



JAMES N. WITKOWIAK
ALDERMAN, 12TH DISTRICT

July 6, 2007

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Members:

Re: Common Council File 070189

Attached are written objections to the renewal, with a 90-day suspension based on the police report and neighborhood objections, of the Class "A" Malt license of Sewak Singh, Agent for "Clybourn Supermarket, LLC" for the premises at 2903 W. Clybourn St. ("Milwaukee Foods") in the 4th aldermanic district. (Committee vote: Ayes: 3, Noes: 2)

This matter will be heard by the full Council at its July 11, 2007 meeting. Pursuant to City Ordinances, a roll call vote will be taken to confirm that all members have read the attached objections.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James N. Witkowiak". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

James N. Witkowiak, Chair
Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members
City Attorney's Office
Common Council/City Clerk – License Division
CCF 070189

Clybourn Supermarket, LLC
Mr. Sewak Singh
730 North 23rd Street, No. 103
Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 933-6608

July 6, 2007

HAND DELIVERED

The Honorable Common Council
of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205, City Hall
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: Renewal of Class "A" Malt License
Agent: Sewak Singh
Corporate Entity: Clybourn Supermarket, LLC
Premises: 2903 West Clybourn Street
Trade Name: Milwaukee Foods

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Honorable Members of the Common Council:

This communication is submitted as the applicant's written objections to the June 28, 2007 report of the Licenses Committee ("hereinafter "Committee"), recommending on a vote of three to two recommending that the Class "A" Malt license held by Sewak Singh be renewed with a ninety (90) day suspension. The applicant requests that these written objections be considered at the Common Council meeting of Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at which time the Committee's recommendations regarding the license suspension will be considered.

The recommendations of the Committee were based upon the synopsis of the Milwaukee Police Department, License Investigation, objecting neighbors, and Alderman Bauman. In the instance of the police report it was indicated that a store clerk sold drug paraphernalia to officers. The store clerk no longer is employed at the store and the citation was never contested by the store clerk. Police officers entered the store requesting grape wraps and were told that no such items were sold there. The officers did purchase two Phillie cigars and indicated when purchasing that he "didn't have much weed to smoke for that!" It is my belief that the store clerk did not understand what the officers meant. The cigar items sold at the store were not illegal items.

During the hearing, the objecting neighbors indicated that they observed drug activity and loitering around the store's entrance. At no time did they provide police reports regarding a complaint for drug activity or loitering. The neighbors did not even contact


Mr. Singh to express their concerns or complaints about such activity. They did state they saw Mr. Singh outside of the store trying to maintain the store's exterior.

Other neighbors testified in support of Mr. Singh license renewal indicating how well he managed the store and how well respected he was. They indicated how he or other employees frequently exited the store to monitor the individual traffic in the area and to maintain the store's appearance. At no time did Mr. Singh condone or allow individuals to loiter outside the store.

Alderman Bauman indicated how he made observations outside the store on a Sunday afternoon in May but at no time contacted Mr. Singh to the complain of loitering or other activities. He did indicate that he had no objection to the store remaining in the area.

It would be totally inequitable to accept the recommendations of the Committee. It is respectfully submitted that notwithstanding the recommendation of the Committee, your Honorable Body vote to renew the Class "A" Malt license application with a 30-day suspension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sewak Singh".

Mr. Sewak Singh