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September 29, 2023

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Honorable Members:

Common Council Files Number 230679 and 230791 contains the following recommendations:

Revocation of the Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for Gurinder Nagra based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report, the applicant and the neighborhood testimony and the failure to comply with the approved plan of operation which demonstrates that the operation results in a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public; for the premises located at 4295 N Teutonia Av. ("Teutonia Gas & Food"), in the 1st aldermanic district.

Nonrenewal of the Extended Hours Establishments license for Harjeet S. Walia, based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report and neighborhood testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public for the loud noise at times when the licensed premises is open for business; for the premises located 350 N Plankinton Av. ("Welcome Mart"), in the 4th aldermanic district.

Renewal with a 15 days suspension of the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer licenses for Veronica Cervera, based upon the preponderance of the neighbors, applicant and aldermanic testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public; for the premises located at 3040 S Delaware Av. ("Little Cancun Sports"), in the 14th aldermanic district.

Respectfully,

Milele Coggs, Chair
Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members
File 230791



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Date: September 29, 2023

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: The Licenses Committee

Re: Report of the Licenses Committee on the complaint seeking revocation of the Extended Hours, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights and Measures license held by Gurinder S. Nagra, agent for Teutonia Gas and Food, for the premises located at 4295 North Teutonia Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Teutonia Gas & Food").

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Gurinder S. Nagra (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of an Extended Hours, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights and Measures licenses for the premises located at 4295 North Teutonia Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Teutonia Gas & Food").
2. A Complaint for Revocation of this license was filed with the City Clerk by Ms. Natalie Easter Allen alleging that Mr. Nagra had hired a convicted violent felon, William Pinkin, to provide security for the gas station, and that Mr. Pinkin while at the gas station, shot Isiah Allen in the back of the head resulting in Allen's death because Allen had shoplifted a food snack.
3. A Summons was served on Mr. Nagra commanding his appearance to answer the Complaint for revocation of the RST license on September 21, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 301-B of City Hall. At that date time and place, the licensee, Gurinder S. Nagra appeared with counsel, Attorney Emil Obviagele (both virtually). Included with the Summons were copies of the Complaint for Revocation and a Police Report dated September 9, 2023, which included the police incidents at the business during the current license year, including the shooting of Isiah Allen on August 16, 2023.
4. **Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the April 25, 2023 hearing, the Committee found the following:**

- A. On October 1, 2022 at 5:06 p.m., officers were dispatched to a Battery at 4295 N. Teutonia Avenue. The caller stated they purchased items and prepaid for gas inside the store, however, when they tried to pump gas, the pump would not work. The caller stated they again entered the store, and were asked to leave by the clerk due to disorderly actions. The customer stated they refused and the clerk attempted to escort the customer out and that is when the 911 call was placed. The employee stated they did not see that the transaction went through on their end, however, agreed to the customers' demands.
- B. On October 9, 2022 at 11:13 p.m., officers were dispatched to 4295 N. Teutonia Ave., for a Shoplifter. Investigation revealed a subject walked in and took several items and exited without paying. The employee stated this subject does this often and is still trying to identify the subject.
- C. On October 10, 2022 at 9:07 p.m., officers were dispatched to a Shoplifter at 4295 N. Teutonia Ave. Investigation revealed a suspect attempted to shoplift items, however, when the employee intervened the suspect attempted to damage items. The suspect was conveyed to a homeless shelter and later issued a citation for Disorderly Conduct.
- D. On October 26, 2022 at 5:21 p.m., officers were dispatched to 4295 N. Teutonia Ave., for a Battery. Investigation revealed a verbal argument between an employee and the suspect began inside the store, then turned physical outside, at which time the employee began suffering from a seizure. The employees were cooperative and allowed officers to view video surveillance of the incident.
- E. On November 11, 2022 at 10:42 a.m., officers were dispatched to 4295 N. Teutonia Ave., for Shots Fired. Investigation revealed a suspect, armed with a sub-compact black rifle, was seen pointing it toward the sky and firing the weapon appearing to test fire in the parking lot. Video surveillance depicted the employees on scene allowing the armed suspect to enter, loiter and exit, multiple times without locking the doors. The employees did not lock the bullet proof glass and continued to wait on other customers while the armed suspect was in the store. While officers were interviewing the employee regarding the incident, the officer observed the subject walking toward the entrance and the employee positively identified the suspect. The suspect was no longer armed, however, was taken into custody.
- F. On January 7, 2023 at 8:09 p.m., officers were dispatched to an Armed Robbery at 4295 N. Teutonia Ave. Investigation revealed the victim was pumping gas when they were approached by a subject from behind. The suspect pressed an object into the victim's back and demanded money. The victim complied and as the suspect was running away, the victim saw the

suspect with a handgun in their hand. The employees were cooperative and allowed officers to view video surveillance of the incident.

- G. On March 23, 2023 at 5:07 p.m., officers were flagged down by a citizen for a Battery in progress at 4295 N. Teutonia Ave. Investigation revealed a customer was upset over the pump being cancelled. The clerk advised the suspect they have no control over this and it could have been due to an incorrect pin number. The suspect became irate and began to knock over shelves and throw things around inside the store. When the employee tried to follow the suspects to take pictures of the license plates, the suspect got out of the vehicle and punched the employee in the face multiple times in the head and face.
- H. On March 12, 2023 Milwaukee Police sent a Nuisance Designation letter to the property owner of the business located at 4295 N. Teutonia Ave. The property was placed into nuisance due to two incidents at the location, they are as follows:
- On November 11, 2022 at 10:25 a.m., Police were dispatched to a shots fired complaint at the. The complaint stated that a subject shot a gun in the air. Casings were recovered near the entrance of the store, and the staff did not call police regarding the incident. (Reference item # 19)
 - On February 8, 2023 at 11:09 a.m., Police were dispatched to an armed robbery complaint. The victim stated that he was pumping gas, and the suspect pressed a gun to his head and took US currency.
- I. On April 14, 2023 at 1:24 p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 4295 N. Teutonia Ave., for an armed robbery complaint. Officers spoke with the victim, the store clerk who stated that two suspects entered the store. Suspect 1 took items without paying for them and suspect 2 displayed a hand gun and pointed it at the store clerk. The armed suspect then attempted to get in to the employee locked area, but could not. Both suspects left in a vehicle driven by a 3rd suspect. The suspects returned. One of the suspects appeared to be armed with a long gun and attempted to enter the employee locked area a second time. The suspects could not gain entry and fled in the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle returned for a third time, and the suspects reentered the store. The suspects removed more items from the store and one of the suspects pointed the hand gun at the store clerk. The suspects fled. The business provided video of the incident to officers, which confirmed the event.
- J. On June 22, 2023 at 12:59 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 4295 N. Teutonia Ave, for a ShotSpotter complaint. Officers spoke with the store clerk who stated that two suspect vehicles, with a total of 6 suspects pulled

into the parking lot of the business. The suspects entered the store and took items from the business without paying for them. The employee attempted to stop the suspect's actions. One of the suspects pointed a hand gun at the employee, and threatened to shoot him. All the suspects entered the vehicles, and one of the suspects from the rear of the vehicle fired three shots in the air when fleeing the location. Officers reviewed the video which depicted the suspects' description, vehicle descriptions, and the incident in its entirety.

K. On August 16, 2023 at 6:21 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 4295 N. Teutonia Ave, for a shooting complaint. Officers arrived at the location and observed a victim unresponsive and shot in the back of the head. The victim was located on the east side of the parking lot. Life saving measures were performed by officers and MFD, and the victim died at the scene. Officers spoke with store clerk who did call the police regarding the shooting. Detectives responded to the scene and took over the investigation, video surveillance was recovered at the scene. Investigation revealed that the victim was shot by the suspect, a store employee.

L. On September 9, 2023, Milwaukee Police District 5 Officers summarized the Nuisance Designation that was placed on the business located at 4295 N. Teutonia Ave. C.P.U. officers agreed to a plan by the business agent to mitigate the nuisance activity occurring on and around the property, with a start date of April 6, 2023. The property completed the 45-day monitoring period on May 21, 2023, without any additional qualifying police calls of service, as outlined in Milwaukee City Ordinance 80-10.

On August 21, 2023 a new Nuisance Designation letter was drafted and sent to the property owner due to the following incidents at the location:

- On June 22, 2023 Police were dispatched to a ShotSpotter complaint, where the suspects took items from the location and fired three shots in the air. The employee on duty failed to call the police regarding the shots fired.
- On August 16, 2023 Police were dispatched to a shooting complaint. Investigation revealed that the victim was shot by the suspect, a store employee, which resulted in the death of the victim.

M. The Licensee was present at the hearing along with Attorney Emil Obviagele (both virtually).

N. Attorney Obviagele said that they received the notice for this hearing subject to the objection that he sent in writing.

O. Sgt. Velasquez read the police report.

- P. Attorney Obviagele said that given the fact that this is a revocation of the license and that based on the notice that they received was not clear, he suggested that there will be only respond to specifics questions from the Committee so they can respond to the questions and to be mindful that at least one item is under investigation and that he does not want to interfere. He added that they have not been provided with the investigation reports and he requested to adjourn this proceeding because they don't have a lot of documents. (There were audio issues on Attorney Oviagele's end).
- Q. Alderwoman Coggs asked if that was a no to speak on the police report.
- R. Attorney Obviagele said that they are reserving the right to speak on it and that they can answer questions.
- S. Alderwoman Pratt asked if the suspect on item 25, Paragraph K above, was an employee.
- T. Mr. Nagra said that he was an independent contractor.
- U. Attorney Obviagele kept on asking questions to his client that there were hard to hear.
- Z. Channel 25 asked Attorney Obviagele and Mr. Nagra to get closer and in front on the microphone.

The meeting paused at 11:29 am for Attorney Obviagele to call so he and Mr. Nagra could be heard together. The meeting reconvened at 11:34 am.

- AA. Alderwoman Pratt had the floor prior to the pause and asked the Licensee if the shooter was an employee of the gas station.
- BB. Mr. Nagra said that the shooter was an independent contractor and that he was hired mid-July.
- CC. Attorney Obviagele asked the Licensee what kind of work he was contracted to do.
- DD. Mr. Nagra said that he was hired to keep the store clean and watching.
- EE. Attorney Obviagele asked for the hours that was supposed to work.
- FF. The Licensee said from 9pm to 2am.
- GG. Attorney Obviagele said that the incident in question happened around 6:40 am and if the person was working at that time.

- HH. Mr. Nagra answered "no".
- II. Alderwoman Coggs said that Alderwoman Pratt has the floor and asked Attorney Obviagele to ask questions to this witness later when he has the opportunity to do so.
- JJ. Alderwoman Pratt asked if there is a handbook for employees and independent contractors since he said that the shooter was an independent contractor.
- KK. Mr. Nagra said that they keep their handbook.
- LL. Alderwoman Pratt asked Mr. Nagra if he has standards and rules on which employees and independent contractors are supposed to adhere to.
- MM. Mr. Nagra said that the suspect would bring the handbook to him every Friday to get paid.
- NN. Attorney Obviagele asked Alderwoman Pratt to allow him to help her to ask the question.
- OO. Alderwoman Pratt said that she does not need his help to ask the question, that the Licensee needs to understand it instead.
- PP. Alderwoman Coggs asked (for the record) to Mr. Nagra if he has a set of rules and procedures that he provides to his employees and contractors.
- QQ. Mr. Nagra said that he has sign in sheets.
- RR. Alderman Borkowski said that he is very sorry and that this process has been very disrespectful from Attorney Obviagele and his client for not being at the hearing in-person, that it is insulting and that they are trying to turn it into a circus because we cannot hear/understand them. He added that they have a room full of people that deserve to hear answers.
- SS. Attorney Obviagele said that he changed things in his schedule to be here today.
- TT. Alderman Borkowski said that he does not need to hear excuses, that is embarrassing and insulting because Attorney Obviagele is prolonging the agony of the people that is here today.
- UU. Attorney Obviagele said that what is embarrassing and insulting is that Alderman Borkowski has been unable to come up with a solution to the problems that the city has.

- VV. Alderwoman Coggs reminded Attorney Obviagele that he did not have the floor as he kept talking.
- WW. Alderwoman Coggs made reference to the police report that says that "no staff person called the police".
- XX. Attorney Obviagele said that the report says that call came from the staff.
- YY. Sgt. Velasquez said that for item 24. no one from the store called the police.
- ZZ. Alderwoman Coggs asked why the call did not come from the staff.
- AAA. Attorney Obviagele said that for item 25. the call came from the staff and that for item 24, they made an open records request but that he does not know if they have the complete set. He said that he remembers that the police arrived because a shot spotter call and that the employee was shaken because of the incident. He also said that it is his client's policy to always call the police whenever there is an issue and that employees are trained to do so.
- BBB. Alderwoman Coggs asked who does the training of the employees and/or independent contractors.
- CCC. Mr. Nagra said that he does the training.
- DDD. Alderwoman Pratt asked Mr. Nagra what does the training entail where there are complaints about an employee and what is the policy when the employees do not adhere. Mr. Nagra said that for non-emergency situations, employees must call him first, then to call the police and that for emergency situations, the employees must call the police first. He also said that for employees who do not follow the training, they receive a warning letter and then they let the employee go.
- EEE. Alderwoman Pratt asked Mr. Nagra how often he is at this business and if he was aware that Mr. Pinkin was carrying a weapon because there are a lot of people that were aware of it.
- FFF. Mr. Nagra said that he is there almost every day and that he was not aware of Mr. Pinkin carrying a gun.
- GGG. Alderwoman Coggs asked Mr. Nagra when did he hire to whom he called "independent contractor".
- HHH. Mr. Nagra said that in July and that when he hired him, he was told not to carry a gun.

- III. Alderwoman Coggs asked the Licensee what is the name of the shooter.
- JJJ. Mr. Nagra said "William Pinkin".
- KKK. Alderwoman Coggs asked Sgt. Velasquez to look at item 24 from June 22, 2023 to check for any employee's names on it.
- LLL. Sgt. Velasquez said that the name of the employee is William Pinkin.
- MMM. Alderwoman Coggs said to Mr. Nagra that he just told us that he did not hire Mr. Pinkin until July and asked why then Mr. Pinkin's name appears on the police report from June.
- NNN. Mr. Nagra said that Mr. Pinkin used to hang out a lot in there because he was picked up by his dialysis van 3 times a week but that he was not aware of that.
- OOO. Alderwoman Coggs asked Mr. Nagra what is his policy for employees and/or independent contractors to have a gun in the premises.
- PPP. Mr. Nagra said that they are not supposed to carry weapons.
- QQQ. Alderwoman Coggs asked is that is included in the handbook.
- RRR. Mr. Nagra said "yes".
- SSS. Alderwoman Coggs asked if he does background checks for employees and independent contractors as he hires them.
- TTT. Mr. Nagra said that he does not do background checks.
- UUU. Alderwoman Coggs asked why not.
- VVV. Mr. Nagra said that he told him that he was from the neighborhood and that he was ok with that.
- WWW. No more questions from the committee members.
- XXX. Attorney Obviagele was given the floor. He said that to his client that he testified that Mr. Pinkin worked from 9am to 2am and asked him if the City asked to have someone monitoring during those hours.
- YYY. Mr. Nagra said "yes".

- ZZZ. Attorney Obviagele said that shooting happened around 6:40 am and asked Mr. Nagra what Mr. Pinkin was doing inside the store at that time.
- AAAA. Mr. Nagra said that he thinks that he was waiting for the dialysis van service and that he was not working.
- BBBB. Attorney Obviagele asked how does he know that.
- CCCC. Mr. Nagra said that Mr. Pinkin told him that he used to get picked up between 5 and 7am and that the van services called Mr. Nagra to ask if Mr. Pinkin was ok.
- DDDD. Attorney Obviagele said that they agree on what happened that day, that it should not have happened and that he wanted to give Mr. Nagra an opportunity to speak to the family directly.
- EEEE. Mr. Nagra said that he is very sorry, that it should not have happened and that he cannot bring their loved one back.
- FFFF. Alderwoman Pratt said that at the previous hearing, Mr. Nagra said that he would have security, there was an assumption that they were going to be insured and bonded and in a vehicle. She asked Mr. Nagra if Mr. Pinkin was fulfilling that role.
- GGGG. Attorney Obviagele said that Mr. Pinkin was not fulfilling that role.
- HHHH. Alderwoman Pratt said that Mr. Pinkin was not working at the time but that the issue is that Mr. Pinkin killed someone at his property and what is the action for someone who is or not an employee to hang around and do "x" and "y" at his property.
- IIII. Attorney Obviagele said that no one is allowed to commit a crime and that what Mr. Pinkin did was disgusting and that he hopes that he gets to spend the rest of life behind bars and that his client does not condone it.
- JJJJ. Alderwoman Pratt said that hiring a felon who committed murder previously, who has several reports of being armed at his client's store by the neighbors and people who frequent the store, are indicators that the people's safety is not foremost in his client's mind.
- KKKK. Attorney Obviagele said that we are also in a state that has a conviction records discrimination law and that as an attorney, he fights on the front line daily for people who are left without employment opportunities because of their conviction records and felony status.

- LLLL. Alderwoman Pratt said that felons cannot hold jobs in which they are armed.
- MMMM. Alderwoman Coggs said that they are not going to argue about imbalances within the judicial system or the incarceration rates, that they are here to discuss the responsibility as an employer for not doing a background check and for hiring a felon who committed murder before and now that he has committed another murder.
- NNNN. Alderwoman Coggs also said that at the renewal hearing from April 25, 2023, the Licensee said that he was going to have a security guard during the hours of operation and that Alderwoman Pratt said, that he was supposed to be outside in a car and that the shooter was not working at the moment. Alderwoman Coggs asked the Licensee who were the security guards and where were they when the shooting happened.
- OOOO. Attorney Obviagele said that they did not do a background check on the shooter and that his duties were to clean up outside and monitor outside and that he was not supposed to have a gun. He also said that there was no security guard on that specific date and time.
- PPPP. Alderwoman Coggs asked if they were on violation of the plan of operations.
- QQQQ. Attorney Obviagele said that they cannot manufacture security guards where they do not exist.
- RRRR. Alderwoman Coggs said that the Licensee and his attorney have said that employees are not supposed to have firearms in the store and asked if that is stated in the handbook.
- SSSS. Attorney Obviagele said that Mr. Pinkin was not an employee.
- TTTT. Alderwoman Coggs asked if that is stated in contractor's handbook.
- UUUU. Attorney Obviagele said that his client verbally told Mr. Pinkin not to have a gun.
- VVVV. Alderwoman Coggs asked how do they ensure that the employees/contractors don't have a gun in the premises.
- WWWW. Attorney Obviagele said that there is a sign at City Hall but that he does not see someone ensuring that no one is carrying a gun.
- XXXX. Alderwoman Coggs asked Mr. Nagra if he has a sign at the store.

- YYYY. Mr. Nagra said that he is not sure about it.
- ZZZZ. Alderwoman Coggs said to Attorney Obviagele that he knows that there is a sign at City Hall, so how come his client does not know if there is a sign at his business if he is there every day.
- AAAAA. The Licensee said that there is a sign about no guns allowed but that he does not know if the sign was up on that specific day.
- BBBBB. Alderwoman Coggs asked Mr. Nagra how long he has been in business.
- CCCCC. Mr. Nagra said that since 2000.
- DDDDD. Alderwoman Coggs asked how many employees he has have since 2000.
- EEEEE. Mr. Nagra said that multiple employees.
- FFFFF. Alderwoman Coggs asked Mr. Nagra if in those 23 years he has done background checks on any of his employees.
- GGGGG. Mr. Nagra said that he hasn't.
- HHHHH. Alderwoman Coggs asked if there is a reason why he hasn't done it.
- IIIII. Mr. Nagra said that he didn't have the need to do it.

Individuals in opposition:

- JJJJJ. Natalie Easter Allen 4345 N 24th Pl she said that she has lived in the neighborhood for 50 years and that the gas station was black owned and that it was decent until it was sold. She said that this operator badly treats customers, she said that back in 2013, there were 3 teenagers shoplifting and that the operator locked the store and pepper sprayed everybody in there. She also said that another situation happened in 2017 and that now there are a lot of panhandlers in the way to the door asking if you want to buy drugs and that it has gotten to the point that you can't go to the business. Mrs. Easter Allen said that she cannot accept the Licensee's apologies because what happened to her son, it could have been avoided and that even with her son bleeding out by the store door, the Licensee was doing business as usual. Mrs. Easter Allen said that the Licensee was not sincere because it was more about him making money. She also mentioned that after 4 days that she buried her son, the Licensee's son came to tell her that they could easily transfer ownership to reopen. She said that the lives of the community from whom the Licensee make a living from, have no value and that they are not valued as human beings. Mrs. Easter Allen said that things don't

add up because Mr. Pinkin has been at the store before the death of her son like the police report says and that she saw him too.

KKKKK. Alderwoman Pratt asked Mrs. Easter Allen if her son was a frequent of the store.

LLLLL. Mrs. Easter Allen said that all of her children were frequent customers because it was the neighborhood store.

MMMMM. Vince Toney 2721 W Roosevelt Dr said that we have a licenses committee that supposed to act on behalf of the people of this community, that these stores are detrimental to the community and that it should not have to take a life before we start making the right decisions. He said that this body must consider the people of the community first.

NNNNN. Charmian Easter 9089 N 75th St she said that she is the grandmother of Isaiah and that she has lived in the community for over 50 years and that her kids (including Isaiah's mom), grew up going to the gas station to pick up a candy and that since incidences started to happen, she has been avoiding that store and that she does not even buy gas from them anymore. She added that this business is not for the community and that having items on the police report are an indicator that something is wrong with that business. She said that in all of the business that she worked for, she needed to read and sign a handbook. She also said that the owner must know if there is a sign or not at the store and that he should have noticed that Mr. Pinkin was carrying a gun if he is there every day at different times because she also knows that customers let him know. Ms. Easter said that her grandson did not deserve what happened to him and that Isaiah was a human being just like the man that owns this business.

OOOOO. Vanisha Walker 8542 W Silver Spring Dr said that she just wants to say that the business owner was negligent for not doing a background check and that he does not handle the business properly and that it does not matter where the business is located. She added that it is unacceptable that his negligence led to a death and that he should not be conducting other business anywhere for being irresponsible with the community.

PPPPP. Shawn Muhammad 2434 N 47th St said that their mosque is located close to the gas station and requested to keep this establishment closed for respect to the community. He added that the community does not have a problem doing business with people outside their community and that all that they ask is to show respect. He also said that the lies of Mr. Nagra and running a business with Isaiah bleeding out on the

ground are great signs of disrespect. He added that they all know that Mr. Pinkin was being paid under the table and Mr. Nagra can cook the books from July but that they know very well that Mr. Pinkin was working there before because the streets said so and the streets don't lie. He said that agrees with Mrs. Walker's testimony about questioning his business practices. He also asked the committee to make sure that the next ownership be someone that looks like the community that they serve.

QQQQQ. Steven E. Payon 2225 W Olive St said that he has lived there for 53 years and that he was on his way to work at 6:30 am when he noticed the body on the ground. He said that when he approached to the body to take a photo to file a complaint to the City, he noticed the hole in the head and went inside the store. He said that he asked the clerk if he knew that there was a young man bleeding out on the ground, that the clerk shook his head at the time that he was taking money from two customers. He said that he never saw something as disrespectful and inhuman like this and demanded the clerk to call the police and shut down the store.

RRRRR. Shawn Moore 4345 N 24th said that this gas station has been a problem for the last 20 years and that they are here to speak for Isaiah, for the people of the community and for the city of Milwaukee. He added that they are tired of people coming into these communities to pillage, to disrespect the mothers, to bid on our children, to rob our children and to kill our children. He added that they cannot continue coming to community, committee and board meetings to say that a life has value and that the message today is that those actions cannot continue. He said that there is lady that wants to speaks about a bag that Mr. Pinkin is trying to retrieve from the store and that they do not know if the weapon is there. He added that this establishment will make another death and that they will be monitoring Mr. Nagra's other businesses and that if there is any adverse action at the other stores, they will try to shut them down as well. He also asked the committee to close this business down.

SSSSS. Caliph Muabel 8953 N 70th St said that he made some interviews because the police kind of wrapped up the investigation and that as a matter of fact they found the fragment of the bullet.

TTTTT. Shaya Davis 4252 N Teutonia Av said that Mr. Pinkin has called her everyday day asking her to retrieve a bag from the store for him and that she does not have access to the store. She also said that Mr. Pinkin is asking her to get money from a guy that he worked for and that she has told him that she cannot do that and that she has no part in that.

- UUUUU. Alderwoman Pratt asked Ms. Davis if she worked at the store.
- VVVVV. Ms. Davis said that she does not work at the store, that she does not own the bag and that she has not informed MPD about the bag.
- WWWWW. Attorney Obviagele asked when was the last time that Mr. Pinkin called her.
- XXXXX. Ms. Davis said that it was yesterday from the County Jail number, that he calls her every day and that if she does not answer the call, Mr. Pinkin makes his family members call her for the same reasons.
- YYYYY. Attorney Obviagele asked Ms. Davis if she has a relationship with Mr. Pinkin.
- ZZZZZ. Ms. Davis answered "no".
- AAAAA. Attorney Obviagele said that he is trying to understand why Mr. Pinkin is calling her.
- BBBBB. Ms. Davis said that she is trying to understand it too and that they used to work at the food stand at the gas station.
- CCCCC. Alderwoman Pratt asked Ms. Davis if she ever noticed that Mr. Pinkin was armed.
- DDDDD. Ms. Davis said that she did not notice and that he told her personally about his background.
- EEEEEE. Troy Allen 108 B Hickory St said that Mr. Nagra does not care otherwise he would be sitting here next to them. He said that he knows that he is not going to bring his son back but that Mr. Nagra should not own nothing. He added that after they washed off his son's blood, Mr. Nagra wanted to go back to business and that he told Mr. Nagra that he was not going to do so. He added that it is a coward's move to sit behind a camera and let his attorney to speak when he can speak English and takes the community's dollars.
- FFFFFF. Paris Allen 6739 N 75th St she said that things don't add up to her and since the Licensee does not know if there is a sign posted on the door when he is there every day. She said that she is there every other day and that she can describe the building from top to bottom. She said that if Mr. Pinkin was hired in July how come his statement is recorded on an incident that happened in June. She said that being the human being that she is, she would have closed this business down way before Isaiah, there wouldn't ever been an Isaiah

murdered. She said that police reports indicate that and that he steals from children. She said that he/his clerk tried to charge her son \$5 for 2 honey buns. She said that the Licensee is trying to scare them and that she knows that he does not train his employees because there was no call until the neighbor asked the clerk to call the police. She added that multiple people let him know that Mr. Pinkin was carrying a gun for multiple situations that happened at the store.

- GGGGGG. Harolyn Myles 9807 W Menomonee Park #5 she said that she could not believe that Isaiah was killed at his local gas station, that she is here in objection of the gas station but also to speak as the mother of Isaiah's child who is 3 years old and will never see his father again because of some desert cakes.
- HHHHHH. Sedan Smith 4271 N Sherman Blvd said that his brother was killed by a Milwaukee Police Officer and that they all voted for them because they thought that they care about the community. He added that there is a bill that could have prevented this and that this must to stop.
- IIIII. Alderman Borkowski said that as a chair of the Judiciary and Legislation committee he will ask that this bill be at the front.
- JJJJJJ. Lena Taylor said that she just wanted to highlight a few things: There is a state statute that talks about independent contractors. She asked the committee to distinguish between what happened on June 22, what MPD interviewed and had in a report. To look at the credibility from what was said back on April. That she is concerned about the bag in the store. She is not a dialysis patient but the report said that Mr. Pinkin was sitting at the security's chair and not waiting outside for the van. The gun has not been found and that she does not know how the shooter was able/allowed to leave the scene. That this business does not fit to the neighborhood. That if the supervision agent even knew that Mr. Pinkin was working at the gas station and carried a gun. She also asked what is in a gas station that is worth to take a life. She added that she does know how to get the videos and make them available to the committee.
- KKKKKK. Attorney Obviagele said that he is objecting to the entire testimony of Senator Taylor on the basis of irrelevance.
- LLLLLL. Attorney Farris said that he does not see any impropersness from Senator Taylor presenting her views to the committee.
- MMMMMM. Alderwoman Coggs denied the objection.

- NNNNNN. Senator Taylor continued saying that as a citizen, she does not know what the process is to make the videos available to the committee.
- OOOOOO. Attorney Obviagele said that he is objecting on the basis of hearsay.
- PPPPPP. Alderwoman Coggs said that Senator Taylor did not refer to anyone.
- QQQQQQ. Senator Taylor said that she is here as a citizen and a mother of one Isaiah and that this happened to people that she knows from her own backyard.
- RRRRRR. Attorney Obviagele asked Senator Taylor if she represents the estate for Isaiah.
- SSSSSS. Senator Taylor said that Mark Thomsen represents the estate and that she is a co-counsel.
- TTTTTT. Attorney Obviagele asked Senator Taylor if she is aware that there is a current investigation being held by MPD.
- UUUUUU. Senator Taylor said that she is aware that they did their investigation, that they filed with the DA, that it was a criminal complaint and that an individual was charged but that she is not aware of the criminal matter, that she is not involved with the criminal matter at all, that she is strictly involved in the civil matter and that she does not know what the police has or has not done in regards of the criminal matter.
- VVVVVV. Joshua Taylor 4215 W Martin #3 said that he is in opposition of this business and that the Licensee is nothing about being charitable but cutting costs instead. He added that the family has been camping outside the store to keep it closed.

- WWWWWW. Ruby Anderson 2016 N 24th Pl said that he is here in support of the family and that he is very upset about the actions of this operator. He added that he is an independent contractor as well and that he wants to know if the Licensee has provided a copy of the contract or of the 1099 form. He added that he is mad at the fact that the owner's son dare to say that if it is not them, is going to be, someone else running the business.
- XXXXXX. Debra Jenkins 4326 N 42nd St said that she is upset that the attorney and the owner are not there to face this grieving family. She added that the police calls for service for this business at the tax payer's expense is also disrespectful. She also said that she does not want this business open ever again.
- YYYYYY. Brandi Allis 4144 N 48th St said that she has been at the gas station and that this business is a danger to the neighborhood. She also wants to see the 1099 form filled by Mr. Pinkin or to find out if he was getting paid under the table.
- ZZZZZZ. Sherlyn Chapman 1912 N 38th St said that she is support of closing this store because she understands the pain of this family as her daughter was killed in February.
- AAAAAAA. Officer Keith Garland said that he works for the community partnership unit at district 5 and that he's here to address questions in regards of the nuisance process which happened twice this year with this location: the first in March and the second in August.
- BBBBBBB. Alderwoman Coggs asked if the Licensee was able to fulfill the whole abatement plan for the first nuisance designation.
- CCCCCCC. Officer Garland said that they fulfilled those obligations.
- DDDDDDD. Alderwoman Pratt asked if the abatement plan included a security guard.
- EEEEEEE. Officer Garland said that it did not include a security guard.
- FFFFFFF. Attorney Obviagele asked Officer Garland if the owner/staff attempted to conceal evidence in anyway.
- GGGGGGG. Officer Garland responded that he can only speak for the calls that he responded to personally and that he did not see things of that nature.
- HHHHHHH. Alderwoman Coggs asked the Licensee if he tried to stay open after the shooting and why?
- IIIIII. Mr. Nagra said that the store was open but that they were not doing business to his knowledge.



- JJJJJJ. Alderwoman Coggs said that the Licensee did not challenge the testimony of Mr. Payon and that she wants to know what is the procedure or what is written in the handbook when incidents happen.
- KKKKKKK. The Licensee said that the staff must call him, to give the police what they want and to lock the doors.
- LLLLLLL. Alderwoman Coggs asked the Licensee if anyone told him that Mr. Pinkin was carrying a gun inside the premises.
- MMMMMMM. The Licensee said that no one told him.
- NNNNNNN. Alderwoman Coggs asked if it's true that Mr. Pinkin got paid after the incident and that he was allowed to leave.
- OOOOOOO. The Licensee said that nobody paid him anything.
- PPPPPPP. Alderwoman Pratt said that if the policy is to call him, is the staff supposed to call him first before the police.
- QQQQQQQ. The Licensee said that the staff must call the police first and then call him.
- RRRRRRR. Alderman Borkowski said to the public that he is support of the revocation of these licenses and excused himself from the hearing as he had another commitment to attend at his district.
- SSSSSSS. Alderwoman Pratt said that she does not want to prolong this any longer, that she understands how difficult it is to consider what happened on that day, to know how preventable it was and to have that extra layer on how to make the difference.
- TTTTTTT. Alderwoman Pratt moved for the revocation of the Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report and neighborhood testimony that speaks to the fact that the clerk continued to operate as Isaiah's Allen body was on the ground and also due the on-going experiences of the residents inside the store which demonstrates that the operation results in a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public.
- UUUUUUU. Alderwoman Coggs said that she did not expect after the death of someone at a location to hear so much blame on politicians, the neighborhood, society and the city at large. She said that we all know that there are hundreds of corner stores, liquor stores, gas stations that never come before this committee, never have someone killed on their property and don't even have the long list of issues that neighbors came here to tell us about today. She recognized that we are facing challenges with the crime level and public safety issues and that it is obvious also, that some business people get it



right, that they look for solutions, that they are respectful to the neighbors and customers, maybe they do background checks, real training, fill out real paperwork and have the proper signage at their businesses. She added that there are several solutions that all can be suggested to prevent that something like this ever happens. She said that she also understands that it is not always the fault of the owner but that her expectation is that business owners come prepared with changes, with things that might work better and prevent the issues from happening again and that she heard none of them today. Alderwoman Coggs said that she will be supporting the motion because of the death that happened here, the negligence of management in so many different ways and all the testimony given here today on top of the fact that the Licensee was here back in April saying that he was going to add security.

VVVVVVVV. Alderman Brostoff said that he is concerned about the fact that this Licensee owns another business in the city and that this committee will be vigilant about the games that are played transferring ownerships, etc. because the stakes are so high and people are at risk. He also thanked the family and neighbors who came here today.

WWWWWWW. Alderwoman Coggs said that Alderwoman Pratt's motion is for the revocation of the Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report, the Licensee and the neighborhood testimony and the failure to comply with the approved plan of operation which demonstrates that the operation results in a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public. There were no objections. (Prevailed 3 0)



CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

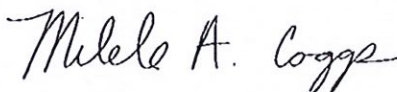
1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold a hearing on the revocation of Extended Hours, Filling Station, Food dealer and Weights and Measures licenses and to provide Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapters 62, 82, 84 and 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that revocation of the licenses of Gurinder Nagra, is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.
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 to deem this location unfit for these types of licenses and revoke the Extended Hours, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights and Measures license held by Gurinder Nagra for the premises located at 4295 North Teutonia Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Teutonia Gas & Food") based upon the evidence and testimony provided in the police report, by the complainant, the licensee, and other witnesses who testified in the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of **three (3) ayes, zero (0) noes and two (2) excused**, recommends that the Extended Hours, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights and Measures license held by Gurinder Nagra for the premises located at 4295 North Teutonia Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Teutonia Gas & Food") be revoked.

Said revocation is effective on October 10, 2023.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 29 day of September, 2023.



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MILELE A. COGGS ALDERWOMAN, 6TH DISTRICT

Date: September 29, 2023

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: The Licenses Committee

Re: Report of the Renewal Application of Harjeet S. Walia, Agent for Welcome Milwaukee LLC, for Extended Hours Establishments, Filing Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for the premises located at 350 North Plankinton Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Welcome Mart").

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Harjeet S. Walia (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of Extended Hours Establishments, Filing Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for the premises located at 350 North Plankinton Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Welcome Mart"). Said licenses expired at midnight, July 17, 2023.
2. An application to renew said licenses was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on July 21, 2023.
3. Pursuant to Chapters 68, 82, 84, and 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, the matter was referred to the Milwaukee Police Department for investigation. On July 25, 2023, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis for nonrenewal of said license.
4. On September 13, 2023, the City Clerk's Office provided notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 68, 82, 84, and 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances of the police report and neighborhood objections and included a copy of the police report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the police report and neighborhood objections on September 26, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 301B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee appeared with counsel, Attorney Ajit Walia at the hearing, and admitted receipt of the notice of hearing, together with a copy of the Milwaukee Police report.
5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
 - A. On June 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shots Fired. Investigation revealed subjects were parked at the pumps and fired rounds into the air. The video depicting the incident was provided by a citizen that resides across the street. The establishment was aware of the incident, however, did not call the police. Officers



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were unable to retrieve video surveillance from the gas station, due to difficulty with the surveillance system.

- B. The Licensee was present along with Attorney Ajit Walia who said they have been in the area for 40 years and that the item on the police report belongs to the last license period.
- C. Mr. Cooney said that this item did not make it to the previous license's period police report.
- D. Attorney Walia said that they have worked with Mr. Kendall, that they have found common ground, and that he committed to come to the neighborhood meetings, to communicate more and to serve better to the people. He said that he is going to make sure that his staff treats everyone equally.

Individuals also present:

- E. Alderman Bauman asked the Licensee why the staff did not call the police.
- F. The Licensee said that they provided the video to the police.
- G. Alderman Bauman clarified that the employee did not call the police.
- H. The Licensee said that the staff did not hear the shots because he is behind a bulletproof glass.

Individuals in opposition:

- I. Kendal Breunig – said that he lives across the street from the gas station, that he is member of the BID and also agent for some alcohol licenses over there. He also said that he met with the Walia brothers and that he has now their current telephone numbers. He added that he is not against the license but to the late hours that have become an issue for the neighbors.
- J. Alderman Bauman asked Mr. Kendall if he is in opposition of the extended hours licenses on the weekends.
- K. Mr. Breunig said that he is in opposition of the extended hours on the weekends.
- L. Sally – 313 N Plankinton Av 413 – said that she lives right above the gas station, that her windows face this business, that during the week is fine but the weekends are bad with the noise, the sound and the crowds.
- M. Alderman Bauman asked Ms. Sally if the disturbances are only during the weekends.
- N. Ms. Sally said that the disturbances happen only during the weekends.
- O. Lisa Back – Pritzlaff Lofts, Building Manager – said that she does not reside there but that she has received a lot of complaints from tenants about people dancing on top of the cars like if they were filming videos with loud music and noise.
- P. Alderman Bauman asked Ms. Back how many complaints she receives every week.



- Q. Ms. Back said that she receives from 4 to 5 and that she has not shared the videos submitted by the tenants at all answering Alderman Borkowski question.
- R. Dale Christiansen – 313 N Plankinton Av 411- said that they have lived there since 2020 and that the business is good cleaning up inside and around the premises. He added that he has a video of the shooting from the police report. He added that his and wife’s sleep has deteriorated because of the loud weekends at the gas station and that they need a small adjustment.
- S. The Licensee said that this is the first time that he is hearing about all these issues with neighbors and that he wants to work with the neighbors.
- T. Alderman Bauman said that 100% of the noise during the weekends comes from the gas station and that the congregation is evident during the weekends and that he does not have complaints during the week. He added that this is not acceptable, that he is not supporting the renewal of the extended hours for Fri and Sat because it will be clear if these congregations are trespassing if the business is closed. Alderman Bauman asked that this business close at 12am on Fri and Sat.
- U. Alderman Brostoff said that this is a good agreement because he is going to continue to operate his business in the proper way as he does and to avoid those congregations that are hurting his business and the neighborhood.
- V. Attorney Walia said that they had no incidents last year and asked for a warning letter instead and that he promises to continue working with neighbors.
- W. Alderman Borkowski asked the Licensee if he is willing to change the hours of operation for the weekends.
- X. The Licensee said that he is requesting a warning letter because this is the first time that he is hearing of these issues and that he wants to work with the neighbors.
- Y. Alderman Bauman said that he finds it hard to believe that the Licensee is not aware of what is going on because what neighbors are describing is chaos.
- Z. The Licensee was asked again if he is willing to amend the hours of operations during the weekend.
- AA. The Licensee declined to amend the hours of operations during the weekend.
- BB. Mr. Cooney was asked what are the options for the committee since the Licensee is not willing to amend the hours of operation. He responded that the options are renewal or nonrenewal.
- CC. Alderman Brostoff moved renewal of the Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses and nonrenewal of the Extended Hours Establishments based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report and neighborhood objections that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public for the loud noise at times when the licensed premises is open for business. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

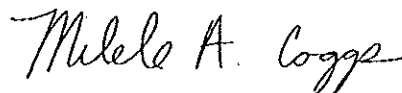
1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provided Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapters 68, 82, 84, and 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Harjeet S. Walia who holds Extended Hours Establishments, Filing Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for the premise located at 350 North Plankinton Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Welcome Mart") has not met the criteria of Chapters 68, 82, 84, and 85, of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances to renew the Extended Hours Establishment license, but approval for the renewal of Filling Station, Food Dealer, and Weights & Measures licenses. The Committee finds the police report and aldermanic objections as stated above to be true. The Committee based its recommendation on the preponderance of the evidence in the police report and neighborhood objections that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public for the loud noise at times when the licensed premises is open for business.
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 to not renew the Extended Hours Establishments license, but approve the renewal of Filling Station, Food Dealer, and Weights & Measures licenses for the premises located at 350 North Plankinton Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Welcome Mart"). The Committee based its recommendation on the preponderance of the evidence in the police report and neighborhood objections that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public for the loud noise at times when the licensed premises is open for business.

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 the renewal of the Filing Station, Food Dealer, and Weights & Measures licenses of Harjeet S. Walia for the premises located 350 North Plankinton Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Welcome Mart") but recommends that Welcome Mart's Extended Hours Establishment license not be renewed based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report and neighborhood objections which demonstrate that the operation of the business during late hours results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public.

Said nonrenewal is effective on October 10, 2023.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 29 day of September, 2023.



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MILELE A. COGGS
ALDERWOMAN, 6TH DISTRICT

Date: September 29, 2023

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 (PEP) and Food Dealer Licenses, and Requesting to Add Disc Jockey as Type of Entertainment Veronica M. Cervera, Agent for Little Cancun 2 LLC, for the premises located at 3040 South Delaware Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Little Cancun Sports").

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Veronica M. Cervera (hereinafter "the Licensee") is the holder of Class "B" Tavern, PEP and Food Dealer Licenses, and requests to Add Disc Jockey as Type of Entertainment, for the premises located at 3040 South Delaware Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Little Cancun Sports"). Said licenses expire at midnight on October 10, 2023.
2. An application to renew said licenses and to add to the PEP license was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on July 28, 2023.
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.
4. On September 15, 2023, 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 September 26, 2023, commencing at approximately 2:15 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:

Individuals also present:

- A. Mr. Cooney said that the Licensee withdrew the Disc Jockey request yesterday and that we only have the license renewals in front us.



Individuals in opposition:

- B. Brian Smith – S. Delaware Av – he said that he lives in a residential block and that the hours have changed since Covid because before it was a restaurant and now it is more like a bar. He said that he is surprised that there is no police report because he has called and the last one happened about three weeks ago.
- C. Sgt. Velasquez said that there is call from September 10th and that MPD was not able to get there.
- D. Mr. Smith said that he talked to the police and even shared the video of the incident that he reported. He added that they are tired of picking up bottles, that there are people pre-gaming before they get in, that he has called the police, that he has called Alderwoman Dimitrijevic's office. He also said that he took time off to be here today because it is an important matter to him. He said that he is against renewal of the alcohol license.
- E. Micah Oge – 3023 S Delaware St - said that they have lived there for 7 years now and that this establishment shifted to bar operations after the pandemic. He added that patrons fail to stop and yield on the street, that there's people arguing over parking spots, that patrons congregate on the street; that they are very loud and sometimes those arguments escalate and then they drive away upset. He also said that sometimes patrons sit at their yards and that they are tired of picking up garbage, empty bottles and the disruptive behaviors of the patrons. He added that he has been able to document all of these behaviors with videos and that he has reported some of the issues to the police. He said that he is also surprised that there no record nor police report.
- F. Alderwoman Dimitrijevic asked the neighbors if a reduction of the hours would be beneficial to them.
- G. Mr. Oge said that they observe the same behaviors from 9 pm to midnight and during the day on Saturdays.
- H. Mr. Smith said for the record, that this location already has a disc jockey.
- I. Jinx Oge – 3023 S Delaware St – said that they welcomed this business in their community as a restaurant and that now they are promoting party behaviors instead. He added they go to sleep with a clean yard and that they wake up with litter and even drinks in the yard. He said that these behaviors happened at any time and that they did not sign up for this. He is also amazed that no record of the calls that they have made to the police report.
- J. Andrew Bunk - 3052 S Delaware St – said that he has talked to the Licensee about two incidences and that he filed a police report as well. He said that one of the incidents was a death threat made by three patrons, that one of them is actually a regular of the establishment and that the Licensee knows him. The other incident



involved someone placed 3 empty bottles by his yard so he went and put them back in front of the establishment's door, when someone (who was not even an employee) came out and started to yell at him. He added that he has seen people vomiting in front of his house and then driving away.

- K. Alderwoman Dimitrijevic said that she was able to locate Mr. Oge's email and that she will talk to the district captain because it is very hard to have a case without this information.

Individuals also present:

- L. Alderman Brostoff asked Mr. Bunk if there was follow up with the Licensee.
- M. Mr. Bunk said that there was a follow up and that he was called different words while he was there.
- N. Alderwoman Dimitrijevic asked the Licensee if she has had disc jockey without a license.
- O. The Licensee said that she has had DJ.
- P. Alderwoman Dimitrijevic said that it is very disrespectful to the neighbors and that she did not know that the neighbors were in communication with the Licensee. She recommended the Licensee to reconsider her business model and to add security guard.
- Q. Alderwoman Dimitrijevic recommended renewal with a 10-day suspension.
- R. The Licensee said that she has a lot of support from other community members who like the food, that she cleans up every day, that she cares about the neighborhood and that she does not want to have a bad reputation.
- S. Alderwoman Dimitrijevic asked the Licensee to find balance and harmony and; that it does not seem that the Licensee is taking serious these neighbors' requests and that she hopes that the Licensee does not take it personally and rather goes into action.
- T. Alderman Brostoff said that he thinks that these testimonies are not been taking seriously by the Licensee and that he all heard was only confrontation from the Licensee.
- U. Alderman Brostoff moved renewal with 15-day suspension based upon the neighbors, applicant and aldermanic testimony. 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 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.



2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Veronica M. Cervera who holds Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premise (PEP) and Food Dealer licenses for the premise located at 3040 South Delaware Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Little Cancun Sports") 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 to not renew the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, and Food licenses without undergoing a fifteen (15) day suspension. The Committee finds the neighborhood 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 to not renew the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premise (PEP), and Food Dealer licenses for the premises located at 3040 South Delaware Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Little Cancun Sports") without undergoing a fifteen (15) day suspension. The Committee based its recommendation on the testimony of the neighbors, Licensee and aldermanic testimony.

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 (PEP), and Food Dealer Licenses of Veronica M. Cervera for the premises located at 3040 South Delaware Avenue ("Little Cancun Sports") in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin not be renewed without undergoing a fifteen (15) day suspension.

The suspension is in effect between 12:01 a.m. on October 10, 2023 until 11:59 p.m. on October 25, 2023.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 29 day of September, 2023.



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Chairman, Licenses Committee

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