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3	UTILITIES & LICENSES COMMITTEE
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5	In the Matter of the Application for: Auto Wrecker
6	ALFRED TALYANSKY
7	MID CITY AUTO SALVAGE LEV & ED, INC.
8	2431 North 30th Street
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19 20	the above-entitled matter, before the LICENSES COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE, on
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00002 1 PROCEEDINGS 2 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Moving forward on the 9:15 agenda we have Alfred Talyansky, Agent 4 for Lev & Ed, Inc., Auto Wrecker application for 5 Mid City Auto Salvage at 2431 North 30th Street. 6 Good morning. 7 MR. ROSE: Good morning. 8 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: I'm going to go 9 out on a limb and say you are not Mr. Talyansky. 10 MR. ROSE: Correct, Alderman. I am 11 not. I'm Attorney Douglas Rose, R-O-S-E. I've 12 been representing Mid City Auto Salvage. The 13 technical name is Lev & Ed, Inc., for a number of 14 years now. Mr. Talyansky - - Because the 15 business is owned jointly by Edward Talyansky, 16 who is the - - an elderly gentleman at this 17 point, and his son, Alfred Talyansky, owned 18 jointly between the two of them. Mr. Alfred 19 Talyansky speaks English quite well. His father 20 is a first generation immigrant and does not 21 speak English as well. Alfred was out of town. 22 The notice was sent April 13th. He received it 23 sometime after that, contacted us late last week. 24

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I just had the opportunity to discuss this matter

with Alderman Hines. It was a very good

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discussion, from my standpoint anyway, about some issues that apparently exist at this - - at this business.

This business has been in existence and running for many, many years, at least 15, perhaps even 20. It's become quite successful. I think it is a solid business in the neighborhood, but there are some issues, and Alderman Hines and I did bring matters to a head fairly quickly, both indicated that we would like the opportunity to meet further to see if we can address those issues to see if we can resolve any complaints that may exist and basically have an opportunity to look at this matter more closely. Obviously, because of the delay in my even receiving this, we have not had that opportunity ourselves to even look into this as closely as I think it needs to be. Hopefully we can cut this matter relatively short and have it held to the Call of the Chair is the term that is normally used.

But, Alderman Hines, would you tend to agree with that?

ALDERMAN HINES: Thank you. Yes. Actually, I've had - - I have transition going on

00004 1 in my office currently. And did not get the opportunity to meet with the applicant. There are some issues that are outstanding that we need 4 to address as it relates to business practices. 5 And so, if it's held a cycle, hopefully that will 6 give us an opportunity to resolve them. Then 7 we'll be better prepared to ask for committee 8 action at that time, if that's - - if that sits 9 well with you, Mr. Chair. 10 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Certainly. I 11 believe that that would be fine. With that, 12 Alderman Wade would move to hold this - -13 ALDERMAN WADE: Mr. Chair, are there 14 any neighbors - -15 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: This - - This 16 actually is not cited for - - Objections to any 17 license that would have an adverse effect. I 18 suppose that is considered a neighborhood 19 objection. Are - - Are there any neighbors who 20 are present by testimony on the matter of 2431 21 North 30th Street who are here? 22 Alderman Hines, if - -23 ALDERMAN HINES: Yes, sir. 2.4 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: If you are not -25 - you do not have objections, what I'd like to do

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1	is is just swear him in. Take his testimony.					
2	Then we can hold this matter, and we can have a					
3	transcript that would be available.					
4	THE WITNESS: This is going to be held					
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6	VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: It will be held					
7	for another hearing. But if you would					
8	THE WITNESS: I'll testify at that					
9	time.					
10	VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Because					
11	otherwise we could take your testimony here					
12	today, and that way you wouldn't have to return					
13	and Okay. That's fine. You'll be re-noticed					
14	then, sir, when this matter is re-heard then.					
15	THE WITNESS: Thank you.					
16	VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay.					
17	MR. SCHRIMPF: Mr. Chairman, I have a					
18	question.					
19	VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Go ahead, Mr.					
20	Schrimpf.					
21	MR. SCHRIMPF: Is this place currently					
22	operating as an auto wrecker?					
23	MR. ROSE: Yes, it is. And that's a					
24	good point. Mr. Hines indicated, and again, I -					
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notice of this last Thursday, that a temporary permit may be required. You indicated you had no objection to that, Alderman?

ALDERMAN HINES: That is correct. He's been operating for the - - It's been there for 15 - 20 years, as was communicated. Somewhere along some paperwork, some exchange, it appears as if a permit either has lapsed for a year or so, maybe a year or two, if I'm not mistaken. Three years? Okay. So I knew - - I knew it had lapsed, and for some odd reason that occurred. I don't know how it dropped through the ball or not. But on top of that layer - - I mean, so from that perspective I don't have any qualms with a temporary occupancy permit, and that will come through my office. But clearly, I - - the business practice concerns me greatly, as well, and that's what I really received a significant amount of feedback on, on the business practices. But I, once again, will entertain a temporary occupancy permit to ensure that it's in compliance if that's - - if that's available to me as the - - or any alderman.

VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Hines, I'm not certain that a temporary occupancy permit

00007 1 would allow the - - the - - the running of the business, based on the fact that this is an auto wrecker license. I think that you would need a 4 combination thereof, an occupancy permit, as well 5 as the adequate and appropriate license here as 6 granted by the - - the Common Council, unless the 7 license division or Mr. Schrimpf wants to tell me 8 otherwise. 9 SERGEANT ULICKEY: Mr. Chair. 10 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Sergeant Ulickey. 11 SERGEANT ULICKEY: If I may add 12 something. In preparing for this I had occasion to personally speak with a Sergeant from District 13 14 3, who in November of last year issued a verbal 15 warning to Mr. Talyansky regarding his lack of 16 licenses. It was an issue that was brought to 17 the Sergeant's attention. They investigated and 18 a verbal warning was, in fact, given to Mr. 19 Talyansky at that time. 20 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: So there - -21 There's a pattern of - - of - - of blatant 22 neglect, at least. ALDERMAN HINES: When was that time, 23 again, Mister - -2.4

SERGEANT ULICKEY: That was 11/4 of

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00008 '05. So - -1 MR. ROSE: If I may, was there an indication as to what license was missing at that 4 time? 5 SERGEANT ULICKEY: That was for an auto 6 wrecker's license, at which time I believe he 7 stated that - - that he had the cars delivered 8 there. That he wasn't, in fact, towing them - -9 towing it himself. He also had an expired junk 10 collector's license and was advised to get that, 11 also. 12 MR. ROSE: Yeah, I - - I can relate, 13 and I do - - I do know this, anyway, that he does 14 contract with an outside firm to do the towing. 15 And I do notice obviously this application is for 16 an auto wrecker application. I don't necessary 17 believe he is out of compliance in that regard. 18 This particular application would - - would be

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something new for him to do, and basically do the towing himself rather than have an outside company do that, is my understanding. And, again, I apologize that I'm relatively new on the matter. He has asked me to look into this in detail and make sure we're in compliance. I want to work with Alderman Hines to do that, but if

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1	you have any more information, I'd I'd like
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3	VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Ms. Barron?
4	MS. BARRON: The auto wrecker license.
5	I have the definition. It means, "any person who
6	buys any motor vehicle for the purpose of
7	dismantling or disassembling, or who dismantles
8	or disassembles any such motor vehicle for the
9	purpose of dealing in the parts thereof."
10	MR. ROSE: So, dismantling appears to
11	be the issue.
12	MS. BARRON: So Right.
13	MR. ROSE: Okay.
14	MS. BARRON: And the junk dealer or
15	junk collector license, that would have been the
16	actually picking up of the vehicles and towing
17	them to the location.
18	ALDERMAN WADE: Mr. Chair.
19	VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Wade.
20	ALDERMAN WADE: Just a question for Ms.
21	Barron. So according to the data that you have,
22	he has been out of compliance since 2001?
23	MS. BARRON: Since 2003. The
24	license
25	ALDERMAN WADE: 2003.

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                   MS. BARRON: - - expired on April 3
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                   ALDERMAN WADE: If he had been
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         operating between now and 2003, he's been
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         operating illegally?
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                   MS. BARRON: Correct, without a
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         license. And I should say that we did receive
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         this application back in November, and there's
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          fingerprinting requirements regarding this
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         application, and the applicant received several
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         letters from our office regarding the
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         fingerprinting requirements. That's why it's
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         taken so long to actually get this to the
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         committee. Also, compliance with Neighborhood
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         Services requirements. So - -
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                   MR. ROSE: If I may ask this. Has the
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         fingerprinting been taken care of?
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                   MS. BARRON: Yes. That's why we're
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         here today.
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                   MR. ROSE: Okay. Very good.
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                   MR. SCHRIMPF: Well, Mr. Chairman,
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         there is - - there is nothing in the ordinances
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          - - We're talking about two issues here. One is
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         occupancy could be had. But the other issues is
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00011 the license, and there's no provision for a 1 temporary license. It's either granted or not granted. And the present posture of this thing 4 is that the license is expired. So what that 5 means in English is that your client faces a 6 possible citation for each day he's operating 7 without the license. 8 MR. ROSE: And I understand. And that 9 would specifically have to do with the - - as the 10 definition related by Ms. Barron, with the auto 11 wrecker aspect of the business. 12 MR. SCHRIMPF: Right. 13 MR. ROSE: Very good. I understand 14 that. Thank you. 15 ALDERMAN WADE: Mr. Chair. 16 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Wade. 17 ALDERMAN WADE: Attorney Schrimpf, I do 18 have a question. When - - When you say that the 19 occupancy - - the occupant can be fined for each 20 day that he operated without a license, is that 21 from this day forward, or from the day the 22 license expired? 23 MR. SCHRIMPF: It's from the day the 2.4 license expired, but for some reason or another

they - - they didn't issue a citation. They gave

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him a warning. They were trying - - apparently trying to get him to comply with the licensing requirement.

And there - - There is a practical reality that very frequently what will happen is that the judges in Municipal Court will look at an applicant who has been cited for operating without a license and say, "Well, if you go ahead and get the license, we'll dismiss the - - the tickets." So there is some sort of an urge for the person to get the license.

VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Which, frankly, I disagree with vehemently. Because their job should be to enforce the ordinances, rather than to legislate from the bench, which I interpret that as doing. And frankly, they're denying the City adequate revenue from people who frankly shun the system. That's my little side note to the three Municipal Court judges.

ALDERMAN PUENTE: What about the Sergeant who gave him the warning?

VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Well, you know, that - - that - - Ultimately, I'll leave it to the discretion of the police department, but - - but basically at - - at that point once there is

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the issuance of a citation, I just think there's too much lenience on the part of our Municipal Court judges that cut deals left and right, and cut and run all the time.

Mr. Rose, I'm going to ask you at this point here. Functionally if we hold this one cycle or hold it to the Call of the Chair and your client is available next cycle, there will be a corresponding committee meeting on the 16th of May with - - or there will be a committee meeting on the 16th of May with a corresponding Common Council meeting on - - on the 31st. I would tell you that in the best case scenario that the committee would offer a positive recommendation and that is, indeed, approved by the Common Council, it would not enable your - your client to - - to engage in these operations that he's applied for here, at least until the 31st of May. That is to say if this body and the Common Council ultimately were to approve the application. Do you want to - - Did you want to, at this point here, still request that this matter be held?

MR. ROSE: I - - I think that is the - - Considering the nature of the auto wrecker

00014 1 application and as the definition by Ms. Barron was set forth, I think in the interim he's going to have to curtail that activity, and we want to 4 comply as best we can with the absolute licensing 5 requirements. There are other things that the 6 business does, obviously, and we want to make 7 sure that Alderman Hines, any concerns he has are 8 addressed. So I think under the circumstances 9 that is our - - our best option. 10 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Just one other 11 suggestion. I know that - - that it was 12 indicated that he may have had one other license 13 here in the past. I would just encourage you to have your - - your - - your client review his operations to see if - - if he may not need to 14 15 16 submit for the secondary license, as well, too, 17 here. 18 MR. ROSE: Absolutely. I realize that 19 we have some work to do between now and then, the 20 - - the next date. 21 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: And - - And the 22

gentleman in the back here. If - -

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THE WITNESS: I'd - - I'd like to come forward now.

VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: All right. If you

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1	want to take a seat here. Please raise your					
2	hand. We'll If your raise your right, we'll					
3	swear you in.					
4	(Whereupon the witness was sworn.)					
5	VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Sir, your name and					
6	address for the record, please.					
7	THE WITNESS: My name is William					
8	Dubinski.					
9	COURT REPORTER: Mr. Dubinski. Put the					
10	microphone up towards you.					
11	VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Will you pull it					
12	forward, and then spell your last name, sir,					
13	please.					
14	THE WITNESS: My name is William					
15	Dubinski. D-U-B-I-N-S-K-I. My address is 801A					
16	Beech Street, Grafton, Wisconsin.					
17	VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: And, please,					
18	proceed, sir.					
19	THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm just kind of					
20	in awe here. This place has been able to operate					
21	for three years without a license with receiving					
22	one warning, and now it's going on longer. Who					
23	needs to be kicked in the butt to get these					
24	citations issued and get this place in order?					
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1 company. And after a bad business dealing I started doing my research. Better Business Bureau, over 300 complaints. The Attorney 4 General's office, 134 complaints in the last 5 year. Now, what this company is doing is over 6 the Internet selling used auto parts. Most of 7 the people that have been ripped off by this 8 place are from out of State. Nobody else is 9 here, because most of them are from far out of 10 State. No - - Nobody seems to be doing 11 anything about this matter, and now they're 12 dragging it on another month or two. Can anybody 13 tell me why citations haven't been issued?

VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Sir, I - - I cannot speak to the police department nor can I speak for the Municipal Court, as you were here in the audience when I provided my little sidebar note.

THE WITNESS: Um-hnh.

VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: I am not alderman of this district. Neither is any of the members on this side of this particular panel. I can tell you this much. That legally right now it has been identified to the - - to the attorney representing this particular business that they

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are not to legally engage in this type of business practice until they are adequately licensed. Whether or not the police department chooses to follow up, I encourage you and/or others, perhaps the alderman could relay that to the police department here. That is — That is ultimately how it usually happens. If I have a business in my district that's operating illegally, I call the local district station and let them know to go out there. Okay. That's how I was engaging that.

But I'm not going to - - At this point here I'm going to hear your testimony as to what you personally have experienced with the business. At this point, this is not a time for me to provide you with an editorial comment to your liking. Okay.

THE WITNESS: All right. And I just want - - I was here for the licensing part of this, to recommend that - - to this committee that you investigate the business practices of this corporation before you consider granting them or renewing them a license.

 $\label{eq:VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Sir, that's why you are here in able to -- you are able to \\$

00018 1 provide the testimony to this body, and we determine whether or not to adequately license this business. The other - - There are other 4 avenues that I think that you are aware of beyond 5 the Better Business Bureau. There is the State 6 Department of - - of Consumer Protection. There 7 - - There can be charges that are also brought 8 forward by the Attorney General's office, as 9 well, too. Those are avenues outside of the City 10 of Milwaukee. We handling the - - the issue of 11 the licensing. 12 But I - - I appreciate your comments 13 here with regards to the enforcement or lack 14 thereof that has occurred up until this point. 15 ALDERMAN WADE: Mr. Chair. 16 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Wade. 17 ALDERMAN WADE: Sergeant Ulickey, I 18 have a question for you. Because I know there's 19 people out here that's watching this and saying 20 that this - - these people should have been fined 21 for the last three years and they haven't been 22 fined, what is it that the police department can 23 do to make sure that they are - - if they're

trying to be "in compliance", that in compliance

also includes all of those days when they

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operated in violation?

SERGEANT ULICKEY: Well, as - - as you're aware, a lot of the times complaints - - or we're not aware of violations until somebody makes a complaint to the police department or to an individual officer. I mentioned this case back in November, because I had personal contact with the Sergeant that - - that handled that incident at that time. The business does possess a valid, or at least to the best of my knowledge at this time, salvage yard license. Not - - Not being totally familiar with all the aspects of a salvage yard myself, I couldn't answer what that offers them to do, what they can do under that license.

And I believe that in - - in talking with the Sergeant that I spoke with yesterday, he had the same idea. And that's why at that time a verbal warning was given. He did tell him that his licenses were expired. He knew that, but see, he did have a salvage yard license. I believe the officer also talked with Alderman Hines regarding this, or the Sergeant did have contact with his office before that time. And that's what prompted the Sergeant to go there.

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And, again, we don't normally check on every business to see if they are in compliance. Now that we are aware of what's going on with this business, we will keep an eye on it. I can guarantee you that. And that same Sergeant will be revisiting that location. I hope that answered your question.

ALDERMAN WADE: It answered it, but not the way I wanted it answered. I mean, because I know if I'm looking at this and a person is getting away with all that penalty, and we are basically sweeping it under the rug, and then you have people that come in front of this - - this committee on a daily basis and we penalize them or to the - - to the end, it's been stated by the Utilities & Licensing Department that they are operating illegally and have operated illegally for the last three years, and they should be penalized for that. They also have issues that's in the Department of Neighborhood Services, and he's talking about being in compliance. Being in compliance means he should comply with operating illegally for those years and he should meet all the requirements for the Department of Neighborhood Services, so he can actually be in

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compliance. And I need to know what do we need to do from the City level to make sure that he's willing to be in compliance, that he gets the opportunity to do it in a whole way, so we're not letting him - - it's not appearing that we are sweeping something under the rug, that he's doing everything he needs to do in order to operate a business in the City of Milwaukee. That - That's what I wanted to know.

ALDERMAN HINES: Mr. Chairman.

VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: One second,
Alderman Hines. What I - - What I do want to - to say is, for those of us who haven't looked at
our agenda, we have a very, very long agenda here
today. And if we are going to rehear this, as
well, too, I prefer to allow - - to hear from
Alderman Hines, to allow Mr. Rose to - - to ask
any questions of - - of the witness here, and at
that point I think that the - - the Department of
Neighborhood Services and the - - the license
investigation unit are very well aware of the - the current situation. Will be checking up to
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we're going to be talking about this later on.

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Alderman Hines.

ALDERMAN HINES: Well, you've - -Clearly he has permissions to do and license to do some things. And he's doing them legally. He's been doing them for the last 15 - 20 years. He has been trying to do something else, and obviously has not complied. There's been some poor business practices. This has recently just been brought to my attention. I'm trying to do all I can to get my hands around it, to make certain that just as he has complied over the last 15 years, going forward that we are poised as a body to make the appropriate recommendation. And so, I'm going to do that hopefully within the next three weeks before you convene. And that was the intent. It's important for them to comply with the existing regulations, and abide by their now renewed appreciation or understanding of what their limitations are.

MR. ROSE: I would totally agree with that, and I don't want to belabor the committee's time. I understand you have a full calendar. I don't have any further questions of this witness. Rather we want to address things before the next

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1	meeting, so that we can answer all these
2	questions as best we can.
3	VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Unless there
4	ALDERMAN PUENTE: Mr. Chair.
5	VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Puente.
6	ALDERMAN PUENTE: Of the witness, will
7	you be coming back or should I ask you
8	THE WITNESS: Yes.
9	ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Okay. Then I'll
10	ask
11	THE WITNESS: I get a notice, I'll
12	ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Mr. Chairman.
13	VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Dudzik.
14	ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Only because the
15	witness did mention, I think you said, 300 or
16	300 complaints with the Better Business Bureau.
17	I I just want to be clear, Ms.
18	Barron, only because Mr. Schrimpf is on the
19	phone. We can't even consider civil matters when
20	taking up his license. And that's what those 300
21	complaints would be in my opinion.
22	VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Well, I think that
23	we could, Alderman. Provided those 300
24	individuals were to come here personally and
25	provide their own testimony and their objection.

00024 1 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: That's correct. VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Other than that - -4 ALDERMAN PUENTE: I think that's what 5 his point was. 6 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: We - - We have in 7 the past over li - - licensed dealers, had 8 matters of the record that came from the - - the 9 State Department of Consumer Protection as part 10 of the legally noticed items that were - - that 11 were part of our so-called record. I don't know 12 that the Better - - I think you're correct in the 13 Better Business Bureau does not serve the - - in 14 terms of a legal function for the State of 15 Wisconsin rather than sort of a member business 16 group. 17 ALDERMAN HINES: Once again, Mr. 18 Chairman, I'm going to find all this information 19 out. I did receive something from the Bureau of 20 Consumer Protection, who - - because I contacted 21 them. They told me I can come review their 22 files. I'm just saying give me one cycle to deal 23 with these issues. 2.4 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. MR. ROSE: And we have a lot of 25

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15	THE WITNESS: Correct.
16	VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: And we will send
17	you notice of the next meeting.
18	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
19	VICE-CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you.
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