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Meeting Minutes - Final LICENSES COMMITTEE

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Monday, December 15, 2008

9:00 AM

Room 301- B, City Hall

Special Amended 12/9/08

Meeting commenced at 9:14 a.m.

Present 4 - Bohl, Zielinski, Kovac, Coggs

Excused 1 - Hamilton

1. [080921](#)

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

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

*DHILLON, Parminderjeet S., Class "D" Bartender application.
Special Letter*

Applicant not at the table.

Ald. Kovac moves to hold to the call of the chair. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Hamilton excused)

AMENDED

Aye 4 - Bohl, Zielinski, Kovac and Coggs

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

*MISKOV, Marko S., Class "D" Bartender application.
Special Letter*

Applicant at table, 8619 W. Bottsford Ave., Greenfield.

The applicant says he has been in treatment for a drug problem.

Ald. Zielinski moves to make a letter verifying drug treatment from a substance abuse program dated December 4th part of the record (Exhibit 1). Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Hamilton excused)

Ald. Coggs moves to deny based on items contained in the police report. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Hamilton excused)

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

Aye 4 - Bohl, Zielinski, Kovac and Coggs

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

04 BLOOMFIELD, Craig M., Agent for "Carnal, LLC", Class "B" Tavern application for "Club Charlies" at 320 E. Menomonee Street. New Location

Applicant at the table, 400 N. Broadway, #904. Ald. Bauman also at the table.

The applicant says that it will be more of a bar than a nightclub and is primarily for the people living in the area.

Ald. Bauman has no objection.

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

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

Aye 4 - Bohl, Zielinski, Kovac and Coggs

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

04 DALIEH, Ibrahim, Agent for "GLR, Inc.", Class "A" Malt application for "Pill & Puff" at 310 W. Wisconsin Avenue. New Location

Applicant at the table, 3728 W. Ramsey Ave.

Ald. Bauman also at the table.

New application for an existing location.

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

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

Aye 4 - Bohl, Zielinski, Kovac and Coggs

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

15 COLBERT, Hope V., Class "B" Tavern application for "Big Mama's Fun House" at 2444 W. Fond du Lac Avenue. Special Letter

Applicant at the table, 4979 N. 36th St.

District 15 Staff Assistant Alex Runner also at the table.

The applicant says that her family used to run a club down south. She says that she has certain clothing restrictions and security around the clock. The applicant also went through the neighborhood asking for input from the neighbors.

No neighborhood objectors present when called.

Mr. Runner says that Ald. Hines has no objections to the application, but does not overwhelmingly support the application.

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

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

Aye 4 - Bohl, Zielinski, Kovac and Coggs

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

06 WRIGHT, Doris J., Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Dance applications for "New Brothers" at 3251 N. 8th Street. Special Letter

Applicant at the table, 2436 W. Atkinson Ave.

No neighborhood objectors when called.

The applicant says that she has worked as a bartender and waitress in Mississippi and Wisconsin.

Ald. Coggs says that she has no objections.

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

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

Aye 4 - Bohl, Zielinski, Kovac and Coggs

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

*06 LUCKETT, Kevin D., Class "B" Tavern and Record Spin renewal applications for "Brothers II" at 3251 N. 8th Street. (expire 12-10-08) Special Letter
(If adverse action is taken on this application, it will be referred to the January 16, 2009 Common Council meeting due to the late filing of the application.)*

Applicant at the table.

The applicant wants to withdraw the license application.

Ald. Kovac moves to accept the withdrawal. Prevailed 3-0. (Ald. Hamilton and Ald. Zielinski excused)

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

Aye 4 - Bohl, Zielinski, Kovac and Coggs

No 0

Excused 1 - Hamilton

Meeting recessed at 9:41 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

Ald. Zielinski on the other side of the table at 10:33 a.m.

Present 3 - Bohl, Hamilton, Kovac

Excused 2 - Zielinski, Coggs

080921

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

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

14 SINGH, Parshotam, Class "A" Malt application for "A K Food Mart" at 2305 S. Howell Avenue. New Location

Appliant at the table, 2305 S. Howell Ave., with Michael Maistelman as counsel.

Ald. Zielinski at the table.

Mr. Maistelman says that the issue is really gentrification of the area, not any problems with the location. He also presents blue prints and plans for improvement of the location and presents the applicant's plans to build on a vacant lot owned by the applicant.

Ald. Hamilton moves to make the check from Tri-City National bank dated January 31, 2007 part of the record (Exhibit 1). Prevailed 3-0. (Ald. Coggs and Ald. Zielinski excused)

Ald. Kovac moves to make plans and blueprints for the location and the vacant lot owned by the applicant part of the record (Exhibit 2). Prevailed 3-0. (Ald. Coggs and Ald. Zielinski excused)

Mr. Maistelman says that the applicant needs a beer license to make the money required to make the improvements to the property.

Ald. Hamilton moves to make five photos submitted by Ald. Zielinski part of the record (Exhibit 3). Prevailed 3-0. (Ald. Coggs and Ald. Zielinski excused)

Ald. Zielinski says that the business is an eyesore and has graffiti that does not get removed from the property.

The applicant says that the graffiti in the pictures is behind a fence on the side of the building and not viewable from the street. He also says that he put a bar across the door to protect the store from robbery.

Richard Power of the Department of Neighborhood Services at the table. He says that the milk crates on the property violates the storage rules for the property's zoning. Mr.

Power also says that there is a time limit for having grates on the door.

Ald. Hamilton moves to make a photo dated 12/15/08 taken by Ald. Zielinski's legislative aide part of the official record (Exhibit 4). Prevailed 3-0. (Ald. Coggs and Ald. Zielinski excused)

Angie Tornes, 3223 S. Indiana Ave, says that she has felt uncomfortable parking or walking near the location because of the way the site is managed. She says that the business does not enhance walkability or maintain historical integrity of the area.

Mr. Maistelman asks Ms. Tornes if she knows what kinds of people live in a nearby apartment complex. Ms. Tornes says that she believes that they are low income and needing of services.

Jenny Taylor-McBride, 2212 S. Austin St., about two blocks away from the store. She is not in support of the license. She says that she does not feel comfortable walking in the area due to loitering and people who are publicly intoxicated loitering in the area.

Meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11: 19 a.m.

Cameryne Roberts, owns Cafe LuLu at 2265 S. Howell Ave. She says that there is public drunkenness, public urination and panhandling in the area that she believes is a result of cheap beer being accessible in the area. Ms. Roberts says that she has to pick up beer cans from her property and she also says that she has seen a woman sitting on her front business steps urinating with a beer can next to her. Ms. Roberts acknowledges that the beer is coming from another outlet, but she says that she would like to see less access to beer in the area.

Mr. Maistelman asks Ms. Roberts what she has seen in front of Mr. Singh's establishment. Ms. Roberts says that she has seen panhandling and loitering in front of Mr. Singh's establishment.

Sarah Jonas, co-owner of Cafe LuLu, is not in favor of the license. She says that when she comes to work at 8:00 a.m., she sees people urinating publicly.

Mr. Maistelman asks if Ms. Jonas has called the police when she sees loitering. Ms. Jonas says that she had a customer who said they were being harrassed as they were walking to her establishment. Ms. Jonas says she called police after this incident.

Stephanie Harling, 1318 E. Seeley St., maintains the community beautification project close to the establishment. She says that she has seen people being harrassed and has seen panhandling by people who loiter in front of AK Food Mart. She says that a beer license would not be good for the economic future of the area.

Matt Freeman, 2242 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., operates Jimmy John's on Kinnickinnic Ave. Says that the establishment is an eyesore. He is opposed to the license.

Mr. Maistelman asks if Mr. Freeman has seen problem people coming in and out of the the AK Food Mart. Mr. Freeman says no.

Erica Zitzke, 2246 S. Robinson Ave., one block away from the establishment. Ms. Zitzke says that she is opposed to the license.

Daniel Lee, owner of buildings at 2306-18 S. Kinnickinnic and 441 E. Lincoln Ave. He is in opposition to the license. He says that graffiti can be a problem in the area, but that he takes prompt action removing graffiti when his building is tagged with it.

Ken Yandell, owns several buildings on Kinnickinnic Ave, including 2242-46 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. Is opposed to the alcohol license because he thinks it is bad for the area. He says he has witnessed loitering, panhandling and public urinating in the area of AK Food Mart.

Jill San Augustin, 2211 S. Robinson Ave., is opposed to the license. She says that she has had to remove beer cans from her yard. She also says that she was propositioned for sex on two occasions on the corner of Howell and Lincoln. She says that the area does not need any cheap alcohol.

Mr. Maistelman asks if Ms. San Augustin has witnessed illegal activities at the applicant's store. Ms. San Augustin says that she has witnessed loitering and a fight in front of the establishment.

Krystian Sydow, has an office at 347 E. Lincoln Ave. and owns 2254-64 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. He says that he has seen customers from AK Food Mart engaging in illegal activity, including prostitution.

Arlene Jorgensen, Legislative Aide to Ald. Zielinski, at the table. She says that she took a photo from the sidewalk showing milk crates on the side of the applicant's store.

Bill Doyle, 3042 S. Wentworth Ave., owns buildings on Kinnickinnic Ave. He says that he has called the police on various occasions and has spoken to local officers about the problems in the area of AK Food Mart. He says that the neighborhood improves whenever a liquor establishment is closed and a new alcohol license is not good for the neighborhood.

Timothy Durtz, has an office at 347 E. Lincoln Ave. He says that he has had to remove a drunk person from the back of his apartment complex and that he has had to repair his fence repeatedly when underage people cut through his property to shop at AK Food Mart.

Mr. Maistelman asks Mr. Durtz if he has ever asked the applicant about buying the applicant's property. Mr. Durtz says that he has talked with Ald. Zielinski about buying the the applicant's property if it ever became available.

Jason Fox, business partner of Mr. Durtz. He has seen people loitering in the empty lot adjacent to the business and owned by the applicant.

Bob Danowski, 2639 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. Is opposed to the license.

Michael Maierle, urban planner with the Department of City Development. He says that the business does not fit in with the Comprehensive Business Plan for the area.

Ald. Hamilton asks if Mr. Maierle has had the opportunity to see the plans submitted by the applicant for his business and if it fits into the plan. Mr. Maierle says that he has not seen the plans.

Ald. Bohl asks if issues with regards to economic development fit into what was

noticed as possible reasons for denial. Mr. Schrimpf says it is up to the discretion of the Chair, but the testimony could be received as bearing on concentration of outlets and welfare of the neighborhood.

Susan Davey, 1124 E. Dakota St., about a mile away; she says that she walks by the area of AK Food Mart even though she lives a mile away. She is opposed to the license and says that she sees the vagrancy in the neighborhood and it frightens her.

She says she has been approached in a lewd way. She also says that she is a senior on a fixed income and wants to live in a safe neighborhood.

Jackie Block, 3116 S. Quincy Ave., block watch captain with Humboldt Park South Block Watch. Is opposed to the license.

Supporters:

Dagoberto Ibarra, 2925 W. National Ave., is in support of the license. He thinks that the opposition to the license is a race issue.

Bajwa, lives in Germantown. He is personal friends with the applicant. He says that the applicant has owned the store for twenty years and just wants to add beer sales. Mr. Bajwa also says he does not see anything wrong with the applicant getting more business with a beer license.

David J. Saldivar, 2325 S. Howell Ave. He thinks that economically, having a beer license at the AK Food Mart is a good idea.

Ald. Zielinski asks if Mr. Saldivar will buy beer from the the AK Food Mart if it receives the beer license. Mr. Saldivar says yes. Ald. Bohl asks if Mr. Saldivar buys beer from the other convenience store in the area. Mr. Saldivar says no.

John Shelton, 2302 S. Howell Ave., tenant of the applicant. Mr. Shelton says that loitering and panhandling is happening all over the area and that it is not fair to point just to the AK Food Mart as having loiterers. Is in support of the license.

Singh Kaleka, he doesn't think that the alderman should be opposed to the beer license and is in support of the license.

Diane Semanko, 2325 S. Howell Ave., says that the services that the store provides are an asset to the community. She says that beer would be another asset added to the store and that panhandlers outside the store is not the problem of the applicant. Ms. Semanko believes that the applicant takes care of the inside of the store and that people will get alcohol one way or another.

Denise Schlieve, 1943 S. 12th St., used to live in the Bayview area and still frequents AK Food Mart about four days a week. She says that she never sees the problems outside of the AK Food Mart. She is in support of the license.

Patricia Poe, 345 E. Smith St., goes go the store everyday. Is in support of the license.

Frye, 2508 S. Burrell St., says she has no complaints about the AK Food Mart, although she admits that the area has some problems. She says that loitering is everywhere, not just at AK Food Mart and shouldn't be blamed on the applicant's store.

Julie Howard, lives in Cudahy but previously lived in Bayview for fifteen years. She says that she is in support of the license because it would allow the applicant to expand his business.

Ald. Zielinski says that two neighborhood supporters that were present at the last hearing for the application gave an address of a home that Ald. Zielinski says is known to police as a source of drug activity. Ald. Bohl says that the testimony of a police officer to this is not necessary to hear in regards to the license application.

Ald. Zielinski says that the applicant testified that he is unaware of graffiti and improper storage on his property, which shows that he is not a responsible property owner. He also said that a beer license for the store would not be good for the area.

Mr. Maistelman says that opponents are actually trying to close down the low-income apartment complex by the store and that the opposition is about a bigger issue.

Mr. Singh says that he has never been contacted by the police or anyone else regarding the problems with loitering or any other illegal activity at his store.

Ald. Zielinski requests that a Department of Neighborhood Services report for 2301 S. Howell Ave. be entered into the record. The committee members refuse to move to make the report part of the record (Rejected Exhibit 1).

Ald. Kovac moves to deny based on the issue of concentration of alcohol beverage outlets in the area. Prevailed 2-1. (Ald. Hamilton voting "no" and Ald. Zielinski and Ald. Coggs excused)

Ald. Bohl says that he supports the motion for denial, but not on the basis of concentration. He thinks that the testimony given today was more compelling and less personal than the testimony given previously.

Ald. Kovac moves to reconsider. Prevailed 3-0. (Ald. Zielinski and Ald. Coggs excused)

Ald. Kovac moves to deny based on overconcentration and neighborhood objections. Prevailed 3-0. (Ald. Zielinski and Ald. Coggs excused)

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

Aye 3 - Bohl, Kovac and Coggs

No 0

Excused 2 - Hamilton and Zielinski

Ald. Zielinski back at the table at 1:33 p.m.

Present 4 - Bohl, Hamilton, Zielinski, Kovac

Excused 1 - Coggs

[080921](#)

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

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

AGENDA ONLY

MOTION TO ACCEPT WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION (SUBMITTED 12/11/08)

04 MC DERMOTT, Marianne, Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Dance renewal applications for "Star Bar" at 631 N. Milwaukee Street. (expires 1-14-09) Grant by Ald. Zielinski. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

MOTION TO AMEND

BARTELT, Jeffrey J., Agent for "JJB Home Improvements, LLC", Motion to rescind the issuance of a warning letter with the Home Improvement Contractor license for "JJB Home Improvements" at 1949 W. Mill Road granted by the Common Council on November 26, 2008. Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

MOTION TO RECONSIDER & HOLD

KALSKI, Susan, Motion to reconsider and hold the December 5, 2008 recommendation of the Licenses Committee to non renew the Class "D" Bartender license due to non appearance and the police report. Motion to Reconsider by Ald. Hamilton. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

AGENDA ONLY

04 COLLINS, Timothy G., Agent for "St. Paul Seafood, LLC", Class "B" Beer and Class "C" Wine renewal applications with change of hours for "St. Paul Fish Co. at 400 N. Water Street.

(This application will be referred to the January 16, 2009 Common Council meeting due to the late filing of the application. Per MCO 90-5-3 applications must be on file for a minimum of 14 days prior to the date of granting by the Common Council, this application was filed on December 5, 2008.) Grant by Ald. Zielinski. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

04 RUDIG, David J., Agent for "Paintball Dave's, Inc.", Loading Zone (Over 30 Feet) renewal application with change of officer for "Paintball Dave's" at 260 N. Broadway. Grant by Ald. Zielinski. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

14 BEFUS, Joel J., Agent for "Marlene's Touch of Class, Inc.", Second Hand Dealer renewal application with change of officers for "Marlene's Touch of Class" at 2929 S. 13th Street. Grant by Ald. Zielinski. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

TEMPORARY EXTENSION

03 JONES, Victor R., Agent for "Victor's on Van Buren, Inc.", Request for a temporary extension of premises for "Victor's" at 1230 N. Van Buren Street to include the parking lot at the south side of the premises from December 31, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. to January 1, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. for "New Years Eve Celebration". Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

WARNING LETTERS

NASH, Reginald K., Agent for "Nash Mechanical, LLC", Home Improvement Contractor

application for "Nash Mechanical" at 816 W. National Avenue. Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

ARTEAGA, Ricardo D., Class "B" Manager application. Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

ALEXANDER, Jennifer S., Class "D" Bartender renewal application. Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

ANDERSEN, Dane H., Class "D" Bartender renewal application. Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

ASKERNEESE, Paris M., Class "D" Bartender application. Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

ATKINS, Tykesha J., Class "D" Bartender application. Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

GALINDO, Maria E., Class "D" Bartender application. Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

GAWLITTA, Carrie E., Class "D" Bartender renewal application. Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

INMAN, Anselm T., Class "D" Bartender application. Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

KASTNER, Anthony R., Class "D" Bartender application. Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

STEFFEN, Jordan R., Class "D" Bartender application. Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

THEEL, Stacey M., Class "D" Bartender application. Grant by Ald. Kovac. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Coggs excused)

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

Aye 4 - Bohl, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

---NOTE: If action is taken on the following file, it may be referred to the Common Council for action at its regular meeting to be held at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, January 16, 2009.

- 2. [081061](#) Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relative to various licenses.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Ald. Hamilton moves to hold to the call of the chair.

HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 4 - Bohl, Hamilton, Zielinski and Kovac

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

*Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.
Acting Staff Assistant Tobie Black*