



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes - Final LICENSES COMMITTEE

*ALD. JAMES A. BOHL, JR., CHAIR*

*Ald. Milele A. Coggs, Vice-Chair*

*Ald. Ashanti Hamilton, Ald. T. Anthony Zielinski, and Ald. Nik Kovac*

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Monday, January 5, 2009

9:00 AM

Room 301- B, City Hall

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### SPECIAL

*Meeting commenced at 9:28 a.m.*

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

**Excused** 1 - Zielinski

1. [081114](#) Substitute motion accepting the surrender of the Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Dance licenses for the premises at 333 West Hadley Street (Groovin' Inn) in the 6th aldermanic district.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*Licensee at the table. Asst. City Attorney Adam Stephens and Atty. Jeff Purnell, as counsel, also at the table.*

*The licensee has surrendered her license.*

*Ald. Kovac moves to accept the surrender of the licenses. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

*Atty. Stephens clarifies that the licensee cannot pursue a license again at the location for twelve months.*

*The surrendering will not prevent another person from applying for the license at the location.*

*Ald. Coggs says that she wants to recognize the twenty-nine years of business at the Groovin' Inn and thanks Mrs. Peavey for surrendering the license.*

**SUBSTITUTED**

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

**9:30 A.M.**

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

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

06 GREEN, Miguel L., Class "B" Manager application

*Applicant at the table, 4534 N. 68th St.*

*Mr. Green says that he wants to withdraw the application.*

*Ald. Hamilton moves to accept the withdrawal of the application. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zielinski

06 FARES, Rami A., Agent for "AMI of Milwaukee, Inc.", Class "A" Malt renewal application with change of officer for "Sparkle Foods" at 2526 W. Hopkins Street. (expires 1-17-09) Special Letter

*Applicant at the table, 5040 S. 23rd St.*

*No neighborhood objectors present when called.*

*Ald. Coggs says that complaints were received regarding the sale of single cigarettes and service of hot food. Ald. Coggs says that the applicant has a food license that allows the sale of hot food and has been talked to by the police regarding the sale of loose cigarettes. The applicant says that the store has stopped selling loose cigarettes.*

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

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zielinski

06 KHARAG, Paramjeet S., Agent for "Port Food Supermart, LLC", Class "A" Liquor & Malt application for "Port Supermarket" at 3876 N. Port Washington Avenue. Special Letter

*Applicant not appearing.*

*The application deals with a change in the legal entity at an establishment that is already licensed.*

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

*Applicant at the table at 10:02 a.m.*

*Ald. Hamilton moves to reconsider. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

*The applicant says that the legal entity is being changed but the store is staying the same.*

*Neighborhood supporter present:*

*William Derrell, 2860 N. Palmer Street, is a customer that supports the license. He lived in the neighborhood since the store first opened up in 1986 and still shops at the store even though he has moved out of the neighborhood.*

*Ald. Kovac moves to grant despite items contained in the notice. Prevailed 3-0. (Ald. Zielinski and Ald. Coggs excused)*

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zielinski

*06 WOLF, Curtis A., Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Amusement (Cabaret/Nite Club) renewal applications with change of hours and entertainment for "Treats" at 2221 N. Humboldt Avenue. (expire 1-17-09) Special Letter*

*Applicant at the table, 2755 S. Quincy Ave.*

*No neighborhood objectors present when called.*

*The applicant says that he is trying to address the complaints of neighbors regarding noise, litter and the condition of the exterior of the building.*

*Ald. Kovac moves to grant despite items contained in the notice. Prevailed 4-0. (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, Hamilton, Kovac and Coggs

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zielinski

*Meeting recessed at 9:48 a.m.  
Meeting reconvened at 10:02 a.m.*

**081061**

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

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*06 NICHOLSON, Darrell C., Agent for "Atkinson Beer & Liquor Mart, Inc.", Class "A" Liquor & Malt renewal application for "Atkinson Beer & Liquor Mart, Inc." at 1101 W. Atkinson Avenue. (expires 2-8-09)*

*Special Letter*

*Applicant at the table, 1103 W. Atkinson, Apt. 2., Milwaukee, WI 53206. This address is a change from the previous mailing address.*

*The applicant says that he is the operator of the store and that he is there all day.*

*Ald. Coggs asks about a shooting at the establishment. The applicant says that the shooting occurred after the establishment closed and actually occurred away from the location and was not related to the store. The applicant says that he was just a witness to the shooting.*

*There is no disposition on the police report with regards to the shooting, Item number 6 on the police report.*

*No neighborhood objectors present when called.*

*Ald. Coggs moves to grant with item #6 on the police report remaining open for future consideration. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zielinski

*06 TANNER, Nicole N., Agent for "Plann B, LLC", Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Dance renewal applications with change of hours and with an age distinction of 25 years of age and older on Friday and Saturday for "Plann B" at 3621 N. Teutonia Avenue. (expire 1-31-09) Special Letter*

*Applicant at the table, 3215 N. 46th St.*

*Ms. Tanner says that an item on the police report is still pending and that the employees involved in the incident are no longer employed at the establishment.*

*Ald. Bohl asks the applicant about the over-capacity citation on the police report. The applicant says that she does not believe she was over-capacity and that it can appear that the bar is over-capacity because of the layout of the establishment.*

*No neighborhood objectors present when called.*

*The applicant asks to amend the application to remove the age distinction. She thinks that it will prevent good customers from being able patronize the business.*

*Ald. Kovac moves to accept the amended application removing the age distinction from the plan of operation. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

*Item number three on the police report has no disposition.*

*Ald. Coggs moves to grant with a warning letter holding open #3 on the police report for further consideration. Prevailed 3-1. (Ald. Bohl voting "no" and Ald. Zielinski excused)*

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zielinski

*06 GEE, Arlisa L., Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Dance applications for "Steff's Bar & Lounge" at 400 E. Locust Street. Special Letter*

*Applicant at the table, 5240 N. 27th St.*

*No neighborhood objectors present when called.*

*The applicant says that she worked as a bartender for two years. She says that she plans to install security cameras inside and outside of the establishment.*

*The applicant wants to withdraw the Tavern Dance application.*

*Ald. Coggs moves to accept the withdrawal of the Tavern Dance application. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

*Sgt. Ulickey mentions that the previous establishment at the location had a problem with drug trafficking.*

*Cartha Triggs, 2878 N. 49th St., owner of the property, at the table. She said that she had to evict the last tenant because of problems, but that she knows the applicant's family and does not expect any problems with the new license.*

*Ms. Grill says that a current license is already at the location and expires in June of this year. The current license will be expired when the new license is issued as long as an occupancy permit has been submitted to the License Division by the current applicant.*

*Ms. Triggs said that she was not made aware of the drug problems at the location previously. She evicted the last tenant because of non-payment and problems with how the man ran the business.*

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

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zielinski

*06 HIGHSHAW, Shytanya F., Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Dance applications with an age distinction of 25 years of age and older for "Better Dayz Sports Bar" at 3001 N. Richards Street. New Location  
Special Letter*

*Applicant at the table, 8415 W. Mill Rd. Apt. 1.*

*No neighborhood objectors present when called.*

*Ald. Coggs says that she is not comfortable supporting the application before she can meet with the applicant, so she requests that the application be held.*

*Ald. Coggs moves to hold to the call of the chair. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zielinski

*06 STEWART, Anthony L., Agent for "Brig Enterprises, LLC", Tavern Amusement (Cabaret/Nite Club) application for "Cellies" at 333 E. Keefe Avenue. Special Letter*

*Asst. City Atty. Tom Miller at the table replacing Asst. City Atty. Bruce Schrimpf due to a conflict of interest.*

*The applicant not appearing.*

*Ald. Coggs moves to deny based on non-appearance. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

*A neighborhood objector requests an opportunity to testify.*

*Ald. Kovac moves to reconsider. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

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

*Zane Zirkle, 3420 N. Buffum St., neighborhood objector at the table.*

*Ald. Coggs points out that the application is only for Tavern Amusement, not the Tavern license itself, and that the Tavern license is still in effect regardless of the decision of the Licenses Committee with regards to the Tavern Amusement license.*

*Mr. Zirkle says that he has been awoken by noise and gunshots and would like for the establishment to be shut down.*

*Ald. Bohl tells Mr. Zirkle that he will need to testify again when the Tavern license goes up for renewal if he wants to oppose the Tavern License.*

*Ald. Coggs moves to deny based on non-appearance, neighborhood testimony and the police report. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zielinski

*06 JACKSON, Tatia P., Agent for "Finesse, LLC", Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Amusement (Cabaret/Nite Club) renewal applications with change of hours and entertainment and an age distinction of 25 years of age and older for "Chic Restaurant & Lounge" at 2722 N. Martin L. King Jr. Drive.  
(expire 1-17-09) Special Letter*

*Applicant at the table, 3432 N. Richards St.*

*The applicant says that she would like to withdraw the application and surrender the current license.*

*Ald. Hamilton moves to accept the withdrawal of the application and the surrendering of the current license. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

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

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zielinski

*Ald. Coggs moves to hold to the call of the chair. Prevailed 4-0. (Ald. Zielinski excused)*

**A motion was made by ALD. COGGS that this Motion be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

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

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Zielinski

*Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.*

*Acting Staff Assistant Tobie Black*