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CITY OF MILWAUKEE

UTILITIES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

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In the Matter of:

LAL, Madan, Agent for "M M Petroleum Corp" McDonald's Corporation, 24-Hour Establishment application for "M M Petroleum Corp" at 5170 North 76th Street.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- ALD. JAMES BOHL - Chairman
- Ald. Joe Davis Sr. - Vice Chairman
- Ald. Fredrick G. Gordon
- Ald. Joseph A. Dudzik
- Ald. Terry L. Witkowski

DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES by BRIAN KAUFMANN
 LICENSING DIVISION by JAMES COPELAND
 POLICE DEPARTMENT by SERGEANT JOHN HOGAN
 OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY by BRUCE SCHRIMPF

Proceedings had and testimony given in the above-entitled matter, before the UTILITIES & LICENSING COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE, on the 23rd day of March, 2004, reported by Donna Gulczynski of Milwaukee Reporters Associated, Inc.

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(NOTE: All City Personnel Were Sworn Under Oath Prior to These Proceedings.)

CHAIRMAN BOHL: Moving on to the 2:15 agenda at approximately 2:58, we have Madan Lal, agent for M M Petroleum Corporation, 24-Hour Establishment for M M Petroleum Corp. at 5170 North 76th Street.

Mr. Lal? Is that a correct pronunciation of your last name, or is it Lal?

MR. LAL: My last name is Lal.

CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Lal, we'll swear you in. If you could raise your right hand, sir.

(Whereupon Mr. Lal was sworn under oath.)

CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Lal, do you acknowledge receiving notice of today's meeting with the possibility that this application could be denied? It is listed for an objection to the licensing of this as a 24-hour establishment; will be the source of excess traffic, loitering, littering, disorderly behavior and noise generated by such traffic. In addition, if this location is licensed as a 24-hour establishment, there will be an overconcentration of after-hour business along 76th Street, having an adverse impact on the health, safety and welfare of

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1 the neighborhood.

2 MR. LAL: Yes, I did.

3 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you. Neighborhood
4 Services?

5 MR. KAUFMANN: No objection.

6 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Davis?

7 ALDERMAN DAVIS: I would just point out if I
8 may, again, this is the particular location of this
9 particular establishment. As you can see, it
10 intersects with Fond du Lac Avenue on 76th Street,
11 which is our main corridor for cruising. I would hope
12 that the committee would deny the 24-hour access.

13 In deference to all of my other comments,
14 the district needs to calm down, and as you know,
15 Alderman Bohl, this is the new district of the 5th
16 Aldermanic District that I will be inheriting after
17 the April 6th election if I am so privileged to
18 represent this area, and I have had -- This area here
19 is where former Alderman Kalwitz used to reside, and
20 I have a very strong relationship with these residents
21 in the area who have raised concerns about 24-hour
22 locations here, which will upset the public safety and
23 also the calmness of the neighborhood after 12:00
24 midnight.

25 MR. SCHRIMPF: For the record, the alderman

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1 was describing the area immediately south of the
2 intersection of Fond du Lac and 76th down to roughly
3 Congress Street; is that correct?
4 ALDERMAN DAVIS: Grantosa.
5 MR. SCHRIMPF: Grantosa. That's all I have,
6 Mr. Chairman.
7 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Questions by committee of
8 Alderman Davis at this point here?
9 ALDERMAN GORDON: Alderman Davis, this is a
10 new application, correct?
11 ALDERMAN DAVIS: This is.
12 ALDERMAN GORDON: Thanks. This is.
13 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Davis, do you know
14 what the previous hours of the location were?
15 ALDERMAN DAVIS: Yes. The previous hours
16 were from 5:00 in the morning till 12:00 midnight.
17 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay.
18 MR. SCHRIMPF: So Mr. Chairman, let me just
19 check this with the licensed applicant. You are not
20 currently operating beyond midnight?
21 MR. LAL: No.
22 MR. SCHRIMPF: Okay.
23 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Lal, the question I
24 would have for you is, are you present at this
25 location late at night?

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MR. LAL: Yes.

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CHAIRMAN BOHL: Do you experience any problems with cruising or other type of late night activities on 76th Street or have any in the area?

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MR. LAL: No.

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CHAIRMAN BOHL: Never once?

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MR. LAL: Uh-uh.

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CHAIRMAN BOHL: Apparently it doesn't happen until after 1:00 in the morning. What security measures are you prepared to take or are you employing to ensure that problems do not happen after 12 midnight?

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MR. LAL: The first thing is we have a security camera, and I don't think that I will get any kind of problem like cruising and a lot of people. I just don't think so.

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CHAIRMAN BOHL: You don't think so.

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MR. LAL: No. And I think if I have a lot of problems, I will shut it down. I will not keep it open. But on Capitol, 76th and Capitol, 76th and Hampton, 76th and Mill Road, 76th and Green Tree, those are all open 24 hours, and I would like to be open 24 hours, too.

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CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Are there any questions by committee of Mr. Lal?

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1 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Mr. Chair?
2 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Dudzik.
3 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Mr. Lal, you're currently
4 open till midnight?
5 MR. LAL: Yes.
6 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Your whole facility is
7 currently open; you don't lock the doors and just use
8 a bulletproof window to access your customers?
9 MR. LAL: That one thing is in my mind, too,
10 to open a window, too.
11 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: But you're not doing that
12 now?
13 MR. LAL: No.
14 ALDERMAN DUDZIK: Thank you.
15 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Any other questions by
16 committee? Otherwise we are in committee. Is there a
17 motion?
18 ALDERMAN GORDON: Mr. Chairman, I move to
19 deny based on the cruising issues that could emanate
20 from this location and would have an adverse effect on
21 the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood.
22 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Motion by Alderman Gordon
23 is for denial based on the noise generated by cruising
24 activities and the adverse impact on the health,
25 safety and welfare of the neighborhood. Is there any

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1 discussion on that matter? Is there any objection?
2 Hearing none, so ordered.
3 Mr. Lal, we appreciate your applying here,
4 but the committee's decision is not to move forward
5 with this. Good luck to you.

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