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October 20, 2023

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Honorable Members:

Common Council File Number 230874 contains the following recommendations:

Nonrenewal of the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer licenses for Eric Whitelaw based upon second nonappearance for the premises located at 715-17 S 5th St. ("Hex Nightclub"), in the 12th aldermanic district.

Nonrenewal of the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer licenses for Marcos Ramos-Garcia based upon nonappearance for the premises located at 2242 S Kinnickinnic Av. ("Makk'n'Cheese/Blind Tiger"), in the 14th aldermanic district.

Renewal with a 30 day suspension of the Hotel/Motel license for Alpa N. Patel, based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report and the applicant's testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public; for the premises located at 4600 S 27th St. ("Suburban Motel"), in the 13th aldermanic district.

Renewal with a 10 day suspension of the Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for Rajmaninder S. Sangha based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report and the applicant's testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public; for the premises located at 4928 W Villard Av. ("Citgo"), in the 1st aldermanic district.

Respectfully,

Milele Coggs, Chair
Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members
File 230874



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MILELE A. COGGS ALDERWOMAN, 6TH DISTRICT

Date: October 20, 2023

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: Licenses Committee

Re: Report on the Renewal Application of the Class "B" Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises (PEP) and Food Dealer Licenses of Eric Whitelaw, Agent for HEX VENTURES LLC, for the premises located at 715-17 South 5th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Hex Nightclub").

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Eric Whitelaw (hereinafter "the Licensee") is the holder of Class "B" Tavern, PEP and Food Dealer Licenses for the premises located at 715-17 South 5th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Hex Nightclub"). Said licenses expired at midnight on September 19, 2023.
2. An application to renew said licenses was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on June 23, 2023.
3. Pursuant to Chapters 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 August 28, 2023, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis for the suspension or nonrenewal of said licenses.
4. On October 3, 2023, the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 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 on October 17, 2023, commencing at approximately 10:30 a.m. in Room 301-B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee did not make an appearance at the hearing.
5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
 - A. On June 26, 2022 at 4:30 p.m., a citizen walked into the District to report a stolen firearm. The citizen stated on June 26, 2022 at approximately 12:00a.m., they parked their vehicle in front of 715 S. 5th Street, and when they returned, a rear



- passenger window was broken and their firearm was stolen from the glove compartment. An officer attempted to retrieve video surveillance from 715 S. 5th Street
- B. On July 23, 2022 at 2:40 a.m., Milwaukee Police were conducting follow up regarding a separate investigation at 715 S. 5th Street, when they were advised an employee's vehicle had been broken into and a firearm stolen.
 - C. On October 15, 2022 at 9:30 p.m., Milwaukee Police conducted a License Premise Check at 715 S. 5th Street. No violations were found and the employee was cooperative with police.
 - D. On October 30, 2022 at 9:30 p.m., Milwaukee Police conducted follow up at 715 S. 5th Street, regarding a fight that occurred in the early morning hours. The employee on scene was cooperative and allowed officers to view video surveillance.
 - E. On December 8, 2022 at 1:30 p.m., Milwaukee Police conducted a community meeting with bar owners and the Walkers Point Association, regarding common problems with the taverns on S. 5th St. The agent for 715 S. 5th Street, was present and issues discussed were parking/traffic issues and patron behavior upon leaving the establishments.
 - F. On March 3, 2023 at 10:30 p.m., Milwaukee Police were on patrol when they observed traffic back-up in the area of 715 S. 5th Street due to valet parking. The officer advised security they cannot block the main flow of traffic while valet parking vehicles. The security officer stated they understood, however, later in the evening the same problem was occurring and the officer once again had to advise security.
 - G. On March 5, 2023 at 11:58 p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a fight at 715 S. 5th Street. Investigation revealed security observed a patron fall and when they assisted the patron to his feet, the patron pushed another patron. The security officer escorted the patron out and stated that behavior was not welcome, however, the patron was upset and called the police. The employees were cooperative and no violations were observed.
 - H. On March 15, 2023 at 12:02 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Tavern Violation at 715 S. 5th Street. Officers were advised the caller stated their minor child was allowed in the tavern using a fake id, and consuming alcohol. The officers attempted to contact the caller, however, only received voicemail. The officers did not observe anyone that appeared to be underage inside the club. The officers interviewed the manager and advised of the complaint as well as prior noise complaints. The manager requested officer's assistance with security in preventing incidents inside and outside the club. The manager was receptive to all of the officer's suggestions and agreed to purchase an ID Scanner to prevent minor's from entering. The manager was cooperative.

- I. On April 5, 2023 at 8:41 p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shots Fired call at 715 S. 5th Street. Investigation revealed the closed business had been shot into by a subject walking by. The manager arrived on scene and stated they recently purchased an ID Scanner that has led to them turning more patrons away, but has not had any problems with anyone. The manager was cooperative and allowed officers to view video surveillance of the incident.
- J. On July 1, 2023 at 11:40 a.m., Milwaukee Police responded to 715 S. 5th Street, for a Shots Fired Investigation. On arrival officers did observe the unoccupied tavern had been struck by gunfire. The officers recovered 18 shell casings and all of the windows had been shot out. The officers further observed a bullet hole in the window next door, which is a hair salon that was occupied at the time of the incident. The officers interviewed the manager who stated they believed this incident and an incident on April 5, 2023, were the result of a dispute with their promotor and a canceled performance. Due to the fact the "no" box on page 4, question 4 of the agent's application had been checked, the business was operating outside of its Plan of Operation. (3 license premise reports related to this item)
- K. On July 3, 2023 Milwaukee Police drafted and mailed a Notice of Nuisance Premise to the building owner of 715 S. 5th Street.

Individuals also present:

- L. Mr. Cooney said that he received communication from the property owner saying that the Licensee was evicted. He said that he reached out to the Licensee who said that he had no right to occupy the building. Mr. Cooney also said that he e-mailed the Licensee the withdrawal form but that he has not received it back yet.
- M. Alderman Ald. Borkowski moved denial based upon second nonappearance. 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, Eric Whitelaw who holds Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premise (PEP) and Food Dealer licenses for the premise located at 715-17 South 5th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Hex Nightclub") has not met the criteria of Chapters 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes to renew the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, and Food licenses. The Licensee no longer has the right to operate a tavern and restaurant in the premises, having



been evicted. The Committee also finds the police report and aldermanic objections as stated above to be true.

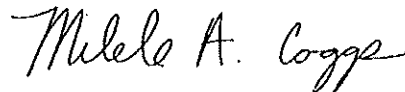
3. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it is the recommendation of the Licenses Committee that the full Common Council of the City of Milwaukee should exercise its judgment to not renew the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premise (PEP), and Food Dealer licenses for the premises located at 715-17 South 5th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Hex Nightclub"). The Committee based its recommendation on Licensee's second nonappearance and information indicating that the Licensee has been evicted from the premises.

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 Eric Whitelaw for the premises located at 715-17 South 5th Street ("Hex Nightclub") in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin not be renewed based its recommendation on Licensee's second nonappearance and the Licensee's eviction from the premises.

Said nonrenewal is effective October 31, 2023.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 20 day of October, 2023.



MILELE A. COGGS
Chairman, Licenses Committee

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MILELE A. COGGS
ALDERWOMAN, 6TH DISTRICT

Date: October 20, 2023

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: Licenses Committee

Re: Report on the Renewal Application of the Class "B" Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises (PEP) and Food Dealer Licenses Requesting Change of Business Operations (Decreasing Food Sales Amount) for Marcos A. Ramos-Garcia, Agent for KRS Hospitality Group LLC, for the premises located at 2242 South Kinnickinnic Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Makk'n'Cheese/Blind Tiger").

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Marcos A. Ramos-Garcia (hereinafter "the Licensee") is the holder of Class "B" Tavern, PEP and Food Dealer Licenses, and requests to change Business Operations (Decreasing Food Sales Amount), for the premises located at 2242 South Kinnickinnic Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Makk'n'Cheese/Blind Tiger"). Said licenses expired at midnight on October 10, 2023.
2. An application to renew said licenses and to change Business Operations as noted above was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on September 6, 2023.
3. Pursuant to Chapters 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 October 5, 2023, the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 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 October 17, 2023, commencing at approximately 2:25 p.m. in Room 301-B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee did not make an appearance at the hearing.
5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:



- A. On July 15, 2023 at 10:45 p.m., Milwaukee Police conducted a License Premise Check at 2242 south Kinnickinnic Avenue. The officers introduced themselves to the employee on scene and advised them they would be conducting a license premise check. The officers observed the following violations: Liquor Prices Posted Outside; Hookah Tobacco Prices without a License; No Licenses Posted; Entertainment Machines on site without a PEP License for such machines; Liquor Receipts not on site. The bartender was unable to produce a Class D Operator License and it was later determined, they did not have a Class D Operator on site. The manager arrived on scene and it was later determined that the manager did not have a Class B Manager License nor an Operator License. Therefore, there was no Responsible Person on Premise. The officer attempted to contact the agent to advise them of the violations, however, was unable to. The following citations were issued:

Charge 1: Display of License
2: Public Entertainment Premise License Required
3: Cigarette and Tobacco License Required
4: Responsible Person on Premises Required
Finding: Arraignment 09/20/23 8:30 A.M.
Sentence:
Date:
Case: 23024668/23024669/23024670/23024671

Individuals also present:

- B. Mr. Cooney said that no communication has been received from the Licensee.
- C. Alderwoman Dimitrijevic agreed.
- D. Alderman Chambers moved denial based upon nonappearance. 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 to make 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, Marcos A. Ramos-Garcia has not met the criteria of Chapters 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes to renew the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, and Food Dealer licenses for the premises located at 2242 South Kinnickinnic Avenue in the City of Milwaukee based upon the Agent's failure to appear, the police report and aldermanic objections as stated above.

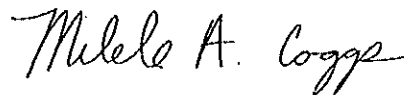
3. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it is the recommendation of the Licenses Committee that the full Common Council of the City of Milwaukee should exercise its judgment to not renew the Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premise (PEP), and Food Dealer licenses for the premises located at 2242 South Kinnickinnic Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Makk'n'Cheese/Blind Tiger"). The Committee based its recommendation on the nonappearance of the Licensee, the police report and Aldermanic objections.

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 Marcos A. Ramos-Garcia for the premises located at 2242 South Kinnickinnic Avenue ("Makk'n'Cheese/Blind Tiger") in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin not be renewed.

Said nonrenewal is effective October 31, 2023.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 20 day of October, 2023.



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Chairman, Licenses Committee

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MILELE A. COGGS
ALDERWOMAN, 6TH DISTRICT

Date: October 20, 2023

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: Licenses Committee

Re: Report of the Renewal Application of Alpa N. Patel, Agent for Alpa Corporation for a Hotel/Motel License Renewal with Removing Stockholder, located at 4600 South 27th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Suburban Motel").

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Alpa N. Patel (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of Hotel/Motel license for the Hotel/Motel located at 4600 South 27th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Suburban Motel"). Said license expired at midnight on February 7, 2023.
2. An application to renew said license was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on September 11, 2023.
3. Pursuant to Section 275-20-10 and Chapter 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, this matter was referred to Milwaukee Police Department for investigation. On September 15, 2023, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis for the suspension or nonrenewal of said licenses.
4. On October 3, 2023, the City Clerk provided timely notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 85 and 275 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances of the police report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the objections on October 17, 2023, commencing at approximately 9:20 a.m. in Room 301B of the third floor of City Hall. At that date and time, 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. On March 9, 2023 at 1:43 a.m. Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 4600 S. 27th Street, for a property damage complaint. Officers spoke with the business agent, who stated that past patron was kicking a door at one of the hotel rooms. The subject stated that she wanted items left in the room from her previous stay. The employee checked the room and no items were in the room. Officers advised the subject to leave the location or the subject would be arrested.



- B. On May 6, 2023 at 12:52 p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 4600 S. 27th Street, for a trouble with subject complaint. Officers spoke with the business agent who stated that a guest refused to leave, and a knife was on the bed. The subject agreed to leave without incident and the knife was not used in a threatening or dangerous manner.
- C. On May 8, 2023, Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 4600 S. 27th Street, for a welfare check. Officers received information from a third party caller to check the hotel room for a subject. The hotel was cooperative with officers regarding the investigation.
- D. On May 14, 2023, at 11:28 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 4600 S. 27th Street, for a subject with gun complaint. Officers spoke with the business agent who stated that a guest demanded a refund and implied that he had a gun. Per the business agent the guest got into an altercation with an unknown female. Officers did not locate either subject regarding the assignment. The business was advised, and no police action was taken.
- E. On June 27, 2023, Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 4600 S. 27th Street, for a shots fired complaint. Officers spoke with an employee who stated that they were at the rear of the property cleaning out junk. A white vehicle pulled up and a female exited, and yelled stay away from my stuff and discharged one gun shot in the air. The vehicle then went to the front lobby of the business. The possible suspect was in the front the lobby and was detained by police. The incident was not caught on video, and some cameras were not functioning properly. The agent mentioned to officers that they are upgrading the camera system. The business was cooperative with the investigation.
- F. On August 1, 2023, Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 4600 S. 27th Street, for a welfare check complaint. Officers spoke with an employee, who was the caller. The employee stated that a guest seemed confused and was walking in front of the lobby. The guest only spoke Spanish and an interpreter had to be used. The employee stated that the Milwaukee Fire Department arrived and he believes that the subject was conveyed for medical treatment. Officers did not observe the current business licenses displayed and contacted the business agent who was cooperative.
- G. On August 31, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., Milwaukee Police conducted a licensed premise check at 4600 S. 27th Street. Officers spoke with the agent via telephone regarding the current license. The agent was advised by officers that there was an aldermanic complaint that the hotel license was expired and had to be renewed. The agent stated that she was actually at the License Division filing the application as speaking with officers. The agent states that she was made aware of the license issue and would contact officers if she had additional questions. Officers made the agent aware that the business could be cited each day that the business is operating without the proper license. The agent stated that application will be filed with the License Division shortly after getting paper work regarding a shareholder issue. The agent was cooperative with officers.



- H. The Licensee was present and said that there have been many changes since she is in charge, that they opened on March 2022, that they have more staff on a rotating basis, that they have attended the community meeting with MPD and that they have contracts with companies like WE Energies for people who come here for work.

Individuals also present:

- I. Alderman Borkowski said that there are seven items on the police report since she took over after her father's passing, that everything that the Licensee said was too defensive. He said that to have a business is a privilege even if she pays taxes and that tax money is being spent on answering these calls for service, He added that the Licensee is not showing any responsibility and that he thinks that this establishment must be out of business.
- J. Alderman Spiker said that there are two issues here: that they have been operating without a license since February and that the police have been there seven times since the license expired which is a big use of police resources. He added that even the police advised them that they needed to renew the license.
- K. Alderman Spiker recommended the Licensee get security and that a fifteen (15) day suspension will allow her to get it because there is no way that she can operate the way she is doing it right now.
- L. Alderman Chambers asked how many long term residents they have.
- M. The Licensee said that about 20%.
- N. Alderman Chambers said that he is also frustrated with the answers and that he does not see a plan to move forward.
- O. The Licensee said that her father's passing happened too soon and that they were not prepared in many ways but that she is trying to catch up.
- P. Alderman Chambers said that the Licensee did not make it any better today and that he thinks that she should have hired security right after the first incident. He also said that the he does not agree with the fifteen (15) day suspension recommended by Alderman Spiker because the Licensee needs some time to work on a plan of operations to correct all these issues.
- Q. Alderman Chambers moved approval with a 30-day suspension based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public and the Licensee testimony. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5 0)
- R. Alderman Spiker asked Sgt. Velasquez to enforce this item since they have been operating without a license as stated by the own Licensee.



CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

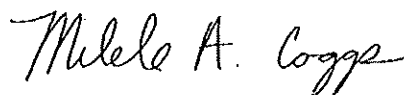
1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provided Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapters 85 and 275 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Alpa N. Patel who holds a Hotel/Motel License for the premises located 4600 South 27th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Suburban Motel") has not met the criteria of Chapters 85 and 275 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, to renew the Hotel/Motel License with Removing Stockholder without undergoing a thirty (30) day suspension. The Committee finds the police report and aldermanic testimony as stated above to be true as stated above.
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 Hotel/Motel License held by Alpa N. Patel for the premises located at 4600 South 27th Street without first undergoing a thirty (30) day suspension. The Committee based its recommendation on the preponderance of the evidence in the police report that demonstrates the operation of the business results in a threat to health safety or welfare of the public, and Licensee's 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 Hotel/Motel license of Alpa N. Patel for the premises located 4600 South 27th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Suburban Motel") not be renewed without first undergoing a thirty (30) suspension based on the preponderance of the evidence in the police report and Licensee's testimony that demonstrate that the operation results in a threat to health safety or welfare of the public..

The suspension is in effect between 12:01 a.m. on November 1, 2023 until 11:59 p.m. on November 30, 2023.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 20 day of October, 2023.



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MILELE A. COGGS
ALDERWOMAN, 6TH DISTRICT

Date: October 20, 2023

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: The Licenses Committee

Re: Report on the Renewal Application of Rajmaninder Singh Sangha, Agent for Sahej & Saheb LLC, for Extended Hours Establishments, Filing Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses with Applications Removing Stockholder and Transfer of Stock for the premises located at 4928 West Villard Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Citgo").

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Rajmaninder Singh Sangha (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of Extended Hours Establishments, Filing Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses with Applications Removing Stockholder and Transfer of Stock for the premises located at 4928 West Villard Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Citgo"). Said licenses expire at midnight, December 8, 2023.
2. An application to renew said licenses was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on September 5, 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 September 14, 2023, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis for nonrenewal of said license.
4. On October 4, 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 October 17, 2023 at 1:10 p.m. in Room 301B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee appeared with counsel, Attorney Samantha Baker 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 January 4, 2023 at 6:06 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Theft at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. Investigation revealed a subject had entered the store and took items without paying. The subject was still on scene in the parking lot and agreed to return the items. The employee stated several items were still not returned but was agreeable to the subject paying for the items at a later date, due to the subject's housing situation.
- B. On February 6, 2023 at 5:41 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Trouble with Subject at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. Investigation revealed the business was receiving complaints from customers regarding pan handlers in the front of the store. The officers located one of the pan handlers and advised them to leave, at which time they requested medical attention.
- C. On March 5, 2023 at 4:00 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Trouble with Subject at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. Investigation revealed an intoxicated subject entered the business and was causing a disturbance, then just laid on the floor and fell asleep. Officers made contact with the subject and conveyed him to a local hospital for medical attention.
- D. On March 23, 2023 at 12:23 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Theft at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. Investigation revealed a subject entered the business and took 2 bottles of anti-freeze and fled the store. The business was cooperative and allowed officers to view video surveillance of the incident.
- E. On March 23, 2023 at 9:40 p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Stolen Vehicle at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. Investigation revealed the vehicle had been left at the location for a few days and was confirmed stolen. The officers contacted the owner of the vehicle. The business was cooperative with the investigation.
- F. On March 24, 2023 at 12:28 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Violation of Restraining Order. Investigation revealed there was no restraining order on the subject for the business. The officers provided the business with the subject's information in order to obtain a restraining order. (2 reports same incident)
- G. On April 3, 2023 at 4:00 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Trouble with Subject at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. Investigation revealed a known subject was attempting to steal items, therefore, the business had to lock the doors in order to prevent the subject from entering. The officer had prior contact with the subject at the business regarding panhandling and theft. The subject was issued a citation for trespassing.
- H. On April 3, 2023 at 7:38 p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Theft at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. Investigation revealed a subject entered the business and took 2 bottles of laundry detergent and left the store without paying. The officers located the subject based on the description provided. The subject became combative and was taken into custody. The bottles of detergent were located and returned to the business.



- I. On April 22, 2023 at 4:06 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Trouble with Subject at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. The business stated there were pan handlers in the parking lot and wanted them removed. One of the subjects requested medical attention and was conveyed to a local hospital. The business had been issued multiple PD-33's (Information on How to Obtain Restraining Orders).
- J. On April 28, 2023 at 4:06 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shoplifter at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. The officers were advised a subject entered the business; took grocery items and left without paying. The business was cooperative and allowed officers to view video surveillance of the incident. The business stated this subject comes to the store regularly and requested extra patrol.
- K. On May 6, 2023 at 8:00 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Trouble with Subject at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. The officers were advised of pan handlers in front of the business and the hours they typically conduct this activity. The officer located one of the subjects and advised them not to pan handle or stand on the lot.
- L. On May 7, 2023 at 4:59 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Trouble with Subject at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. The officers were advised two subjects were loitering outside the business and the employee wanted them removed. While the officers were on scene, both subjects left the premise without incident.
- M. On May 10, 2023 at 7:00 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shoplifter at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. The employee advised officers two subjects frequently come into the store and take items without paying. The caller stated on this date one subject held the door open, while the other subject once again took items without paying, then fled the store.
- N. On May 14, 2023 at 1:36 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Trouble with Subject at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. The officers were advised prior to arrival of subjects doing drugs in front of the location. On arrival officers did not locate of the subjects matching the description given.
- O. On May 17, 2023 at 6:31 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shoplifter at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. Investigation revealed several juveniles entered the store and took items without paying, then fled. The employee allowed officers to view video surveillance of the incident.
- P. On May 18, 2023 at 10:22 p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Subject with Weapon at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. Investigation revealed several juveniles entered the store and were causing a disturbance. One of the juveniles threw a rock at the clerk, causing minor pain. The business was cooperative with the investigation.
- Q. On June 11, 2023 at 6:21 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Trouble with Subject at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. The employee advised the officers two subjects were stealing throughout the night and wanted them removed. The officers interviewed the subjects who admitted to hanging around the gas station all night,



however, denied stealing. The subjects were advised there was no loitering on the property and were not allowed back on the premise.

- R. On June 18, 2023 at 7:42 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Trouble with Subject at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. Prior to arrival the officers were advised there was a subject causing a disturbance inside the store. On arrival the officers met with the employee who stated the subject was no longer on scene, however, complained of several subjects that hang around the store and cause problems. The employee requested officers attempt to identify the subject so they could pursue a restraining order.
- S. On July 26, 2023 at 1:30 p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Subject with a Weapon at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. The officers were advised the business has had problems with the subject in the past who was armed with a knife. The officers located the subject who admitted being inside the store but stated they were waiting on their niece, and when asked to leave, they continued to wait outside.
- T. On August 13, 2023 at 2:08 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Shoplifter at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. On arrival the officers were advised by the employee juveniles had paid for gas, then took snack items without paying and left. The officers viewed video surveillance of the incident, which did not depict the theft inside the store. This business is a designated nuisance premise and part of the abatement plan submitted states the business will restrict juveniles coming in after a certain time.
- U. On August 13, 2023 at 3:57 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to a Trouble with Juveniles at 4928 W. Villard Avenue. On arrival the officers were advised the juveniles had left the store.
- V. The Licensee was present along with Atty. Samantha Baker who appeared on behalf of the applicant.
- W. Attorney Baker said that as unfortunate as it is, these are the issues that plague this type of premises in the City of Milwaukee and that unfortunate or fortunate for some Licensee; these types of issues don't come in the police report because they don't call the police. She added that for this instance, a lot of these items are issues with loitering, theft and shop lifting and that this business has tried to take a proactive action by calling the police. She also said that they have trained the staff this way to ensure that they are the ones reporting the incidences with the fear that they failure to report will be seen as not looking corroborative of the crime that is occurring. Attorney Baker continued saying that the station is well lit, that it has 32 security cameras working all the time and that the footage is provided to MPD when incidences occur. She added that it is not her client's intention to have MPD acting as a sole entity policing these actions.

Individuals also present:

- X. Alderwoman Pratt said that the committee is not holding the number of calls against the Licensee but that there are 21 calls which means that instead of coming up with



a strategy internally, the Licensee is using MPD as private security. She asked what are the plans to stop these incidences.

- Y. Attorney Baker said that it is hard to find security (insured & bonded) right now and that she knows that the committee is not happy with her response. She added that the Licensee is seeking security at this time, that her client is training employees to mitigate these type of actions by trying to close the store if they are noticing an increase in individuals who are loitering or coming in to steal just to calm down tempers a little bit. Attorney Baker said that additionally, they are filing restraining orders against some individuals but she also pointed out that some of those persons are homeless and that they are unable to get served.
- Z. Alderwoman Pratt said that there is no plan then.
- AA. Attorney Baker said that there is a plan on training employees and closing the store when issues arise and to hire security.
- BB. Alderwoman Pratt asked when the training for employees started.
- CC. Attorney Baker said that it started this summer.
- DD. Alderwoman Pratt asked if the training addresses other strategies as opposed to calling MPD.
- EE. Attorney Baker said that that is correct. She also mentioned that some of the issues are from the customers of the bar across the street after they leave and come to the store.
- FF. Alderwoman Pratt said that she recalls an incident from the bar across the street that it occurred at the gas station and that she does not see it on this police report.
- GG. Alderman Borkowski asked the Licensee how he feels about the 21 incidents on the police report.
- HH. The Licensee said that there are minor issues like shoplifting.
- II. Alderman Borkowski asked the Licensee if he thinks that he has ownership of his business and the surroundings of the property.
- JJ. The Licensee said that he did not understand the question.
- KK. Alderman Borkowski said that he does not know how this can be tolerated.
- LL. The Licensee said that it could have happened everywhere in the city.
- MM. Alderman Borkowski said that 21 incidences in less than a year does not happen everywhere.
- NN. Alderwoman Coggs said that we know that there are challenges across the city but that there has to be something that can be done at this property that would eliminate



the need for so many calls for service. She added that the committee understands that they are not responsible for everything but saying that they are looking for a security guard is not enough at this point. She added that the committee did not hear as much as the Licensee can do to avoid being here next year with 22 items on the police report. She said that the lack of a plan only adds another lay of frustration for the committee members.

- OO. Alderwoman Pratt said that this neighborhood has a very active neighborhood group, that as a matter fact, there is a police officer who lives there and that they are very involved.
- PP. Alderman Brostoff suggested talking to the neighborhood association since he does not live in the area because it is an opportunity to shift things for him and his business. He added that the Licensee has many immediate assets to turn things around.
- QQ. The Licensee said that he goes to the neighborhood meetings.
- RR. Alderwoman Pratt said that she has not seen him there.
- SS. Alderwoman Pratt said that from what they spoke before and given the nature of the calls, asked the Licensee to close from 2 A.M. to 5 A.M. to get rid of at least 10 of the calls that he made and as a means to avoid those late hour issues. She added that the community cannot stand these issues and recommended a 10-day suspension.
- TT. Attorney Baker said that 23 calls is nothing to be proud of, that the Licensee is not blaming the neighborhood, that he is trying to continue his efforts to correct those issues and that following Alderwoman Pratt's recommendation of closing from 2 A.M. to 5 A.M. will alleviate some of the issues as well. She also said that she agrees with Alderman Brostoff's suggestion.
- UU. Alderwoman Pratt moved to amend the business hours to close from 2 AM to 5 AM every day. There were no objections.
- VV. Alderwoman Pratt moved renewal as amended with a 10-day suspension based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public and the applicant's testimony. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)
- WW. A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by a unanimous vote:

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, 82, 84, and 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.



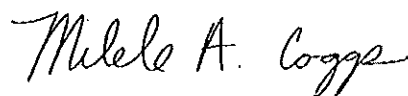
2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Rajmaninder Singh Sangha who holds Extended Hours Establishments, Filing Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for the premise located at 4928 West Villard Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Citgo") has not met the criteria of Chapters 68, 82, 84, and 85, of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances to renew the Extended Hours Establishment, Filing Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures license with Applications Removing Stockholder and Transfer of Stock, without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension. 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, the Licensee's testimony and aldermanic objections that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public and the Licensee's testimony.
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, Filing Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for the premises located at 4928 West Villard Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Citgo") without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension. The Committee based its recommendation on the preponderance of the evidence in the police report, the Licensee's testimony and aldermanic objections that demonstrate that the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public and the Licensee's 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 Filing Station, Food Dealer, and Weights & Measures licenses of Rajmaninder Singh Sangha for the premises located 4928 West Villard Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Citgo") not be renewed without first undergoing a ten (10) day suspension based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report, the Licensee's testimony and aldermanic objections which demonstrate that the operation of the business results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public.

The suspension is in effect between 12:01 a.m. on December 9, 2023 until 11:59 p.m. on December 18, 2023.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 20 day of October, 2023.



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Chairman, Licenses Committee

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