

# **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

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January 10, 2025

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Honorable Members:

Common Council File Number 241369 contains the following recommendations:

Nonrenewal of the Class D Operator's license for Alonso Anderson based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the letter from the Parole & Probation Officer/DOC.

Renewal with a 60 day suspension of the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer licenses for Monica Hernandez-Gaspar based upon the preponderance in the evidence of the police report, applicant, stockholder and aldermanic testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public, failure to comply with the approved plan of operations and lack of cooperation with MPD; for the premises located at 1801 S Muskego Av. ("Caleta Restaurant & Bar") in the 8<sup>th</sup> aldermanic district.

Nonrenewal of the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses for Antonio Martinez based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report, MPD testimony and aldermanic testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety and welfare of the public in addition for the illegal drug activity; for the premises located at 2000 W Mitchell St. ("El Inferno") in the 8<sup>th</sup> aldermanic district.

Sincerely,

JoCasta Zamarripa

Chairperson, Licenses Committee

Jo Casta Zamorya

cc: All Council Members File 241369







# JOCASTA ZAMARRIPA ALDERWOMAN, 8TH DISTRICT

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Date:

January 10, 2025

To:

All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From:

Licenses Committee

Re:

Report on the Renewal Application of the Class "D" Operator's

License of Alfonso Anderson

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Alfonso Anderson (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of a Class "D" Operator's License in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Said license expired on December 31, 2024.
- 2. An application to renew said license was thereafter filed with the Office of the City Clerk.
- 3. Pursuant to Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the matter was referred to the Milwaukee Police Department for investigation. On October 23, 2024, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis for the suspension or nonrenewal of said licenses.
- 4. On December 18, 2024 the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes of the report of the Milwaukee Police Department and included therewith a copy of the Milwaukee Police Department report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the police department report on January 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 301B of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee appeared and admitted receipt of the notice of hearing.
- 5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
  - A. A notice of the hearing as well as a copy of the police report was sent to Alfonso Anderson, 740 West Wisconsin Avenue, #321, Milwaukee, WI 53233 on December 18, 2024 by U.S. prepaid first-class mail in an envelope bearing the return address of the License Division. The address of 740 West Wisconsin Avenue, #321, Milwaukee, WI 53233 is the address given by the Licensee on the application. The envelope was not returned to the License Division by the United States Postal Service.
  - B. The Licensee was present and said that he is aware of the charges on the police report, that he has pleaded guilty and that he is on probation for that. He added that he held the bartender license before the items on the police report happened, that he has never had an





issue keeping a job, residence, etc., and that he has taken full responsibility for his actions. He also said that he is aware of all his parole conditions.

# Individuals also present:

- C. Alderman Spiker noted that the letter from DOC says that the license will be in violation with his parole.
- D. The Licensee said that he wants to keep his license despite the fact that he cannot be a bartender.
- E. Alderman Spiker moved nonrenewal based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the letter from the Parole & Probation Officer/DOC. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provide Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
- 2. Based on the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Alfonso Anderson has not met the criteria of Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes or Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances to allow renewal of the Class "D" Operator's license.
- 3. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it is the recommendation of the Licenses Committee that the full Common Council should exercise its discretion to not renew the Class "D" Operator's license held by Alfonso Anderson based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the letter from the Parole & Probation Officer/DOC.

# RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of **five** (5) ayes and zero (0) noes, recommends that the Class "D" Operator's License of Alfonso Anderson not be renewed based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the letter from the Parole & Probation Officer/DOC.

Said nonrenewal is effective January 21, 2025.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 10th day of January, 2025.

JOCASTA ZAMARRIPA

Jo Casta Zamorye

Chairperson Licenses Committee

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JOCASTA ZAMARRIPA ALDERWOMAN, 8TH DISTRICT

Date:

January 10, 2025

To:

All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From:

Licenses Committee

Re:

Report of the Renewal Application of the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application with Reorganization of Legal Entity and Change of Trade Name for Monica Hernandez-Gaspar, Agent for La Caleta LLC, for the premises located at 1801 South Muskego Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("La Caleta Restaurant & Bar").

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Monica Hernandez-Gaspar (hereinafter "the Licensee") is the holder of a Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application with Reorganization of Legal Entity and Change of Trade Name for the premises located at 1801 South Muskego Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("La Caleta Restaurant & Bar"). Said licenses expire at midnight on January 17, 2025.
- 2. An application to renew said licenses was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on October 8, 2024.
- 3. Pursuant to Chapters 68, 85, 90 and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the matter was referred to the Milwaukee Police Department for investigation. On October 8, 2024, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis for nonrenewal of said licenses.
- 4. On December 19, 2024, the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 68, 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes of the police report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the police report and neighborhood objections on January 7, 2025, commencing at approximately 2:05 p.m. in Room 301-B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee appeared at the hearing, and admitted receipt of the notice of hearing.
- 5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
  - A. On January 30, 2024 at 12:40 a.m., Milwaukee Police were flagged down at 1805 South Muskego Avenue for a Battery. Investigation revealed a subject was escorted out for bothering patrons, then was struck and punched by an employee who identified themselves as security. The agent was cooperative and allowed officers to view video





surveillance of the incident. The agent further stated the employee was not working as security on the date of the incident.

- B. On March 17, 2024 at 1:06 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Trouble with Juvenile at 1801 South Muskego Avenue. Officers were advised there were underage patrons inside the bar. On arrival officers did not locate any minors, however, spoke to security who stated when the premise is running as a restaurant, security does not card anyone. The security guard further stated there is drug use inside the bar and restroom. The officer interviewed the manager who stated at 9 p.m., they advise anyone underage to leave and security should be checking ID. According to the business plan, any person requesting an alcoholic beverage is to provide identification, which the officer observed was not occurring.
- C. On May 2, 2024 at 12:04 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Battery at 1801 South Muskego Avenue. Investigation revealed the victim and a suspect got into a physical altercation in the bathroom. The victim was continuously punched and kicked by the suspect, momentarily losing consciousness. The victim stated employees became aware of the situation and kicked everyone out, further citing the owner was angry at the victim for calling the police. When officers arrived, the business turned off all the lights, lowered the blinds and refused to open the door for officers.
- D. On June 8, 2024 at 2:40 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Strong-Arm Robbery at 1801 South Muskego Avenue. Officers were advised by the victim they were approached by two suspects who pushed them to the ground and took their phone and car keys, then fled in an unknown vehicle. The officers did not make contact with the business as it was closed.
- E. On June 16, 2024 at 12:15 a.m., Milwaukee Police conducted a License Premise Check at 1805 South Muskego Avenue, regarding a tip the bar was over capacity. On arrival, officers observed two security guards posted at each door, who were not checking Identification. Officers were advised by Public Safety that the bar manager was notified they were over capacity, however, did nothing. The officer interviewed the bar manager, who admitted to being over capacity and stated they would advise security not to let anyone else in. The officers stopped the business operation and conducted a head count. At least 147 patrons were counted. The Capacity sign posted was from 2015 and listed capacity at 99, however, the City website showed capacity at 60. A citation was issued for the violation.

Charge: Licensed Establishment Exceed Occupancy

Finding: Guilty
Sentence: Fine
Date: 08/19/24
Case: 24019132

- F. On June 1, 2024 at 11:00 p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Battery at 1801 South Muskego Avenue. Investigation revealed patrons at the bar were making threats toward each other, when a group jumped on the victim. The victim stated they did not want to report the battery as they feared for their safety.
- G. On July 27, 2024, Milwaukee Police conducted an Underage Tavern Initiative in which a minor Police Aide was used. At approximately 11:34 p.m., the Police Aide and a Police





Officer in plain clothes entered 1801 South Muskego Avenue, and were not asked for Identification upon entrance by security. The Police Aide asked for and received a bottle of beer from the bartender. The officers interviewed a bartender, who stated the bartender that served was in training and no longer on scene. The bartender further stated they have problems with security checking ID at the door. The officer contacted the manager and advised them of the violation. The bartender in training was later identified and a citation was issued for Sale of Alcohol to Underage (J981Q5DXWX).

- H. On August 8, 2024 at 2:41 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Trouble with Juvenile at 1801 South Muskego Avenue. The caller stated minors were in the bar drinking. The officers found the business to be closed at the time of arrival.
- I. On August 16, 2024, Omar Monreal-Salas (50% Shareholder) was charged with Battery and Disorderly Conduct (Domestic Abuse) in Milwaukee County Circuit Court

Charge1: Battery

2: Disorderly Conduct

Finding: Pre-Trial 11/06/24

Sentence:

Date:

Case: 2024CM002272

- J. On August 8, 2024 at 12:43 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Battery at 1801 South Muskego Avenue. Officers were advised by the security guard that they were attempting to remove unruly patrons when they began to physically fight. The security guard dispensed pepper spray in attempt to disperse the crowd. The subjects were no longer on scene on police arrival. The business was cooperative with the investigation and allowed officers to view video surveillance.
- K. On October 24, 2024 at 4:28 p.m., Milwaukee Police conducted a License Premise Check at 1801 South Muskego Avenue. Assisting with the investigation were agents from Wisconsin Department of Revenue Alcohol and Tobacco. Officers found the business to be open and four customers drinking beers, however, no employee on scene held a Class D Operator License. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue Alcohol and Tobacco Agent found bottles that appeared to be refilled, as well as contaminated liquor. The business agent arrived on scene, was unable to provide invoices for numerous liquor bottles, and admitted at times the liquor is purchased from stores. The DOR Agent seized 65 bottles of alcohol. Two licensed bartenders arrived on scene and the business was permitted to remain open.
- L. The Licensee was present along with Omar Monreal (stockholder).
- M. The Licensee said that she does not know what is going on regarding the items on the police report because she is not there at all.
- N. Alderwoman Zamarripa said that she met with the Licensee and Mr. Monreal about a month ago to discuss the lengthy and disturbing police report. She added that there were some steps suggested to follow through and that she did not hear back from them at all and neither did the License Division.





- O. The Licensee asked Mr. Monreal to speak.
- P. Mr. Monreal said that he will change everything and that he wants to work with MPD.
- Q. Mr. Monreal said that he called the police twice about an issue and that it took about an hour for MPD to get there, that they removed the person making disturbances but that the person came back after an hour and was throwing cans of beer on people.
- R. Alderwoman Zamarripa said that she is hearing the same as what she heard back in December.
- S. There were no neighbors present to testify.
- T. Alderman Burgelis said that he is concerned about the Licensee's ability to control patrons at their location.
- U. Alderwoman Zamarripa said that she is very disappointed about the Licensee and her business partner's unpreparedness for this meeting and for not getting back to her in a timely manner. She added that she took time during the busiest season to meet with them, that she even gave them steps to follow up, to contact the bilingual Community Liaison Officer, to request a CPTED and that nothing was done after a month. She also said that this business is failing in many ways and that she is concerned about the safety of the neighborhood. She read item 32 for the record and said that she finds it the most disturbing.
- V. Alderwoman Zamarripa moved renewal with a 60-day suspension based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report, Licensee, stockholder and aldermanic testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public, failure to comply with the approved plan of operations and lack of cooperation with MPD. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provide Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapters 68, 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
- 2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Monica Hernandez-Gaspar who holds Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application with Reorganization of Legal Entity and Change of Trade Name for the premise located at 1801 South Muskego Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("La Caleta Restaurant & Bar") has not met the criteria of Chapters 68, 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes for the renewal of the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application with Reorganization of Legal Entity and Change of Trade Name without undergoing a sixty day (60) suspension. The Committee finds the police report and aldermanic objections as stated above to be true.
- 3. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it is the recommendation of the Licenses Committee that the full Common Council of the City of Milwaukee should exercise its judgment for non-renewal of the Class B Tavern, Public





Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application with Reorganization of Legal Entity and Change of Trade Name for the premises located at 1801 South Muskego Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("La Caleta Restaurant & Bar") without undergoing a sixty day (60) suspension. The Committee based its recommendation upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report, Licensee, stockholder and aldermanic testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public, failure to comply with the approved plan of operations and lack of cooperation with MPD.

### RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of **five (5)** ayes and zero (0) noes, recommends that the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application with Reorganization of Legal Entity and Change of Trade Name of Monica Hernandez-Gaspar for the premises located at 1801 South Muskego Avenue ("La Caleta Restaurant & Bar") in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin not be renewed without undergoing a sixty day (60) suspension.

The suspension is in effect between 12:01 a.m. on January 21, 2025 until 11:59 pm on March 21, 2025.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

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Chairperson, Licenses Committee

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Date:

January 10, 2025

To:

All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From:

Licenses Committee

Re:

Report of the Renewal Application of the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application Removing One (1) Pool Table (Total of 1) and Adding One (1) Amusement Machine (Total of 4), for Antonio Martinez, Agent for El Inferno LLC, for the premises located at 2000 West Mitchell Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("EL Inferno").

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Antonio Martinez (hereinafter "the Licensee") is the holder of Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application Removing One (1) Pool Table (Total of 1) and Adding One (1) Amusement Machine (Total of 4), for the premises located at 2000 West Mitchell Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("EL Inferno"). Said licenses expired at midnight on December 13, 2024.
- 2. An application to renew said licenses was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on September 30, 2024.
- 3. Pursuant to Chapters 68, 85, 90 and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the matter was referred to the Milwaukee Police Department for investigation. On October 1, 2024, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis for nonrenewal of said licenses.
- 4. On December 17, 2024, the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 68, 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes of the police report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the police report and neighborhood objections on January 7, 2025, commencing at approximately 2:20 p.m. in Room 301-B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee appeared at the hearing, and admitted receipt of the notice of hearing.
- 5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
  - A. On May 2, 2024 at 6:00 a.m., Milwaukee Police, members of the FBI, and other associated Law Enforcement entities executed a search warrant at 2000 West Mitchell Street. This was in regards to an on-going investigation in which officers witnessed over 50 hand to hand narcotic transactions in front of the bar. Officers also conducted controlled buys of





narcotics inside the location, one in which 1/2 kilogram of cocaine was sold. The officers seized 2.93 grams of cocaine salt and \$31,904.00 US Currency. In total, 13 search warrants were associated with the investigation in which multiple arrests were made, as well as evidence recovered and seized. The business was a drug trafficking hub.

- B. On June 7, 2024 at 1:43 p.m., Milwaukee Police conducted a License Premise Check at 2000 West Mitchell Street. No violations were found.
- C. The Licensee was present along with Ms. Pauline Bell as interpreter.
- D. The Licensee said that he wanted to wait to have an attorney when he was asked to make comments regarding the police report.
- E. The interpreter said that they were having technical difficulties on their end. (They could be seen and heard).

# Individuals also present:

- F. Alderwoman Zamarripa said that the Licensee has requested that the application be held multiple times before and asked the Licensee why he is asking for it again.
- G. The Licensee said that he was in Mexico and that now he would like to have an attorney present.
- H. Attorney Gresham said that as for the legal obligation, the City has sent out notice of the possibility of nonrenewal in this case and that the presence of an attorney was at the Licensee's discretion and that it is up to the committee to hold it again.
- I. Ms. Lopez said that it is also to the committee's discretion as for the number of times that an application can be held. She added that the Licensee has requested to hold it twice, that today is the third time that the application is scheduled, that the Licensee is present, that the license is expired, that the Licensee has not applied for a provisional license, and that the business should be closed now.
- J. Alderwoman Zamarripa asked when the license expired.
- K. Ms. Lopez said December 13, 2024.
- L. The Licensee said that the bar has been closed since then.
- M. Alderwoman Zamarripa thanked the Licensee for having the bar closed and also said that she is not going to approve a provisional license.
- N. Alderwoman Zamarripa asked the Licensee why he did not prepare for today's meeting knowing for months that this was coming and why did he not retain an attorney.
- O. The Licensee said he was not here, that he did not have anyone looking at the correspondence and did not think that he needed an attorney.





- P. Alderwoman Zamarripa said that this application has wasted a tremendous amount of the City's resources including the time that MPD has been waiting here to testify. She also asked Attorney Gresham if it is appropriate to continue with the hearing process.
- Q. Attorney Gresham said that we are in safe territory regarding providing adequate notice and that the Licensee was aware of the situation as he requested to hold the application two times before.
- R. Alderwoman Zamarripa made the motion to proceed despite the Licensee's request.
- S. Alderman Spiker said that the Licensee stated that he received the hearing notice and that he chose not to bring an attorney today.
- T. A roll call was made. The motion prevailed 5 0.
- U. There were no neighbors present to testify.
- V. Alderwoman Zamarripa said that MPD is here to testify.
- W. Office Boyd was sworn in.
- X. Attorney Nathaniel Adamson appeared on behalf of MPD and said that MPD continues to object to the renewal of the licenses for El Inferno and that Officer Boyd will start to testify beginning where the cocaine was stored, where some of the money recovered from the business was located and that Mr. Martinez was interviewed by Law Enforcement (not included in the report) on May 17, 2024 and that at this point, MPD will be presenting evidence of the entire investigation.
- Y. Police Officer Boyd said that she works on The Milwaukee Safe Streets Task Force with the FBI regarding drug dealing investigations. She continued saying that on May 2, 2024, she was in charge of the El Inferno warrant and recovered 2.9 grams of cocaine at the backroom/storage and ice machine area and \$31,000 cash scattered in places (\$14,000 was found in bags inside the freezer), and one pill bottle (where the cocaine came from) on one shelf. She added that they did a lot of surveillance during the investigation, saw lots of hand to hand drug dealing, that their targets of the investigation were always supplying customers with narcotics and that they did controlled purchases with their confidential informants. She added that they were able to buy a half kilo of cocaine which resulted in 10 arrests and more money and guns were recovered.
- Z. Attorney Adamson asked Officer Boyd if the hand to hand transaction happened inside or outside this bar.
- AA. Officer Boyd said that deals happened inside and outside.
- BB. Attorney Adamson asked if the half kilo of cocaine purchased was at a meeting that happened at "El Inferno".
- CC. Officer Boyd said that it is correct.





- DD. Attorney Adamson asked if on the interview made to Mr. Martinez on May 17, 2024 he talked about how he got involved with this business.
- EE. Officer Boyd said that Mr. Martinez stated that his friend Rafa (Mr. Martinez does not know his last name), asked him to put his name on the license because the wife was no longer interested in running the bar. That technically, he is a bartender and cleans up the bar, that he agreed to be the licensee and that he does not receive any money for being the licensee.
- FF. Attorney Adamson asked if Mr. Martinez made any comments about selling controlled substances.
- GG. Officer Boyd said that Mr. Martinez acknowledged seeing several patrons selling drugs and that he asked patrons not to use drugs inside the bar. That here and there he has found drugs on the floor while cleaning. She continued saying that Mr. Martinez said that sometimes, he would hold 3 bowls of drugs to be picked up by other people. She added that it is obvious that Mr. Martinez was aware of the drug dealing.
- HH. Attorney Adamson asked if Mr. Martinez purchased any illegal drugs for his personal use at the bar.
- II. Officer Boyd said that Mr. Martinez admitted it.
- JJ. Alderwoman Zamarripa asked Officer Boyd if the Licensee mentioned something about receiving money for being the agent of the bar.
- KK. Officer Boyd said that Mr. Martinez stated that he receives \$750 per week as a bartender and to clean up the bar, but that he does not receive any of the profits for being the licensee. She added that he does not pay the bills nor is he in charge of the paperwork and that he does not know how much the bar makes. She also mentioned that Mr. Martinez said that he did not know what was in the freezer the day of the warrant.
- LL. Alderwoman Zamarripa asked Officer Boyd if Mr. Martinez who is present here, admitted to selling drugs in the bar.
- MM. Officer Boyd said that the Licensee admitted to holding the drugs and handed them out at pick up.
- NN. Alderman Burgelis asked the Licensee if he has any reaction about MPD's testimony.
- OO. The Licensee said that he would like to continue working.
- PP. Alderwoman Zamarripa said that she is dismayed by the MPD testimony and is very disappointed of the Licensee's refusal to talk.
- QQ. Alderwoman Zamarripa moved nonrenewal based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report, MPD testimony and aldermanic testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety and welfare of the public in addition to the illegal drug activity. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)





### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provide Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapters 68, 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
- 2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Antonio Martinez who holds Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application Removing One (1) Pool Table (Total of 1) and Adding One (1) Amusement Machine (Total of 4) for the premise located at 2000 West Mitchell Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("EL Inferno") has not met the criteria of Chapters 68, 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes for the renewal of the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application Removing One (1) Pool Table (Total of 1) and Adding One (1) Amusement Machine (Total of 4). The Committee finds the police report and aldermanic objections as stated above to be true.
- 3. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it is the recommendation of the Licenses Committee that the full Common Council of the City of Milwaukee should exercise its judgment for non-renewal of the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application Removing One (1) Pool Table (Total of 1) and Adding One (1) Amusement Machine (Total of 4) for the premises located at 2000 West Mitchell Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("EL Inferno"). The Committee based its recommendation upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report, MPD testimony and aldermanic testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety and welfare of the public in addition to the illegal drug activity.

## RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of **five (5)** ayes and zero (0) noes, recommends that the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application Removing One (1) Pool Table (Total of 1) and Adding One (1) Amusement Machine (Total of 4) Licenses of Antonio Martinez for the premises located at 2000 West Mitchell Street ("EL Inferno") in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin not be renewed.

Said nonrenewal is effective January 21, 2025.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 10 day of January, 2025.

JOCASTA ZAMARRIPA

Jo Casta Zamarye

Chairman, Licenses Committee

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