

#### **City of Milwaukee**

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#### **Meeting Minutes**

#### LICENSES COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, May 29, 2024

9:00 AM

Committee Room 301-B, City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am

Present 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, Burgelis

**1.** <u>240152</u>

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

#### Sponsors: THE CHAIR

02 CRUMBLE, Phillip A, Disabled Loading Zone License Application at 5712 N 93rd St.

The applicant was not present.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Chambers said that they have tried to get a hold of the applicant without any luck and recommends denial.

Ald. Westmoreland moved denial based upon nonappearance and the aldermanic testimony. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. WESTMORELAND that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

**No** 0

12 MILES, Meghan M, Agent for "STATION 1846 LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining License Applications Requesting Instrumental Musicians and Karaoke for "STATION 1846" at 215 W BRUCE St.

The applicant was present.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Perez said that he received a last minute complaint that he addressed immediately and that he has no objections.

Ald. Spiker moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

#### A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ave 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

12 BLANKS, Nicole A, Agent for "Motherwit LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises License Applications Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Jukebox, Bands, Karaoke, 2 Amusement Machines, Poetry Readings, Patron Contests, Comedy Acts, Patrons Dancing and 1 Pool Table for "The People's Inn" at 1139 W MAPLE St.

The applicant was present and said that she will keep the business model as it is and that she has been updating things in the building as well.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Perez said that this is a long time establishment very popular among Puerto Ricans and that he is glad that the applicant is going to keep the same atmosphere. He recommended approval.

Ald. Westmoreland moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. WESTMORELAND that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

12 RISTIC, Djurdja AND RISTIC-CRUMBLE, Suzana D, Rooming House License Renewal Application Partnership for "Suzana Crumble Djurdja Ristic" at 900 S 4TH St. (Expires 6/30/2024)

The applicants were present over the phone.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Perez said that the complaint on file was the reason why this application was scheduled and which was more a sort of a court issue that was resolved there.

The applicant said that the person who complained was not evicted, that he abandoned the place without notice.

Ald. Perez said that he has no objections.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Spiker moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

04 MILLS, Emerald, Agent for "TURNING TABLES INC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer License Applications Requesting Bands, Karaoke, Poetry Readings and Comedy Acts for "Turning Tables" at 250 E

#### WISCONSIN Av #119.

The applicant was present and said that they are relocating from operating at Turner Hall. She said that she will continue the same business model supporting young entrepreneurs.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Bauman said that he has no objections.

Ald. Burgelis moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

#### A motion was made by ALD. BURGELIS that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

04 KINDER, Jeffrey G, Agent for "HAVEN CAFE LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer License Applications Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Disc Jockey, Bands, Poetry Readings, Patron Contests, Comedy Acts and Patrons Dancing for "HAVEN CAFE LLC" at 1237 N VAN BUREN St.

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Bauman said that the neighborhood meeting has not happened yet and recommended to hold the application.

Ald. Westmoreland moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

#### This Motion was HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

04 BAILEY, Charles, Agent for "Kinn GH LL LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Hotel/Motel License Renewal Applications with Change of Agent and Banquet Hall Change of Hours From Closing at 10PM on Fri&Sat To Close at 1AM on Fri&Sat; AND Loading Zone License Transfer Application with Change of Agent for "Kinn MKE Guesthouse" at 600 N BROADWAY. (Expired 5/2/2024)

The applicant was present and said that there was a meeting with neighbors and decided to modify the hours.

Ald. Burgelis made the motion to that (all hours to be extended an additional hour or):
-Music from the Reception Area speakers located outside can be played until 11:00
pm Sunday through Thursday nights and can be played until 12:00 midnight on Friday
and Saturday nights with no extended hours allowed.

-The Reception Area can host events until 12:00 midnight Sunday through Thursday nights and until 1 am Friday and Saturday nights.

There were no objections.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Bauman said that he has no objections.

Ald. Burgelis moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. BURGELIS that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

04 MONTOYA, Malaquias E, Agent for "Milwaukee Artist Resource Network Inc", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications for "Milwaukee Artist Resource Network" at 191 N BROADWAY #102. (Expired 5/16/2024)

The applicant was present.

Individuals to testify:

Harold Mester 191 N Broadway #208 – said that he has been a neighbor for 10 years and that the applicant has been an outstanding addition to the neighborhood. He added that 4 years ago, he testified worried about the possible noise which it happened, but that the applicant has been an incredible neighbor insulating the place but that there are issues still.

Leann Mester - 191 N Broadway #208 – she continue saying that the live music/concerts are not a good fit and that it is impacting their lives and investment. She said that they support the renewal but that there must be a compromise because the insulation only works for the everyday noise.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Bauman said that this is a residential building (80's) with no concrete floors and commercial use on the first floor. He added that he agrees with the neighbors that sound carries.

The applicant said that the neighbors have communicated with him directly and indirectly and that he has not been contacted by the HOA about him breaking bylaws, etc., and that everything must be handled through the HOA. He also talked about things that he did to mitigate the noise, which he also shared with the neighbors present.

Ald. Spiker asked if it is possible to eliminate the sound amplification system. The applicant said that it is not possible because they need microphones for the artists, etc. because it is a setting like this committee.

Ald. Bauman said that he does not hear any compromise and that this is a residential building and that neighbors are taking care of their investment and quality of life.

Ald. Burgelis asked if the sound amplification system was part of the business since he started.

The applicant said that it has been there since the beginning. He added that he can move in direction of sound proofing the place but that they must be allowed to do business because of the significant investment. He also said that they have compromised with the hours of operation already by closing at 9 pm.

Mr. Mester said for the record that the entertainment supposed to be only 10% of the sales and that is not the closing hours but that the noise during the day hours when his wife is working from home.

Ald. Westmoreland moved to hold the application to the call of the chair for a further discussion. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

06 TATUM, Baboonie, Agent for "Rise & Grind Cafe, LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications Requesting to Add Disc Jockey, Comedy Acts and Patrons Dancing for "Rise & Grind Cafe" at 2737 N Martin L King Jr DR. (Expired 5/14/2024)

The applicant was present and waived her right on receiving the hearing notice by mail. She said that she was made aware of by Ald. Coggs' office.

Regarding the item on the police report, the applicant explained that there is a door between her establishment and the apartment area, which gets broken from time to time. She added that they were advised to set up surveillance cameras.

No neighbors were present for testify.

Individuals also present:

Ms. Dantzler (LAS for Ald. Coggs) said that they have no objections. Ald. Pratt moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

06 ENGELBRECHT, Jesse A., Tattoo and Body Piercing License Renewal Application with Change of Hours From Opening at 11AM Tue-Sat; To Open at 9AM and Close at 7PM Mon-Sat for "Mania Ink" at 1810 N MARTIN L KING JR DR. (Expires 6/30/2024)

The applicant was not present.

Individuals also present:

Mr. Cooney said that the applicant contacted the License Division and that he withdrew the suggested hours. He added that there is no holds nor police report so the committee can make a motion.

Ald. Zamarripa asked if Ald. Coggs is fine with what Mr. Cooney just mentioned.

Ms. Dantzler (LAS for Ald. Coggs) said that she has no objections.

Ald. Westmoreland moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. WESTMORELAND that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

06 MAVRKIS, Faiz N, Agent for "North Side Meat Mart LLC", Class A Fermented Malt, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures License Renewal Applications for "North Side Meat Mart" at 3004 N 12th St. (Expired 5/26/2024)

The applicant was present along with Mr. Kiteri (Manager) - 1509 S 36th St.

Mr. Kiteri said that the incident on the police report was an accident.

Individuals also present:

Ms. Dantzler asked if the person involved in the incident was a regular at the store.

Mr. Kiteri said that he is from the neighborhood and that he never saw him acting like that before.

Ms. Dantzler asked if they called the police.

Mr. Kiteri said that they did.

Ald. Spiker asked if the shooter was associated to the store.

Mr. Kiteri said that he was just a customer.

No neighbors were present to testify.

Ms. Dantzler said that Ald. Coggs asks the applicant to continue cooperating with MPD and recommended approval with a warning letter.

Ald. Westmoreland recommended approval with a warning letter based on the police report. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

#### A motion was made by ALD. WESTMORELAND that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

06 SINGH, Sukhchain, Agent for "Fateh 1 Inc.", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor and Weights & Measures License Renewal Applications for "Jack's Liquor" at 3565-67 N Teutonia Av. (Expires 7/1/2024)

The applicant was present along with Atty. Maistelman.

Atty. Maistelman said that this item on the police report has nothing to do with the business and that they cooperated with the police by providing the surveillance video. There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ms. Dantzler said that Ald. Coggs recommends approval.

Ald. Burgelis moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

#### A motion was made by ALD. BURGELIS that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

06 BHULLAR, Rajbir S, Agent for "BHULLAR TWO CORP", Class A Fermented Malt, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures License Renewal Applications for "Keefe Food Mart" at 103 E KEEFE Av. (Expires 6/7/2024)

The applicant was present and said that the customer was inside the store after hours and that it was their mistake leaving the customer there. He added that now they close at 8:50 pm to avoid that mistake again. He also said that the citation was dismissed. Sgt. Velasquez confirmed that the citation was dismissed.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ms. Dantzler said that the applicant must make sure to check ids and that Ald. Coggs recommends approval.

Ald. Spiker moved approval with a warning letter based on the police report and applicant testimony. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

#### A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

06 RAMADAN, Basim, Agent for "A & R Foods LLC", Food Dealer License Renewal Application Adding Stockholder for "A & R Foods" at 400 E Burleigh St. (Expired 4/15/2024)

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Westmoreland moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

Ald. Westmoreland moved to reconsider the application at 12:03 pm. There were no objections.

The applicant was present and said that the person on the police report is going

through difficult times, also a homeless and that they help him with water, food and medication.

Neighbor present:

Josephine Kay – 3146 N Buffum St – said that she is in support of this business because they have followed the plan set for them. She added that the issue is outside the business with young people loitering and that the corner is a freeway. Individuals also present:

Ms. Dantzler asked the applicant to be diligent and call the police if outside issues elevate. She added that Ald. Coggs recommended approval with a warning letter based on the police report.

Ald. Pratt moved approval with a warning letter. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

06 LOPEZ, Kevin I, Agent for "Legends Towing, LLC", Recycling, Salvaging, or Towing Premises License Renewal Application for "Legends Towing" at 3950 N HOLTON St. (Expired 5/9/2024)

The applicant was present along with Atty. Erica N. Young.

Atty. Young said that her client recognizes the calls for service on the police report, that there are no criminal charges in result of any of the incidents, that the nature of the service that the company offers could lead to unpleasant verbal exchanges between employees and customers but that they have hired a new manager and a security company to facilitate the exchange between the parts.

Ald. Burgelis asked if the security company is the only one interacting with customers. Atty. Young said that it would be Kevin Scholz as well.

Ald. Burgelis asked if it is customary to use dogs to intimidate customers.

The applicant said that the dog lives there and that it runs free in the lot and that the dog came when heard the confrontation.

Ald. Pratt asked if Mr. Arias has been trained because he seems to be the problem here.

The applicant said Mr. Arias has been placed on the back but that he is an excellent tow driver.

Ald. Spiker asked if Mr. Arias is a stockholder.

The applicant said that he and Mr. Arias' fiancée are the stockholders (50% 50%).

Ald. Spiker asked when all those changes that Atty. Young mentioned were made. The applicant said that at the end of 2023.

Ald. Spiker pointed out that there have been issues even after the changes that the applicant mentioned.

Atty. Young said that Mr. Arias has cooperated with MPD and that she has a letter from a MPD officer supporting it.

Ald. Spiker said that Mr. Arias probably cooperates after he cools down.

Ald. Burgelis said that Mr. Arias without being a stockholder is hurting the business and asked the applicant how does he feels about that.

The applicant said that it does not feel good but that they have been working on procedures to avoid confrontations with customers.

Ald. Burgelis asked if the other drivers have the same issues as Mr. Arias.

The applicant said that he would need to look it up.

Officer Benitez was sworn in and said that on the date of the Van Buren incident, Mr. Lopez told him at that time, that he had nothing to do with the business. He added that

he asked Mr. Lopez if he filed the proper paperwork to reflect the changes on the license and that Mr. Lopez said that he did not.

Ms. Dantzler asked the applicant what he does exactly day to day and to explain his roll as 50% stockholder.

The applicant explained that at the beginning he was involved on the day to day operations but not anymore.

Mr. Arias was sworn in and said that he has never been charged for anything related to the police report and that whatever is written on the report, is the officer's version and not the actual facts. He added that he always asks to talk with a supervisor because police officers do not know about the procedures that this type of business follow and, that it has been taken as that he does not cooperate at the moment. Mr. Arias said that he recognizes that there have been situations where there is a conflict with the customer and that it is when the applicant and his own fiancée come to help.

Ms. Dantzler asked if they have price list set in order to avoid discrepancies.

Mr. Arias said that they do and that the lot insurance does not allow uninsured drivers to drive in the lot so they need to tow the car out or ask the driver to have it tow it out and; that prices are posted.

There were no people in objection or present to testify.

Ald. Spiker said that there were 2 incidences about people brandishing a hand gun. Mr. Arias said that he does not have a hand gun and that he does not know the people who brandished the gun at the gate (regarding the item on the police report) and; that he could not open the gate because the people were there and the dog was running freely in the lot. He also said that the dog is trained to take care of the property.

Ald. Zamarripa asked why he got all those non consensual citations.

Mr. Arias said that he did not know the protocol.

Ald. Burgelis asked if they are contesting some of those citations.

Atty. Young said that another attorney is doing it and that the case is pending still.

Ms. Dantzler asked Mr. Arias if he could step back from the business operations.

Mr. Arias said that it is a smart thing to do and that is why they hired Nick and the security company. He added that he is taking care of the lot and the tow trucks.

Ms. Dantzler asked if they could include this testimony in the plan of operations.

Ald. Spiker moved to include in the plan of operations that Mr. Arias won't deal with the public and won't do the non consensual towing. There were no objections.

Ald. Westmoreland moved to accept the two documents about the hiring of the Iron

Aid. Westmoreland moved to accept the two documents about the nining of the Iron Gate Security and Nicholas Engan at the front desk and; Sergeant Wilder's statement. There were no objections.

Ald. Zamarripa asked Mr. Arias if the security company is licensed and bonded. Mr. Arias answered that it is.

Ms. Dantzler said that the applicant must work on not to match the customers' emotions so they do not feel threaten or unhappy. She added that they need to cooperate with MPD and recommended a warning letter.

Ald. Westmoreland moved approval with a warning letter based on the police report and applicant testimony and to hold issuance until the payment capability has been changed to be in compliance with the forms of payment as it is required by ordinance. (2 ayes 3 nos)

The motion failed.

Ald. Spiker said that there is a lack of management with a great impact on public safety and moved approval with a 30 day suspension based upon the preponderance of the evidence on the police report and the applicant, Mr. Arias and MPD testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public; and to hold issuance until the payment capability has been changed to be in compliance with the forms of payment as it is required by ordinance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be AMENDED. This

#### motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

10 MAYS, Kenneth L, Agent for "Five Corner Fish Market, LLC", Class B Tavern and Food Dealer License Applications for "Five Corner Fish Market" at 6016 W LISBON Av.

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Westmoreland moved to hold the application to the call of the chair upon first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

#### A motion was made by ALD. WESTMORELAND that this Motion be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

10 MONREAL, Nicolas S, Agent for "ENCORE, INC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications for "MONREAL'S ENCORE" at 101 S DANA Ct. (Expires 6/30/2024)

The applicant was present along with Atty. Aaron Hall.

Atty. Hall said that this is a 50 year family business with trained staff and that the staff could not retrieve the surveillance video but that the applicant shared it with the police later. He added that everything was a dumb talk.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Moore said that she reached out to the applicant and that this was an incident where the patron was the one who caused the problem and not the other way around and that she feels comfortable moving forward with the license.

Ald. Spiker moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

05 PEREZ, Elvin L, Agent for "Chicanos LLC", Food Dealer and Food Peddler License Applications for "Chicanos" at 8415 W BURLEIGH St.

The applicant was present along with his business partner, Patrick May.

The applicant said that the items on the police report belong to the past and that he has made everything to change his life around and to make his mother proud.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Spiker asked what happened to the applicant in order to change his life around. The applicant said that he lost loved ones due drugs and growing up, that he is getting more disciplined.

Ald. Westmoreland moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. WESTMORELAND that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ave 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

05 BAKER, James, Agent for "Speedway LLC", Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures License Renewal Applications for "Speedway #4123" at 8431 W Appleton Av. (Expired 3/20/2024)

Atty. Randall appeared on behalf of the applicant along with Mr. Mahmoud (District Manager).

Atty. Randall said that they worked with Ald. Westmoreland on a plan of operations that was set up at the beginning of April and that having the provisional license allowed them to practice the new plan.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Westmoreland said that this store was the dirtiest in his district and that he wants to express that it is a model now and that he hopes other businesses do the same. He added that he appreciates what they did.

Ald. Westmoreland moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. WESTMORELAND that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

14 NGUYEN, Loan M, Agent for "ROLL UP INC.", Class B Fermented Malt, Class C Wine and Food Dealer License Applications for "ROLL UP" at 2144-46 S KINNICKINNIC Av.

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Spiker moved to hold the application to the call of the chair upon first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

14 PARK, Madalynn E, Agent for "17th Ward, LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises License Applications Requesting Instrumental Musicians and Disc Jockey for "17th Ward Cocktail Lounge" at 2150 S KINNICKINNIC Av.

The applicant was present and said that she was irresponsible when she was 18 years old. She added that she has working in the service industry for some time, that she is part of the Bay View community and wants to incorporate a warm business with alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks.

No neighbors were present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ms. Williams (LAS for Ald. Dimitrijevic) said that they did not received neighborhood objections and recommends approval.

Ald. Burgelis moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. BURGELIS that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ave 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

14 BARNETT, Peter A, Agent for "Family Dollar Stores of Wisconsin LLC", Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "Family Dollar #26293" at 3045 S 13TH St. (Expired 5/26/2024)

Atty. Josh Gimbel appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Logan Rambaugh (District Manager)

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ms. Williams said that they reached out to Atty. Gimbel for some responses and that they received what they needed.

Ald. Dimitrijevic said that they also reached out to the district's captain as well and asked Mr. Rambaugh if they are going to take care of the littering and debris on the parking lot.

Mr. Rambaugh said that this a managed property and that they will also monitor the parking lot twice/day. He added that he can be reached out for any questions or issues that the district may have.

Ald. Dimitrijevic recommended a warning letter.

Ald. Westmoreland moved approval with a warning letter based on the police report. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. WESTMORELAND that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

No 0

14 MALACARA, Mario C, Agent for "Blackwood Bros Restaurant and Social Club LLC", Class B Tavern and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications for "Cholo Power" at 3001 S KINNICKINNIC Av. (Expired 5/9/2024)

The applicant was present along with Atty. Maistelman and said that they have no comments on the police report.

There were no neighbors present to testify. The names of the objectors were read out loud.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Dimitrijevic said that they held a community meeting and that she is working on the legislation for business transfers. She added that this business was closed because the renewal application was filed late and that after the neighborhood meeting; she approved a provisional license for food only. She added that the applicant has responded well to her office and the meeting.

Ald. Spiker said that he noted very similar language used on the objections.

Ald. Dimitrijevic said that the summary of the meeting was added to the file.

Atty. Maistelman said that they will be doing business with a different trade name "Inca Peru Cuisine".

Ald. Spiker moved to amend the trade name to "Inca Peru Cuisine". There were no objections.

Atty. Maistelman said that the "other" Mario was a chef and had nothing to do with the business operations and that he is no longer the chef.

The applicant said that they want to be good neighbors and that they have put a lot on money in the building to prove it.

Ald. Westmoreland moved to amend the application to conclude the outdoor music at

10pm every day.

Ald. Dimitrijevic asked who the manager is.

The applicant said he will be the manager and that he will be there everyday.

Ald. Dimitrijevic said that she asked the neighbors to show some events that were posted on social media outside the scope of the license.

The applicant said that he is surviving with food only and that no events have been held since that day that the loud music was played.

Ald. Westmoreland moved approval with a warning letter based on the police report. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. WESTMORELAND that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

01 SPIGEL, Jonathan, Agent for "Seven Stars Auto Parts, LLC", Secondhand Motor Vehicle Dealer's License Renewal Application for "Wrench N Go" at 3520-3626 W Mill Rd. (Expired 4/18/2024)

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Burgelis moved to hold the application to the call of the chair upon first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

## A motion was made by ALD. BURGELIS that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

01 ABUINAAJ, Rateb A, Agent for "HEBA, LLC", Extended Hours Establishments License Application To Close at 2AM Mon-Sat for Delivery and Online Orders Only for "Chicken & Grill House Restaurant" at 3526 W SILVER SPRING DR.

The applicant was present. He said that he applied in 2021 and was denied and; that he wanted to try now that there is a new alderperson in office.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Pratt said that the applicant was very patient and that they both figure out what is best for the community and that she hopes that the applicant thrives.

Ald. Pratt moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

The meeting paused at 1:35 pm
The meeting reconvened at 1:56 pm

# A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

CLEMENTE SANCHEZ, Dagoberto, Agent for "Clemente's Construction LLC", Home Improvement Contractor's License Application for "Clemente's Construction LLC" at 4770 N 40TH St #LOWER.

The applicant was present along with Greta Garcia as interpreter. Sgt. Velasquez confirmed that the fines have been taken care of. Individuals also present:

Ald. Pratt Moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

#### A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

08 ABDELAL, Saed F, Agent for "ABDELAL, LLC", Class A Fermented Malt and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications for "GRANT MARKET" at 2100 W GRANT St. (Expired 5/14/2024)

The applicant was present and said that he never had an issue before and that he was handling a phone call at the same time that he was making the sale. He said that he made a mistake.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Zamarripa said that the applicant was transparent and that she appreciates the fact that the applicant has acknowledged his mistake and moved approval with a warning letter based on the police report. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

## A motion was made by ALD. ZAMARRIPA that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ave 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

03 KOVACOVICH, JR, Jeffrey A, Agent for "KOALA DK LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining License Applications Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Disc Jockey, Jukebox, Bands, Karaoke and 5 Amusement Machines for "Nomad World Pub" at 1401 E Brady St.

The applicant was present and explained that this is a partnership with more eyes and ears on it.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Brostoff said that he has no objections.

Ald. Burgelis moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

#### A motion was made by ALD. BURGELIS that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

03 MORRAR, Mohammad, Agent for "Local Brady LLC", Extended Hours Establishments and Food Dealer License Applications Requesting to Close at 2AM Everyday for "Brady St Pizza" at 1415 E BRADY St.

The applicant was present.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Brostoff asked that the application be held for a further conversation. He added that the applicant missed the first hearing.

Ald. Pratt moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Motion be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ave 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

03 STOKES, Ronald A, Agent for "Roaring Fork LLC", Extended Hours Establishments, Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining License Renewal Applications for "Qdoba Mexican Eats" at 1348 E Brady St. (Expired 5/8/2024)

The applicant was present.

The applicant said that they never received the evidence of the razor blade and that there is a discrepancy because they don't know where it came from or who provided the complaint. He added that the Health Department asked to remove box cutters from the establishment which they have done since then.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Brostoff asked if the razor blade was part of a kitchen utensil used at the store. The applicant said that they were not missing a razor blade of any variety, that they saw the photo but never received the evidence and; that none of the instruments at the store were missing a blade. He questioned if the razor blade was from the store but said they are using scissors to cut boxes.

Ald. Brostoff said that on the larger version of the police report says that the razor was an exact match to the razor inside the box cutters at the store.

Ald. Spiker read the police report that Ald. Brostoff made a reference and asked the applicant what was the in discrepancy.

The applicant said that he does not know if the razor blade belongs to the restaurant. Ald. Westmoreland asked what happens if they find out that an employee has a box cutter.

The applicant said that they will remove the object and let the employee know that box cutters are not allowed.

Ald. Westmoreland asked if there are safety procedures to check that no sharp items feel into the food.

The applicant said that there are procedures in place and that they no longer have razor blades in inventory.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Brostoff said that luckily no one was hurt but that he recommends a 10 day suspension in order to correct the situation from ever happening again and for the answers made by the applicant.

Ald. Burgelis asked if the staff will be put in training or on unpaid leave.

The applicant said that the staff has been trained, that they have removed the box cutters and that there are no other pieces with blades at the store. He added that a 10 day suspension is a severe action on a business with a clean and long record. He also said that this suspension will affect the employees and customers as well and that he has not considered any actions yet to find hours for this establishment's employees at other locations.

Ald. Spiker moved approval with a 10 day suspension based upon the preponderance of the evidence of the police report, the health report, the applicant and aldermanic testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health safety or welfare of the public. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

03 MARSH, Jeffrey, Agent for "Nashville North, LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications with Change of Hours From Opening at 12PM and Closing at 11PM Sun-Wed and 12AM on Thu; To Open at 11 Everyday and Close at 12AM Sun-Wed; at 1AM on Thu for "Nashville North" at 1216 E BRADY St. (Expired 5/14/2024)

The applicant was present and said that he verbally warned the bartender regarding serving underage patrons, that they have confiscated over 100 ids and that they take these matters seriously in reference of the police report items. He also commented that they held a neighborhood meeting.

Individuals in opposition:

Kevin Glowicki – said that he went undercover to investigate sexual harassment at this establishment and that nothing has happened. He added that there is a lot a materials and that he has not received calls from MPD or the City's Attorney.

Ald. Spiker asked the witness to provide first hand testimony.

The witness said that he witnessed underage drinking and underage patrons at least 15 times on the 4 months that he was there.

Ald. Spiker said that they need the first hand evidence as well and asked if he can provide evidence of his accusations.

The witness said that only if there is a subpoena.

Ald. Spiker said that this is not a court of law.

No neighbors were present to testify.

Ald. Brostoff said that the rational for holding this item before was to find out more about the severity of accusations made by the witness and that no one came forward and nothing else happened. He added that we are here because there is no evidence and recommended approval with a warning letter.

Ald. Spiker moved approval with a warning letter based on the police report. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

13 JABER, Abdel Hamid M, Agent for "Zain's LLC", Secondhand Motor Vehicle Dealer's License Application for "All State Motors" at 5022 S 27th St.

The applicant was present.

No neighbors were present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Pratt asked if there are going to be any cars in there.

The applicant said that it will be an auction to auction or auction to dealer operations. Ald. Spiker said that the application is not consistent and wants to clarify if it's or not a wholesale operation.

The applicant said that it is a wholesale operation and that his car will be parked there when he is using the office space.

Ald. Spiker moved to amend the plan of operations to not to park vehicles in the back. There were no objections.

Ald. Spiker moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ave 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

13 PILLER, Jeffrey J, Agent for "All City Towing LLC", Recycling, Salvaging, or Towing Premises License Transfer Application Adding 14 Vehicles for "All City Towing" at 1213 W MALLORY Av. (Expired 2/27/2024)

The applicant was present.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Spiker moved to hold the application to the call of the chair in order to have a field trip to check the premises. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

13 PATEL, Narendra M, Agent for "Yogeshwar, LLC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor License Renewal Application for "Discount Cigarette & Beer" at 5320 S 27th St. (Expired 4/18/2024)

The applicant was present along with Atty. Maistelman and his son Mr. Patel.

Atty. Maistelman said that the item on the police report speaks for itself.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Spiker asked if the business still closed today.

The applicant said that it is closed.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Spiker said that this business has filed late the renewal 4 times and wants to bring this matter to the applicant's attention because it is a lot done when applicants don't do their diligences. He also asked the applicant to take care of the littering. The applicant said that he is willing to amend the plan of operations to three cleanups per day.

Ald. Spiker moved to amend the plan of operations to three cleanups per day. There were no objections.

Ald. Spiker moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

#### A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

13 AL-ZALLOUM, Salah-Aldean Y, Agent for "Salzal LLC", Secondhand Motor Vehicle Dealer's License Application for "Infinity Motor Sports" at 4828 S 13TH St #B.

The applicant was present along with Atty. Maistelman and Greg Schall (building owner).

Mr. Schall said that it will be an online based operation with no vehicles, banners, etc. There were no neighbors present to testify.

The applicant said that he would like to amend the application by having two spots for cars in, two spot for cars out and three spots for employees/customers.

Ald. Spiker moved to amend the application under the zoning by having two spots for

cars in, two spot for cars out and three spots for employees/customers.

Ald. Spiker moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

## A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

07 MOSELY, Dialo T, Agent for "Nic's Towing & Salvage, LLC", Recycling, Salvaging, or Towing Premises License Application Requesting Non-Consensual Towing for "Nic's Towing & Salvage" at 3204 N 32nd St

The applicant was present over the phone and said that he served 3 years in jail and 3 years in probation and that he still under 3 years of follow up for the first item on the police report. He added that item 2 was wrongly tied.

Ald. Jackson said that he encourages the applicant to move on but that if any of the matters on the police report return, they will have a direct effect on the license.

The applicant acknowledged Ald. Jackson's statement.

Sgt. Velasquez confirmed that the item 2 was wrongly tied to the applicant.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Jackson recommended approval with a warning letter.

Ald. Burgelis moved approval with a warning letter based on the police report. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

#### A motion was made by ALD. BURGELIS that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ave 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

07 WADE, Christopher, Agent for "Crave BBQ Restaurant LLC", Class B Tavern and Food Dealer License Applications for "Crave BBQ" at 4923-25 W FOND DU LAC Av.

The applicant was present and explained some changes on the floor plan.

Mr. Cooney said that the changes are not reflected on the floor plan and suggested to hold the item.

Ald. Jackson said that he is fine holding the item.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Ald. Pratt moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Motion be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

07 KELTON, Candace A, Agent for "Lux6 On North Hall & Lounge LLC", Public Entertainment Premises, Extended Hours Establishments and Food Dealer License Applications Requesting Disc Jockey, Karaoke, Poetry Readings and Patrons Dancing for "Lux6 Off The Ave Restaurant" at 3710 W BURLEIGH St.

The applicant was present along with Sharita Kelton.

The applicant said that the item on the police report was about her reaction when his

son was being attacked by several kids at school.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Jackson said that he tried to get a hold of the applicant with no luck.

The applicant said that she called the office three times with no luck back in February and March and that as a matter of fact, they had prepared a presentation for the alderperson.

Ald. Jackson asked to hold the application in order to do his diligences. Neighbors in opposition:

Magnolia - 3080 N 38th St – said that they have held two events so far and that there is a lot of noise, motorcycles, and that people is hanging out on the back. She added that she has lived there for more than 40 years and that she never had an issue before.

Annette – 3079 N 37th St – said that she has been asking patrons to allow her to use her driveway and that they have been picking up garbage since those events.

Ald. Burgelis asked if the events that the neighbors have referenced happened at their location.

The applicant said that they held a personal event with a 45 guests.

Mr. Cooney said that if there is no occupancy permit, no one should be there and that changes are coming up for private events at state level.

Ald. Westmoreland moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

#### A motion was made by ALD. WESTMORELAND that this Motion be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

07 PYLES, Robert B., Extended Hours Establishments and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications for "MC DONALD'S" at 4925 W HAMPTON Av. (Expired 12/31/2023)

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Burgelis moved to hold the application to the call of the chair upon first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

### A motion was made by ALD. BURGELIS that this Motion be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

07 SPENCER, Mario A, Agent for "Infinity Lounge LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications Requesting 4 Amusement Machines, Patron Contests and Dancing by Performers for "Infinity Lounge" at 4001 W FOND DU LAC Av. (Expired 3/21/2024)

The applicant was present along with Atty. Maistelman

Atty. Maistelman acknowledged receiving the hearing notice but objected to the hearing because his client received the notice over the holiday weekend and that his client got no chance to prepare for the hearing or talk to him and Atty. Bobot until yesterday. He added that they are not prepared to move on with the hearing.

Mr. Cooney said that the hearing notice was mailed out on May 17th to the applicant's home address as requested by the applicant due problems with receipt of mail.

The applicant said that he received Ald. Jackson's call on Wednesday saying that the

application had been scheduled for today but that he did not receive the envelope until Saturday.

Ald. Spiker asked Mr. Cooney if the records indicate that we mailed the notice out seven days prior to the hearing.

Mr. Cooney answered "yes".

Ald. Zamarripa asked if there were any persons present to testify.

Some people raised their hand.

Ald. Spiker asked the City Attorney if the city was in any legal jeopardy given the facts that the notice was sent out seven days prior, that the local alderperson took the extra step of notifying the applicant over the phone (when he could have called his attorney immediately after the call) but the mail did not arrived until Saturday.

The attorney said that he would not think so.

Ald. Zamarripa recognized that Ald. Jackson reached out to the applicant a week ago and that he was faster than the mail.

Ald. Burgelis asked the applicant if he brought the envelope to check the mail stamp's date.

The applicant said that he did not bring it with him.

Ald. Jackson said that the City of Milwaukee made the proper diligences and that he would like to proceed.

Atty. Maistelman said that they are in court right now suing the City and that they got an induction preventing the City from shutting this business down and that the induction still pending. He added that the application as held in committee to wait for the court's decision. He added that if the City tries to shut them down, they are allowed to stay open.

Atty. Gresham said that the 60 day injunction is for the previous year not for this one. Atty. Farris said that he disagrees with Atty. Maistelman and that the injunction is for the previous licensing period.

Atty. Gresham said that there is no issues with the notice stand point and agreed with Ald. Zamarripa to take a vote to proceed with the hearing.

Ald. Westmoreland moved to take a vote to hear the application.

The motion was supported by all the members. (Prevailed 5-0)

The police report was read.

The applicant asked the committee how they wanted him to address the items on the police report.

Atty. Maistelman asked the applicant if there is an explanation or any knowledge that he has that is not on the police report.

The applicant said that a lot of the stuff is one person calling and when the police officers come, nothing has happened. He also said that for:

Item 7 – said that a girl working as bartender got incapacitated and that the security escorted her out and she spit on the guard's face and that he told the police not to give her a ticket for spitting.

Item 8 – said that they never made it to the bar, they waited outside the bar and that he provided a video of that. He added that it ended up with two victims getting cuts.

Item 9 – said that nothing happened because he was in compliance with the capacity. Item 10 – said that they refused the entrance to the 2 intoxicated people.

Item 11 – said that there were no gun shots and that he provided with the video as well. Ald. Spiker asked the Chair how she wants to proceed because it is a lengthy police report and we cannot hear each explanation on top of the questions that the committee may have.

Ald. Zamarripa asked the applicant to give remarks or statement about the police report.

The applicant said that most of the calls are bogus except for three. He added that he hired a security company that was still working for another establishment; for the 1/17 event, he said that his security guard returned fire at three people in a vehicle that

were shooting at each other. He added that they received two guns from the people who were denied entry and returned with ski masks. He also said that the video shows the guys going back to their vehicle to get the guns and came back shooting his security guard. He also mentioned that the police let everybody go and then talked to him and retrieve the video from him. He said that for the other shooting occurred on 4/20, the security officer was let go right away. He added that there were a bunch of high school kids who were refused to get in. He also said that for item 38, those people were everywhere out and that MPD has the video. He explained that there are food trucks too and that for every call, they just use his address.

Ald. Zamarripa asked the applicant if with the exception of the instances of January 17, April 20 and May 12, the rest is bogus.

The applicant said "yes".

The applicant also mentioned that he never received a citation in regards to the situation about the neighbor's son pointing at him with a gun and that MPD has the video as well.

Sgt. Velasquez said that the report said that he was issued a citation but they did not found one when they looked for it.

Ald. Spiker said that it is true that in some cases there is no fight or shooting but that there were cases where the applicant denied that there was a fight or that shooting is not related to his business but that he is concerned about why this business is drowning these types of behaviors which are not good for the neighborhood.

The applicant said that he is being blamed of what happens outside when there are two businesses and food trucks too with customers.

Ald. Spiker said that neighbors are noticing that things have changed in the neighborhood since this business is there and that the applicant says the opposite while there are fights, shootings and crowds that the neighborhood did not experience before.

The applicant that his business is not the only business there and that he has asked for the police's presence there.

Ald. Spiker asked the applicant if he is just saying that he has 4 armed security guards just in case something happens because it is peaceful place.

The applicant said that he is trying to prevent them.

Ald. Spiker read the long version of the January 17, 2024 item where the applicant was delaying MPD's action and that video shows a muzzle flash coming from a gun held by the security guard.

The applicant said that his security guards are marked, that he has two different camera footages and that one can only be seen on his telephone. He added that he was not blocking the screen but holding the telephone. He also said that he was told to pay his employees first and to show the video after. He also said that the detectives never came in.

Ald. Spiker noted that the call did not come from Infinity Lounge but from one of the victims who arrived to the hospital.

The applicant said that they did not have time and that everything happened right away. Ald. Spiker said that there is a discrepancy between the police report and what the applicant says and that he would like to hear from the police officers present here to testify.

Ald. Zamarripa said that Parking Enforcement is here to testify and that she would like to hear from them as they need to leave soon.

Tom Woznick – said that back in January 11th, they received a request to check patrons parking on the sidewalk of this business at 4001 W Fond Du Lac Av and that they have been responding to parking complaints for quite some time now and that parking enforcement operators have been verbally attacked by the patrons of this establishment. He added that they have reached out to District 7 for police assistance. Ms. Hensley (Parking Enforcement Operations Manager) said that they have taken 418

complaints around the radius of this property since 2021 and that 74 of those are safety related or private property like obstructing a hydrant or obstructing traffic, driveways or garages. That there are vehicles parked in the wrong direction or in violation of the posted signs, on crosswalks, sidewalks and loading zones. She added that they have written about 300 citations since then and that sometimes officers cannot enforce the area due safety concerns. She also said that is not her first account but that they have written testimonies from 5 officers who volunteered to do so.

Atty. Maistelman asked if Ms. Hensley testimony is part of the file.

Mr. Cooney explained that they received many videos from a neighbor that are part of the file from the January 11th that were sent to DPW for investigation and that the communication is included on page 4.

Ald. Zamarripa said that she sees the e mail chain from DPW.

Ald. Westmoreland said that it is hard to track that all those citations are linked to this establishment but that it would be a great idea to break it down after this establishment open.

Sgt. Velasquez said that the police officers who wrote the police reports are not here to answer questions.

Captain William Wilson – Captain District 7 – explained that each district has what they call a hot spot which is an area with high crime and that up to recently, there was no micro hot spot in the area but that the data shows that there is one now from 36th to 42nd from Concordia to Keefe. He added that the reason for this micro hotspot is for the 5 non fatal shooting victims and 7 aggravated assault victims; that all 5 shooting victims and 6 of the 7 aggravated assaults come from this establishment. He added that Infinity Lounge is drawing the problems to the neighborhood. He said that going back to the January incident, there were 52 casings recovered. He added that the applicant did not know where to find his security guards.

Ald. Spiker asked directly if the area would not be a hotspot without Infinity Lounge being there.

Captain Wilson said that there was not a hotspot in the area prior this year. It became a hotspot from the data reported from January to May 2024.

Ald. Burgelis asked what kind of steps have been taken for the hotspot and nuisance properties in general.

Captain Wilson said that generally the person is called in to talk to Officer Walker and they get on the same page to turn things around with steps like hiring a professional security, knowing who the employees and guards are, raising the age limit, etc.

Ald. Burgelis asked Captain Wilson if the applicant has adopted any of those nuisance improvement steps.

Captain Wilson said that it does not appear to be the case.

Ald. Pratt asked Captain Wilson if he received calls from another establishments in the area.

Captain Wilson said that there is another bar across the street and that he does not even know its name.

Officer Walker – Community Liaison Officer District 7 – said that she sent the nuisance letter on January 17th of this year and that the nuisance meeting was held in February 2nd. She explained that at this meeting, Mr. Spencer said that a lot of gang members go to his establishment and that he did not know why and; that he also let them know that he does not do background checks on his employees. Officer Walker said that the abatement plan was drafted on March 4th including the step to run background checks and that he also signed a complaint form about people loitering in front of his business in order to issue citations. She explained that on April 23rd, she sent the acceptance letter and that the applicant had 45 days to implement the abatement plan. She added that Mr. Spencer has not participated on any of the block watches and on the monthly safety and crime meetings, that given the facts on the

police report, it seems that he has not conducted background checks on staff including security guards, that he is supposed to have no loitering and no trespassing signs in front and back of the building (that the signs are only in front of the building); that he has not hired a professional security company and that he is not cooperating with police investigations. She also said that the 45 days are due on June 8th and it's when they to check if the applicant has followed the plan.

The applicant asked Officer Walker if she has followed up with him about what has not been met according to her testimony.

Officer Walker said that the applicant has 45 days to implement it.

The applicant asked Officer Walker is she sent an e mail dated on 4 20 24 to the License Division.

Officer Walker said that she wrote that.

Ald. Zamarripa read the e mail.

Atty. Maistelman said that he objects to the some information that is not accurate like the strippers.

Mr. Cooney asked the applicant to file a permanent extension of premises to use the outdoor area mentioned on Officer Walker's e mail.

Ald. Zamarripa overruled the objection.

Neighbors in opposition:

Lydia Melton – 3315 N 40th St said that it's being going on for years and that the applicant opened before the license was granted and that she is tired of sending videos, presenting exhibits, etc. She asked why she has to live unhappy because of this business. She added that their lives have been at risk since 4 years ago.

Ms. Hazel 3939 W Concordia – said that patrons come to park in front of her three door garage including one of his security guards. She added that she has a hole in one of her living room windows and that she is tired of people running feeling threatened because of the shootings.

Mr. Melton - 3315 N 40th St - said that the bar must be shut down and that the other bar is closed half week. The parking, the broken windows, the shootings, etc. That the applicant is getting free passes since he opened.

Ald. Jackson said that he did a door to door and he got nothing but complaints and recommended nonrenewal.

Ald. Spiker moved non renewal based upon the preponderance of the evidence on the extensive police report and extensive testimony from the applicant, neighborhood and MPD that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

15 GHAFFAR, Farhan S, Agent for "Alhamd Inc", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures License Transfer Applications with Change of Hours From Opening 5AM-12AM Everyday To 5AM-2AM Everyday (Memorial Day Thru Labor Day) for "786 Petro Mart" at 2905 W Fond du Lac Av.

The applicant was present and said that they have taken steps to avoid the loitering issues.

No neighbors were present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Mr. Ellzey (LAS for Ald. Stamper) said that the Ald. Stamper said that he does not want to approve the new hours and to keep it the way it is closing at midnight.

The applicant said that he does not know what happened in between because Ald.

Stamper agreed to the change of hours.

Mr. Ellzey said that Ald. Stamper got confused with the establishment and apologized for it.

The applicant withdrew the change of hours.

Ald. Spiker moved to accept the withdrawal. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

#### A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ave 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

15 THOMPSON, Paul S, Agent for "BRIDGEMAN FOODS II, INC", Extended Hours Establishments and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications for "WENDY'S RESTAURANT #6" at 4601 W NORTH Av. (Expires 5/30/2024)

The applicant was present along with Atty. Loren Prizant, Scott Thompson and Royce Simpson.

Scott Thompson talked about the items on the police report and said that they are asking to keep staff belongings on the back and away from customer's contact. He added that the last incident was about an employee having a seizure at the restaurant. He also said that there is a plan of action in place that has been shared with Mr. Ellzey and that they have taken care of the garbage as well.

Mr. Thompson said that they want to be part of the solution as they are partners with the community.

There were no neighbors present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Spiker said that the plan is very aggressive and moved to make the action plan part of the record. There were no objections.

Mr. Ellzey said that the applicant have come up with a plan and that they have worked with the office too.

Mr. Thompson said that being here before the committee makes them better.

Ald. Pratt moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

#### A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

15 KAUR, Manjinder, Agent for "Family Supermarket LLC", Class A Liquor License Application for "Family Supermarket" at 2631 W VLIET St.

The applicant was present with Mr. Singh. The applicant said she holds other licenses in the City and that her customers asked her to apply for a full liquor license. No neighbors were present to testify.

Individuals also present:

Mr. Ellzey said that they sell beer but that they are not supporting the full liquor license because there are 2 other full liquor stores nearby and based on the concentration. Individuals in support:

*Mr. Williams - 1330 N 26th St – said that the store is located in a convenient area. Ald. Burgelis asked the witness if he signed the petition.* 

The witness said that he did.

Mr. Anderson -1350 N 23rd St #202 – indicated that he signed the petition as well.

Mr. Ellzey said that they are not in support based on concentration and recommended

denial

Ald. Westmoreland moved denial based on concentration and aldermanic testimony. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. WESTMORELAND that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ave 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

15 ADAMS, Rickey L, Agent for "Power Hour Depot LLC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor and Food Dealer License Applications for "Power Hour Depot" at 4534 W NORTH Av.

The applicant was present along with Atty. Maistelman and Atty. Riley.

Atty. Maistelman said that the applicant wants to withdraw the alcohol application. Mr. Adams said that he got the paperwork late and that there has been a lot going

back and forth and that he is not well prepared.

Ald. Burgelis moved to accept the withdrawal of the Class A Malt & Liquor license.

There were no objections.

The applicant said that he wants to get started with the food license and to go from there.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Spiker asked if the people want to testify even if the alcohol application is not in front of the committee anymore.

Individuals in objection:

Ann Knoledler- 2460 N 47th St – said that she is concerned about the plan of operations because is not clear to her.

The applicant said that it is a convenience store that will be serving food to go in the future and probably to have 2 tables in there.

Mr. Cooney said that right now it is a convenience store as it is because there is no kitchen yet.

 $Marc\ Lehman-2334\ 46$ th St - said that he is not sure about what the applicant is going to do and that he has not heard about the kid being killed for illegal gambling at Gene's Supper Club.

Ald. Zamarripa asked the applicant how he wants to continue with the hearing after withdrawing the alcohol application.

The applicant said that wants to move on with the convenience store.

Mr. Lehman said that he has no objections with the convenience store.

Nina Lewis – 2446 N 42th St - said that she is fine with the convenience store.

Mr. Ellzey thanked the applicant for withdrawing the alcohol application.

Ald. Spiker moved to hold the application to the call of the chair for a further discussion. (Prevailed 4-1)

Ald. Burgelis objected on the basis that neighbors did not object to the food license that was also proper noticed.

#### A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

Agenda Only

01 HODGES, Romey J, Agent for "BLUFOX AUTOMOTIVE LLC", Secondhand Motor

Vehicle Dealer's License Application for "BLUFOX AUTOMOTIVE LLC" at 3841 W VILLARD Av.

- 01 HUSSAIN, Saira, Agent for "MSA PETROLEUM LLC", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures License Applications Requesting To Open 24HR Everyday for "Clark on 27th" at 2620 W CAPITOL DR.
- 01 OLSON, Ronald D, Agent for "Milwaukee Mixed Metal Cycles LLC", Recycling, Salvaging, or Towing Premises License Application Requesting Dealing, Storing and/or Transporting, Removing and/or Recycling Waste Tires and Salvaged Motor Vehicle Parts (including secondhand tires and batteries) for "Milwaukee Cycle" at 5754 N Teutonia Av.
- 02 GAYNE, Keith, Agent for "Wireless Vision, LLC", Secondhand Dealer's and Weights & Measures License Renewal Applications with Change of Agent for "Wireless Vision" at 4125 N 56th St.
- 03 O'HARA, Hannah M, Agent for "LISA'S FINE FOODS, INC", Class B Tavern and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications with Change of Agent for "Lisa's Pizza" at 2961 N OAKLAND Av.
- 04 BREUNIG, Kendall G, Agent for "Pritzlaff Events LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Sidewalk Dining License Renewal Applications with Transfer of Stock for "Pritzlaff / Aperitivo" at 311-315 N Plankinton Av.
- 07 ISSA, Ahmad H, Agent for "Aadam Food LLC", Food Dealer License Application for "Jay's Food" at 4402 W Center St.
- 07 LEWIS, Mc Willie, Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications with Change of Floor Plan by Removing 6 Amusement Machines for "PEOPLE'S LOUNGE" at 3328 W BURLEIGH St.
- 12 HALL, Jerel W, Agent for "Thelma Carol Wine Merchants LLC", Class B Tavern and Sidewalk Dining License Renewal Applications with Change of Hours From 8AM-2AM Everyday To 12PM-8PM Mon-Wed and 12PM-9PM Thu-Sat; for "Thelma Carol Wine Merchants" at 605 W VIRGINIA St.
- 12 REVORD, John C, Agent for "Owl Club LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications with Adding Stockholder and Transfer of Stock for "Boone & Crockett / The Cooperage" at 818 S Water St.
- Ald. Pratt moved approval of the "Agenda Only" items. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

Warning Letter

HERNANDEZ-Glogowski, Jacquelynn Application

Class D Operator's License

HOWARD, Diondre

Class D Operator's License Application

SHIMEK. Isaac

Class D Operator's License Application

01 SINGH, Sarbjit, Agent for "JP FOOD & LIQUOR, INC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications for "Express Liquor & Tobacco" at 6859 N Teutonia Av.

04 BARAKAT, Abed M, Agent for "Wells Food LLC", Class A Fermented Malt and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications for "Wells Food" at 2131 W Wells St.

15 SAED, Ahmad F, Agent for "Eskandar LLC", Class A Fermented Malt, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures License Renewal Applications for "Community Foods" at 2800 N 27TH St.

Ald. Burgelis moved approval of the "Warning Letter" items. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. BURGELIS that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

Ald. Spiker moved approval of the file 240152 as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

**2.** 240223

Communication From the License Division relating to language accessibility for Licenses Committee meetings

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

Sam Dawson - License Division

A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

**3**. 240224

Communication From the License Division relating to municipal identification rules.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

Jim Cooney - License Division Manager

A motion was made by ALD. WESTMORELAND that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm

Yadira Melendez Staff Assistant

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