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CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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UTILITIES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

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In the Matter of the Class B Tavern Application for:

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DENNIS GIANNOPOULOS  
Agent for "DGMK, INC."

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5547 North Lovers Lane

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POLICE DEPARTMENT by SEARGENT JOHN HOGAN

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OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY by ATTORNEY BRUCE SCHRIMPF

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Proceedings had and testimony given in

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the above-entitled matter, before the UTILITIES &

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LICENSES COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE, on

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the 18th day of February, 2004.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN BOHL: The next item is for  
3 Dennis Giannopoulos, Agent for "DGMK, Inc.,"  
4 Class B Tavern application for "Athens Family  
5 Restaurant" at 54 - - 5547 North Lovers Lane  
6 Road. And, Mr. Giannopoulos, we'll have to swear  
7 you in, if you could raise your right hand.

8 MS. ELMER: Do you solemnly swear to  
9 tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but  
10 the truth, so help you God?

11 THE APPLICANT: Yes, I do.

12 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Giannopoulos, I  
13 need to ask you if you acknowledge receiving  
14 notice of today's meeting with the possibility  
15 your application could be denied?

16 THE APPLICANT: I didn't know my  
17 license was going to be denied, but - -

18 CHAIRMAN BOHL: If - - If you're new  
19 when you come forward, did you get a notice to  
20 come here today?

21 THE APPLICANT: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Then you were  
23 noticed that it - - that it could be denied.

24 THE APPLICANT: Okay.

25 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Health department?

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1 HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Health department  
2 has no objection.  
3 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Neighborhood Services.  
4 DNS: Hold for occupancy.  
5 CHAIRMAN BOHL: There is no police  
6 report. Mr. Giannopoulos, I'm going to cut to  
7 the chase. When I went through my - - my folder  
8 yesterday, I had folded this over, yesterday  
9 night I intended to call you, had forgotten to do  
10 so. This location is currently in the 15th  
11 Aldermanic District, Alderman Nardelli's  
12 district.  
13 THE APPLICANT: Yes.  
14 CHAIRMAN BOHL: It will be drawn into  
15 my district come early April.  
16 THE APPLICANT: Okay.  
17 CHAIRMAN BOHL: I have not had an  
18 opportunity to sit down with you to discuss what  
19 your intentions are here. I'm assuming which - -  
20 which loca - - which location are you looking to  
21 go into?  
22 THE APPLICANT: It's the old Denny's.  
23 It's a family restaurant.  
24 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay.  
25 THE APPLICANT: It doesn't have a bar,

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1 just a service bar.  
2 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Is that - - Is  
3 that all that you are seeking at this point, is  
4 the ability to serve beer and wine at the table?  
5 THE APPLICANT: No, no, no. And  
6 liquor.  
7 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay.  
8 THE APPLICANT: At the table.  
9 CHAIRMAN BOHL: You want to be able to  
10 serve liquor at the table.  
11 THE APPLICANT: And beer and wine.  
12 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Is it your intention to  
13 have a full-fledged sit-down bar?  
14 THE APPLICANT: No. No sit down.  
15 CHAIRMAN BOHL: So that is - - That is  
16 what would come under normally the constraints of  
17 what is called a service bar. A service bar  
18 would allow for waiters, waitresses, servers, to  
19 take drinks that are prepared at a small service  
20 bar to and from the table.  
21 THE APPLICANT: If somebody's coming in  
22 for a drink, I'd like to serve them.  
23 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And this would be a  
24 typical family style restaurant?  
25 THE APPLICANT: Yes, a family style

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1 restaurant.  
2 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Okay. When are  
3 you planning - - Are you in yet or are you - -  
4 THE APPLICANT: Ready to open next  
5 week.  
6 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Sounds wonderful to me.  
7 MR. SCHRIMPF: Mr. Chair.  
8 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Schrimpf.  
9 MR. SCHRIMPF: Mr. Giannopoulos, I  
10 recall that same last name being affiliated with  
11 an entity known as The Blue Canary on the south  
12 side of town. That wasn't you or any of your  
13 portions of the family?  
14 THE APPLICANT: I never - - I don't  
15 know what you are talking about.  
16 MR. SCHRIMPF: Your intention is to - -  
17 is to maintain this operation as a restaurant.  
18 THE APPLICANT: It is a restaurant.  
19 MR. SCHRIMPF: And to keep it as a  
20 restaurant.  
21 THE APPLICANT: I mean, we - - we fixed  
22 it as a restaurant. It's a family restaurant.  
23 It's going to have breakfast, lunch, dinner.  
24 MR. SCHRIMPF: Correct. And - -  
25 THE APPLICANT: And a small service

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1 bar.  
2 MR. SCHRIMPF: Right.  
3 THE APPLICANT: That just serves to  
4 tables.  
5 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay. And you do not  
6 intend to ever to have any kind of entertainment  
7 license at this location?  
8 THE APPLICANT: No, no. It's a  
9 restaurant.  
10 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Well, I will just tell  
11 you that under my watch that won't happen, so.  
12 MR. SCHRIMPF: Just wanted to make  
13 sure.  
14 CHAIRMAN BOHL: That's fine, Mister - -  
15 You ought to know not to doubt me on that. I - -  
16 I would be happy to. I'll wind up giving you a  
17 call. Mr. Giannopoulos, I just need it on the  
18 record here, you are - - you are willfully  
19 willing to - - to amend your application here to  
20 have it changed to a service bar only  
21 application? That would allow for the - - the  
22 same thing you're talking about, the drinks to be  
23 carried to the tables by the - - by a server, by  
24 waiter or waitress. Is that correct?  
25 THE APPLICANT: All alcohol drinks,

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1 correct.  
2 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Correct. But it would  
3 be - -  
4 THE APPLICANT: That's fine.  
5 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. So that he is  
6 amending that here. With that, I don't have any  
7 - - any objections, but I will be contacting you.  
8 So look forward to getting a phone call from me.  
9 Alderman Witkowski, questions?  
10 ALDERMAN WITKOWSKI: I'll move  
11 approval.  
12 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. The motion by  
13 Alderman Witkowski is to move approval of this  
14 application. Is there any objection to that?  
15 MR. COPELAND: Excuse me, Mr. Chair. I  
16 think the motion should include service bar only.  
17 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. We'll make that  
18 a motion to approve the application for a service  
19 bar only Class B establishment. Hearing no  
20 objection to that, so ordered.  
21 THE APPLICANT: Am I getting the right  
22 to still sell it or, I mean liquor.  
23 CHAIRMAN BOHL: That is - - That is  
24 correct, and this is just a recommendation to  
25 come before the - - the Council. So if you're up

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1 and operating, don't do it before the second, but  
2 I'll be in touch with you before then. Okay?

3 MR. SCHRIMPF: Actually, Mr. Chairman,  
4 don't do it until you have the license in hand.

5 CHAIRMAN BOHL: And - - And that's  
6 correct. And that it's plastered somewhere on  
7 the wall where it's very visible for our men and  
8 women in blue here to see.

9 THE APPLICANT: March 2nd, okay?

10 CHAIRMAN BOHL: You'll - - You can come  
11 down to the Licensing Division on March 2nd in  
12 the afternoon on the first floor here and pick it  
13 up.

14 THE APPLICANT: Thank you.

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Dated this            day of March, 2004

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