATERING MKE LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertaiment Premises Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians for "MILWAUKEE ATHLETIC CLUB" at 758 N BROADWAY.

The applicant was present and said that they will hold the private dining events for the MAC, that they are excited for the opportunity and growing their business operations. There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Bauman said that the application is for the 3rd floor and that he has no objections.

Ms. Lopez said that Ald. Bauman is right and that there is another application on file for the 4th floor.

Ald. Chambers moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 3-1-0)

#### **AMENDED**

Aye 3 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., and BROWER

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Pratt

Abstain 1 - Burgelis

04 TUSLER, Nathan T, Agent for "DOUBLE DRAGON MKE LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application for "WHITE TAIL" at 1110 N MARTIN L KING JR DR. (Expired 3/18/2025)

Atty. Baker appeared on behalf of the applicant along with Michael Sampson (Owner) and Alberto Baez (General Manager).

Atty. Baker said that they requested the body cam video as an open records request to MPD and that it has not been provided yet.

Mr. Baez answered Atty. Baker's questions saying that he reviewed the surveillance system for the incidence on the police report, that the main security camera captured a group of women that were checked for ids and wanded down and while wanding down the last person, the security guard was punched on the face, that the entire situation was taken outside and that 2-3 staff people were involved. He added that he went outside to make sure that the situation did not escalate or taken any further. He also said that the security guard was scared, that she did not want to talk to the police officers because she thought that the matter was not addressed fairly.

Mr. Sampson addressed Atty. Baker's questions saying that he was there on that night, that he witnessed the fight, that he saw his security guard going outside and that he was the one who called MPD immediately. He added that his security guard felt unsafe talking to MPD because she said that the officer was tied to the group who attacked her and that is why they asked for another police officer to talk to. He mentioned that it was not his intention to interfere with the investigation, that he was trying to protect his security guard. He also mentioned that they provided the video footage to MPD but that there was no follow up from there. Individuals also present:

Ald. Zamarripa asked Mr. Sampson if he was surprised about this report.

Mr. Sampson said that he was surprised by the way it was written.

Ald. Bauman said that it is troubling for all the dispute of the PA-33

Mr. Sampson said that his security guard was a victim in this case and that it seems that this group was coming from another bar where they did the same.

Ald. Bauman said that police report says that the security guard and the person who strike her on the face knew each other from before.

Mr. Sampson said that it seems that one of them knew his security guard and her girlfriend before.

Atty. Adamsen said that MPD did not file an objection against this business but that they are here in order to address any questions regarding the content of the police report.

Officer Gainer (District 1) said that he generated the police report and had direct contact with Mr. Sampson. He added that it was a red code night, that he was in his squad car when a citizen flagged him down (a block down from the establishment) for a fight. He explained that when he arrived, he saw three females that he separated and while he asked the other officer to take care of the other two females, the security guard told him "you must be with them". He said that the security guard hardly gave him any information and that Mr. Sampson came and took the security guard away from him saying that he was no longer talking to her and that he was way better connected than an owner. He continued saying that the sergeant came to the scene

and took it from there, that Mr. Sampson and the security guard talked to the sergeant instead. He also explained that the other girl didn't want to press charges and she was free to leave as they had all the information needed. Officer Gainer said that he works a lot on Brady Street and downtown and he is able to calm a lot of situations and that just from his observations, the security guard seemed intoxicated, although he didn't test her.

Ald. Chambers asked Officer Gainer if he thinks that Mr. Sampson should have been detained while the investigation was conducted.

Officer Gainer said that Mr. Sampson should have been detained in his opinion.

Atty. Baker asked Officer Gainer what he made him think that the security guard was intoxicated.

Officer Gainer said that he has seen the security guard before but that this time she had an erratic behavior and did not calm down. He repeated that his observation is based on his experience dealing with intoxicated people at work.

Atty. Baker said that it could have been for being punched on the face as well. Ald. Chambers asked Mr. Sampson why he intervened when Officer Gainer was conducting his investigation.

Mr. Sampson said that his security guard told him that the officer was involved with the girls who punched her.

Ald. Chambers said that even if it was the case, the officer was wearing his uniform and doing his job.

Mr. Sampson apologized and said that he was trying to protect his security guard who felt unsafe.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Bauman said that this situation is a little of a side show, that it is odd to him that the agent has not appeared twice but that after all the testimonies being heard, we are down to just a fight, with no neighbors complaining. He said that he recommends a warning letter.

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

#### **AMENDED**

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

#### Excused 1 - Pratt

15 MCKAY, Lisa L, Agent for "LISA KAYE CATERING, LLC", Class B Tavern License Application for "LISA KAYE BISTRO & CATERING" at 3801 W VLIET St.

The applicant was present along with Mr. McKay.

The applicant said that she has been catering for 10 years now and that she just opened a small bistro.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Mr. Dameon Ellzey (LAS for Ald. Stamper) said that the applicant has taken the proper steps to be part of the community and that Ald. Stamper is in support of this application.

Ald. Brower moved approval. There no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

#### **AMENDED**

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

15 APPLING-MCCULLUM, Kyra, Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "BEBE'S BISTRO" at 2803 N TEUTONIA Av. (Expired 8/22/2024)

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Brower moved denial based upon second nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

### **AMENDED**

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

### Excused 1 - Pratt

15 SHAHZAD, Muhammad, Agent for "SHAHZAD ENTERPRISES LLC", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "GIGS PETRO PANTRY" at 2306 W FOND DU LAC Av. (Expires 7/15/2025)

The applicant was present and said that he provided the surveillance footage to MPD regarding the item on the police report.

Individuals also present:

Mr. Ellzey asked the applicant to explain the committee what happened at the store when the homicide happened.

The applicant said that three men came into the store to take some merchandise and then threw it outside. He continued saying that his clerk did not try to stop the men from taking stuff and that he was shot in the head when he went outside to pick up the stolen merchandise from the ground.

Ald. Brower moved to hold the application to the call of the chair while waiting for a clarification on the agreement made with Ald. Stamper. There were no objections. Ald. Zamarripa moved to reconsider the application at 3:16 pm. There were no objections.

Mr. Ellzey said that he had a chance to speak to Ald. Stamper and that the agreeement is to have a security guard from 10pm to 2am Thu-Sat.

Ald. Brower moved to amend the plan of operations to include security guard from 10pm to 2am Thu-Sat. There were no objections.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

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

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

### Excused 1 - Pratt

15 CHATTHA, Ali S, Agent for "SHAN FOOD SALES INC", Extended Hours Establishments and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "JUDY'S RED HOTS" at 4806 W LISBON Av. (Expired 5/26/2025)

The applicant was present along with Kausar Chattha.

The applicant said that the violations on the police report happened when they were in Pakistan during COVID time, that her husband and son passed away, that she was hospitalized too and could not address the citations immediately.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Burgelis said that he is concerned about the fitness of the ownership with pending

citations.

Ald. Zamarripa said that she shares the same concern.

The applicant said that all of these violations are for another commercial property that his mother owns at 2016 N Holton Av. He added that it is currently vacant and that they are trying to dispute some of the violations.

Mr. Ellzey said that Ald. Stamper's office expect that any business address any issues with the City prior appearing before committee and that he would like to see a payment plan at least.

The applicant said that they are currently open and that they rely on this business for revenue

Ald. Chambers said that the application will not be granted today and that the applicant will need to work with Ald. Stamper in order to stay open with a provisional license. He made it clear that the applicant cannot be open because he does not have a current license.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

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

### **AMENDED**

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

#### Excused 1 - Pratt

15 GRANT, Bria S, Agent for "THE SOCIAL INC.", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Disc Jockey, Jukebox, Karaoke, Bands, Poetry Readings and Comedy Acts for "FISHBONE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT" at 2501 W NORTH Av.

The applicant was present and said that she has been working on this development project since 2019, that they have been transforming this corridor area with two living units for their program on top of the restaurant. She added that she has experience in the industry and that this is a national franchise.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Chambers noted that the patrons dancing box was not checked and asked the applicant if she wants to amend the application.

The applicant agreed.

Mr. Elizey agreed as well.

Ald. Brower moved to include patrons dancing on the plan of operations. There were no objections.

Ald. Zamarripa moved to include the use of the amplification sound system given the request for instrumental musicians, disc jockey and bands. There were no objections. There were no neighbors present to testify.

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

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

### Excused 1 - Pratt

15 SANGHA, Rajmaninder SINGH, Agent for "RP MART INC.", Class A Fermented Malt and Food Dealer Licenses Application for "EXPRESS STOP" at 3611 W VLIET St

The applicant was present along with Atty. Baker.

The applicant said that he has experience in the business and that he will keep it clean.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Mr. Ellzey said that they hope that this operator brings this business back to life.

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

#### **AMENDED**

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

#### Excused 1 - Pratt

15 ISSA, Ala I, Agent for "GROCERY KING, INC", Class A Fermented Malt and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "BRIGHT FOOD MARKET" at 2500 W LISBON Av. (Expired 1/24/2025)

The applicant was present and declined to speak on the police report.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Burgelis asked if the citations have been satisfied.

Officer Felix said that he does not have that information available.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Mr. Ellzey said that Ald. Stamper has been in communication with the applicant in regards of landscaping issues and that he has no objections.

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

# **AMENDED**

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

# Excused 1 - Pratt

15 NAGRA, Gurinder S, Agent for "NORTH AVE PETRO MART INC", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "NORTH AVE PETRO MART" at 1319 W NORTH Av. (Expired 5/20/2025)

The applicant was present along with Atty. Baker.

Atty. Baker requested that the application be held in order to have a discussion with the objector.

Individuals also present:

Mr. Ellzey said that a neighborhood meeting was held, that MPD was there as well and that they are here to testify.

Atty. Baker said that the objector has agreed to hold as well.

Ald. Burgelis moved to hold this application for few minutes while the parts have a talk. There were no objections.

The meeting paused at 3:37 pm

The meeting reconvened at 3:45 pm

Ald. Brower moved to reconsider the application at 3:45 pm. There were no objections. The police report was read.

Atty. Baker said that this location has had several issues over the last two years from drug dealing to loitering, that they have submitted a plan with key solutions like ordering a security fence, etc. She added that his client hired a security guard from 6pm to 10pm and that they will close at 10pm everyday in response to MPD's nuisance letter

Individuals also present:

Ms. Lopez said that there is an amendment for an armed security patrolling but nothing as for the security hours neither closing time.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Brower moved to withdraw the Extended Hours Establishment license upon the applicant's request. There were no objections.

Atty. Adamsem said that there is no objection from MPD with the Extended Hours Establishment license application gone.

Ald. Brower made the motion to amend the plan of operations to add the security guard from 6pm to 10pm everyday and to close at 10pm everyday. There were no objections. Mr. Ellzey said that this is the result of what the community asked for and what needs to be done.

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

#### **AMENDED**

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

#### Excused 1 - Pratt

06 SMITH, Tyron M, Agent for "MAE VELMA'S CORNED BEEF LLC", Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "MAE VELMA'S CORNED BEEF" at 3872 N TEUTONIA Av. (Expired 3/26/2025)

The applicant was present and said that the first incident was about an employee who brought the boyfriend because he did not have the paychecks ready at 8am and pulled out a gun on him. He added that the second and third items were about him getting robbed, being detained and tested.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Akuwa Dantzler (LAS for Ald. Coggs) asked if the fine has been paid.

The applicant said that it is paid.

Ms. Dantzler said that there are no objections.

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

#### **AMENDED**

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

#### Excused 1 - Pratt

06 KHAN, Mohammed, Agent for "NAWAAB LLC", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "CLARK" at 3510 N 7TH St. (Expired 5/7/2025)

The applicant was present and said that he was not there during the inspection and that employee did not know that it was happening regarding the items on the police report.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Burgelis asked the applicant if he has been operating with a provisional license.

The applicant said that it is open and that he applied for a provisional.

Ald. Zamarripa told the applicant that he has to be on top to get the provisional.

Ms. Dantzler asked the applicant if the staff has access to the surveillance system.

The applicant said that they do now.

Ms. Dantzler requested a warning letter on the basis that the staff must be cooperative at all times.

Ald. Brower moved approval with a warning letter. (Prevailed 3-1)

#### **AMENDED**

Aye 3 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., and BROWER

No 1 - Burgelis

#### Excused 1 - Pratt

06 WILLIAMS, Shane K, Agent for "ALDI, INC (WISCONSIN)", Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "ALDI #19" at 225 E CAPITOL DR. (Expires 6/14/2025)

Atty. Mark Goldich appeared on behalf of the applicant along with Doug Young (Aldi Operations).

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ms. Dantzler said that Ald. Coggs recommends approval.

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

### **AMENDED**

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

### Excused 1 - Pratt

06 DAHIR, Mohamad M, Agent for "STAR GROCERY, LLC", Class A Liquor (Cider Only), Class A Fermented Malt and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "STAR GROCERY" at 2500 N BOOTH St. (Expired 5/20/2025)

The applicant was not present.

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

# **HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

Ave 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

### Excused 1 - Pratt

06 BENIPAL, Simranjeet S, Agent for "FAST FUEL CONVENIENCE, LLC", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "CITGO ON TEUTONIA" at 3551 N TEUTONIA Av. (Expires 7/1/2025)

The applicant was present and said that the store has been cooperative, that one call

was a welfare check where his address was used, that they keep a log of lost items from now on and that they are paying attention to the expiration dates.

Individuals also present:

Ms. Dantzler asked who was the person detained.

Officer Felix said that it was someone having a mental crisis.

Ms. Dantzler asked if the surveillance system has been updated.

The applicant said that it is now.

Ms. Dantzler said that Ald. Coggs recommends approval with a warning letter.

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

### **AMENDED**

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

#### Excused 1 - Pratt

06 WHITEHEAD, L C, Agent for "MET HALL, INC INK", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application for "RET LOUNGE" at 3400 N HOLTON St. (Expires 6/18/2025)

The applicant was present along with Mrs. Whitehead.

The applicant said that he has been in the business for 38 years and that the item on the police report is not related to his business.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ms. Dantzler said that Ald. Coggs recommends approval.

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

### **AMENDED**

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

# Excused 1 - Pratt

Agenda Only

05 FISCHER, Jeffery SCOTT, Agent for "MOTORSPORTS OF MILWAUKEE, LLC", Secondhand Motor Vehicle Dealer's License Application for "MILWAUKEE HARLEY-DAVIDSON" at 11310 W SILVER SPRING Rd.

08 MINTO, Tina M, Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application with Change of Hours for Sundays From Opening 11AM To Open 12PM for "HANGOVERZ" at 2539 W MITCHELL St.

Ald. Brower moved approval of the "Agenda Only" items. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

### **AMENDED**

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Pratt

Warning Letter

ASIDO, Adam Raphael Class D Operator's License Application

SEDA, Lydia Class D Operator's License Application

SKENADORE, Destiny E Class D Operator's License Application

02 AMUNGWAFOR, Binyoti F, Agent for "HIDEAWAY TAVERN LLC, Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "THE HIDEAWAY TAVERN" at 9000 W KAUL Av.

15 KAUR, Parminder, Agent for "LUCKY SAM FOOD MART INC", Class A Fermented Malt and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application for "LUCKY SAM FOOD MART" at 2401 N 21st St.

Ald. Zamarripa moved approval of the "Warning Letter" items. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

#### **AMENDED**

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

#### Excused 1 - Pratt

Ald. Zamarripa moved approval of the File 250292 as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

# RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

# Excused 1 - Pratt

# **6.** 250075

Motion relating to the revocation of the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses of Jimmy Simms, agent for "OTS MKE LLC", for the premises located at 2221 N Humboldt Ave, doing business as "Vision Sports Bar and Grill" in the 6th aldermanic district.

# **Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

The licensee was present along with Atty. Maistelman.

Individuals also present:

Atty. Gresham said that MPD is not objecting to this business and that this revocation was brought up by a neighbor.

The current police report was read.

Atty. Maistelman said that there are a number of baseless calls on the police report.

Ald. Coggs asked MPD how many calls were substantiated.

MPD responded that none of the calls were substantiated.

Ms. Englert (revocation party) said that she submitted a notarized complaint and asked if it's part of the file.

It was confirmed that it was part of the file.

Ms. Englert said that Ald. Coggs held a neighborhood meeting prior the first licensing hearing where the licensee made an agreement which was made part of the record.

She added that she is asking the committee to keep Mr. Simms accountable under the terms of his license scope because it is proven that it is not working despite the number of meetings held with him.

Ald. Zamarripa asked Ms. Englert what she thinks about the MPD calls being found unsubstantiated.

Ms. Englert said that it is frustrating.

Ald. Zamarripa asked why she is the only one requesting the revocation.

Ms. Englert said that she decided to go on her own.

Ms. Lopez said that no neighborhood notices are sent out for revocations.

Atty. Gresham sad that the revocation party is responsible of colleting witnesses and evidence.

Atty. Maistelman asked the licensee if he entered into an agreement with neighborhood.

The licensee said that it is correct and the agreement was to close the patio, to turn off the speakers on the back, have security guards on the weekend, to discontinue music at 10 pm, apply for temporary permits for special events and that he has no DJ equipment.

Atty. Maistelman said that they put together a mitigation plan which is in front of the committee and was read by him.

Ms. Lopez verified that the patio is licensed.

The licensee said that he does not use the patio in respect to the neighbors but that he would like to use it until 8pm.

Atty. Gresham said that we are not making amendments here because it is a revocation.

Ms. Lopez found the amendments made on 2024 and read them for the record. Ald. Burgelis said that the application will be in front of the committee for renewal and then, the committee will do the necessary amendments to keep the peace and to notify the neighbors as well.

Ald. Brower asked if there are photographs and videos to support the revocation party testimony.

Ms. Lopez said that there some videos submitted by the revocation party. The committee voted not to watch the videos.

Neighbors for the revocation:

Rick Steenwyk – said that he lives 300 feet door to door – that there has been improvement but that there are randomly situations where the neighborhood is disrupted. He added that he hears parts of the crowds even if the bar has closed because patrons hang out with loud music in their cars and take their time to leave. Individuals against the revocation:

Antoine Hopkins – 6938 N 78th Ct – said that the applicant is a good friend and that he owns a landscaping business and that when asked Jimmy to cut the trees on the back, the applicant said that he did not want to do it because he does not use the patio and did not want to upset the neighbors. He added that he goes there between 9 and 10 pm, that no loud music is played and that the applicant does not use the patio. Jante Cross - 5722 N 95th St - said that he was the bar manager for a couple of months and that he listened some of the complaints. He explained that they have been operated with YouTube, a TV and small speakers, that the DJ was literally switching the songs, that they barely sell beer, that there are beers in the coolers but are barely sold. As for the trash he said that that they do not sell food neither have kids. He said that the trash do not line up with what they do. He also explained that most of them have day time jobs and they try to leave early as soon as they wrap it up at 11:30 pm. Ms. Jones - 4764 W Leon Terrace – said that Jenny's videos are taken from outside and that you cannot hear the noise inside her house. She said that the night with a DJ, the applicant had a permit for that and she thinks that both objectors throw the garbage at the applicant's doorstep. She added that these neighbors are harassing the

licensee and that it is obvious that none of the garbage comes from this business. She also mentioned that the neighbor Rick made a racial slur to Jimmy.

Ms. Englert asked for consideration of the neighborhood.

Atty. Maistelman said that this business has no citations at all, that the calls are baseless and that there is a disconnection with what the revocation party said. He added that it is a common practice for this committee to recommend disciplinary actions but never going from cero to a revocation. He also said that his client is on the leash anyways because it is up for renewal.

Ald. Coggs said that this establishment is located in a commercial corridor with not so many residences around. She also said that meetings were held with 5 or 6 residents and that at the last meeting she tried to mitigate some of the issues heard today. She asked both parts to work together and that if there is something that should be done, the applicant must do it today before the renewal if the revocation is not granted today. She explained that she does not think that enough evidence has been presented for a revocation and that the mitigation plan presented works because she wants the neighbors to sleep well and wants the business owner to succeed.

Ald. Burgelis moved denial of the revocation. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0) **AMENDED** 

Aye 4 - Zamarripa, Chambers Jr., Burgelis, and BROWER

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Pratt

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm

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