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NIK KOVAC

ALDERMAN, 3RD DISTRICT

February 28, 2020

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Members:

Re: Common Council File Number 191466

Attached is the written objection to file number 191466, Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relative to licenses, relating to the recommendation of:

Nonrenewal, based upon the police report and aldermanic and applicant testimony of the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses for Mary Harrell for the premises located at 4106 W Lisbon Ave (“Overtime Sports Bar”) in the 16th aldermanic district.

This matter will be heard by the full Council at its Tuesday, March 3, 2020 meeting. Pursuant to City Ordinances, a roll call vote will be taken to confirm that all members have read the attached statements and materials.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nik Kovac'.

Nik Kovac, Chair
Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members
City Attorney's Office
Common Council/City Clerk – License Division
CCF 191466

Overtime Sports Bar and Lounge

February 25, 2020

4106 W Lisbon Ave

Milwaukee, WI 53208

City Clerk: Jim Owczarski

Jessica Celella

To Common Council Members:

This communication is to appeal to the full Common Council that the Tavern B license for Overtime Sports Bar and Lounge, LLC be renewed. Overtime Sports Bar and Lounge (formerly Sisters and Brothers Place) has been an established minority/female family owned and operated business consistently for over 20 years. The business has strong ties to the community and provided employment opportunities to the inner city for over 20 years. Throughout the years, we have been cooperative with the community, Milwaukee police department, and have strived to be a positive influence in the neighborhood. We beseech the committee to renew the Tavern B license for Overtime Sports Bar and Lounge.

Noted below are considerations to rebut the "fact findings":

- On Friday, August 2, 2019 by law we are able to stay open until 2:30 AM. We closed the bar as required at 2:30 AM. The common practice is to clean the bar, complete inventory, and restock. When the police arrived we explained to them that the people that worked at the bar and their spouses. When the police suggested we shut the establishment down immediately, we complied. As noted on the police report the police arrived at 2:56 AM; 26 minutes after closing time which is not unreasonable to complete the task. We were not cited and we complied.
- On September 15, 2019 we were notified that there was an allegation that someone was assaulted at Overtime Sports Bar and Lounge. We have no recollection of the incident. Further, given the amount of time it took the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to investigate the complaint, the inconsistencies in the original complaint, and based on the police report the "victim seemed confused and made random statements" it is reasonable to believe that these allegations are untrue. We take every precaution to ensure all patrons are safe.
- Regarding the unfortunate incident on October 26, 2019; we were advised by counsel not to answer any questions regarding this incident directly or indirectly.
- Please refer to the Police Report as it generally provides an overview of the incident.

In an effort to ease the minds of the committee and common council our plan of operation moving forward will be as follows:

- Install digital cameras internally and externally within 30 days of the license being renewed.
- Develop a security plan that involves training security staff on conflict resolution. This training will be conducted by Mary Harrell. Ms. Harrell has a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice and is a Resource Officer for the State of Wisconsin, NASA.

In conclusion, we have not broken any city ordinances governing taverns. Additionally, none of the incidents cited have taken place inside of the bar or as a result of us initiating action against others. Overtime Sports Bar and Lounge had not had any incidents from 2014 through 2018. It was stated in the hearing that the alderman did not realize we were open. This shows that the operation of the business is well run. We work diligently to ensure that each patron is safe, and treated with dignity and respect. We have invested in this business and in the community for over 20 years and we beseech you to allow us to continue.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Harrell and Family

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