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CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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LICENSES COMMITTEE

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In the Matter of the Class "B" Tavern application for:

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ROGELIO MERCADO SANCHEZ

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TACO RIENDO

1631 W. Mitchell Street

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the above-entitled matter, before the LICENSES

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COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE, on

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the 26th day of July, 2007.

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

2 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: In the 12th
3 District, Rogelio Mercado Sanchez, Class "B"
4 Tavern application for "Taco Riendo" at 1631 West
5 Mitchell Street. And I just want - -

6 ALDERMAN BOHL: Mr. Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: First, I want to
8 ask is there anyone here to testify on that 1631
9 West Mitchell? Okay. We're going to have the
10 - - Come to the table, please. We're going to
11 end up doing the same thing with this one,
12 because right - - when - - after we got this
13 thing, I'm not actually sure how this got on the
14 schedule, but we got some concerns and complaints
15 from people, and we're going to have to do the
16 same thing with this thing, hold it and have a
17 meeting and continue from there.

18 But - - But, sir, you're here. We want
19 to hear - - Identify - - Raise your right hand,
20 so we can swear you in.

21 (Whereupon the witness was sworn.)

22 THE WITNESS: I do.

23 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Name and address
24 for the record, please.

25 THE WITNESS: My name is Gregory West.

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1 I live at 1625 South 17th Street.

2 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: And your
3 testimony, Mr. West.

4 THE WITNESS: Okay. First of all, I
5 would like to state that I'm here on another
6 matter, and I didn't even know about this. And -
7 - until I looked at your agenda. And I've lived
8 where I live for 30 - - over 31 years, and for
9 every - - Now, that - - I know that bar as the
10 Old Knotty Pine - -

11 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Old Knotty Pine.

12 THE WITNESS: - - from way back when,
13 you know. But for every license application,
14 I've always received notice of it. And like I
15 said, I had to find out. I live three-quarters
16 of a block away from that establishment.

17 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Something went
18 wrong with this one, also. So that's - - And I
19 got some phone calls yesterday, and I said we're
20 not - - I - - I'm not comfortable proceeding with
21 it, so.

22 THE WITNESS: Okay.

23 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: But I - - But I
24 want to hear your testimony. And then we'll - -
25 But we'll be scheduling it in September.

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THE WITNESS: Thank you. I, in fact, I didn't even know anything new was going in. They did put a paint job on it. But yesterday there had to be 20 people standing out there last night when I drove to park my car. First of all, I would like clarification as to what this establishment actually is going to be. Whether it's going to be a bar or a restaurant?

CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Supposedly, it's a restaurant.

THE WITNESS: Okay. Well, we know how that - -

CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: I know how that goes.

THE WITNESS: - - how that goes, right.

CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: We just - - We were just talking about that.

THE WITNESS: And I do live, let's say, that - - like I said, three-quarters of a block away, and a few patrons ago there, I mean, establishment owners ago, there was - - there was a bar in there that had big problems with this bar. Mainly, because - - because he - - park - - There is - - You know, Mitchell Street, that's

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1 all business there, and there is very little
2 parking. And so they come down 17th Street and
3 load it up. And I've had problems with beer
4 bottles, and the such. Late night, you know, the
5 weekends, especially, there is, you know, there
6 are people coming back to their - - to their
7 cars, and they're loud, and they're playing the
8 music. They stay there for a while, and then
9 they go.

10 So, I would really like the
11 clarification on this, and if there's going to be
12 another - - another hearing, I would like to be
13 notified.

14 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Yes, it is my hope
15 that the - - that we will hear this on September
16 11th, and in the meantime I think we should have
17 a neighborhood meeting.

18 THE WITNESS: Yeah, we can do - -

19 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Perhaps at the
20 location, and the owner can do the show and tell
21 over there.

22 THE WITNESS: Right.

23 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: I think that would
24 be appropriate.

25 THE WITNESS: One of my concerns is we

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1 do have - - We do have another bar on the other
2 end, right on 17th Street, Pearl and Lapham.

3 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Right.

4 THE WITNESS: And now that bar we've
5 had - - There was a shooting there last year.
6 There was - - The bar was actually closed down
7 for a while, but now it's reopened. And still
8 we're getting the problem there with the people
9 leaving at night, and especially on the weekends.
10 Well, they are closed - - That's limited. You
11 know, limited as to when they're open, their
12 hours of operation. But still, you got the
13 weekends, and that's where you get a lot of that
14 problems. So, that's basically my main concern
15 for this one. I've got other testimony that
16 corresponds with this about it, the real reason
17 I'm here. So that's what I'd like to say for
18 now.

19 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Thank you, Mr.
20 West.

21 THE WITNESS: Thank you for hearing me.

22 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Okay. Mr.
23 Chairman, I move that we hold this matter at the
24 Call of the Chair.

25 ALDERMAN WADE: The motion by Alderman

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1 Witkowiak is to hold this matter at the Call of
2 the Chair. Are there are any objections to that
3 motion? Hearing no objections, so moved.

4 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Thank you. We'll
5 make a note that those transcripts be put as part
6 of the packet when these things are re - - reset
7 for next period.

8 MR. SCHRIMPF: Actually, they have to
9 go with the notice.

10 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: Pardon?

11 MR. SCHRIMPF: The transcripts have to
12 go out with the notices.

13 CHAIRMAN WITKOWIAK: With the notices,
14 okay. So we're - - We're all in agreement on
15 that.

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