



# City of Milwaukee

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Milwaukee, WI 53202

## Meeting Minutes

### LICENSES COMMITTEE

*ALD. MILELE A. COGGS, CHAIR*

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Tuesday, April 20, 2021

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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*The meeting convened at 9:05 AM*

**Present** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd, Lewis

1. [201617](#) A substitute ordinance relating to the mailing of certain licensing notices.

**Sponsors:** Ald. Coggs

**A motion was made by ALD. KOVAC that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

2. [201402](#) Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relating to licenses.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

*13 MARTINEZ, Daniel, Agent for "Danls LLC", Class B Tavern, Food Dealer, and Public Entertainment Premises License Applications Requesting Karaoke, Patrons Dancing, 1 Pool Table, and 5 Amusement Machines for "In Plane View" at 700 E LAYTON Av.*

*Individual also present:*

*Ald. Spiker*

*Ald. Borkowski moved approval. (Prevailed 5-0)*

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

06 MCALOON, Thomas J, Agent for "Dollar Tree Stores, Inc.", Food Dealer and Weights & Measures License Renewal Applications with Change of Agent for "Dollar Tree Stores #1880" at 320 E Capitol DR. (Expired 3/3/2021)

Appearing on behalf of the applicant:

Atty. Josh Gimbel

Joe Merrit

Jonathan Witt - District Manager

Ald. Lewis moved approval. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

06 HAMDAN, Ashraf R, Agent for "UNITED TOWING LLC", Recycling, Salvaging or Towing Vehicle License Application Requesting Collecting/Delivering Salvaged Motor Vehicle Parts and Non-Consensual Towing by Contract for "United Towing" at 427 E Center St.

The applicant stated the police report was from a long time ago when he was young.

Ald. Dodd moved to hold to the call of the chair for Ald. Coggs to meet with the applicant. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

05 MORRIS, Debra M, Agent for "Jamaican Season Island, LLC", Class B Beer and Class C Wine License Applications for "Picasso" at 9207 W Capitol DR.

The applicant was present.

Ald. Dodd moved approval. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

05 CHAY, Marshall I, Agent for "Acme Enterprises LLC", Extended Hours Establishments and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications for "McDonald's" at 11313 W SILVER SPRING DR. (Expires 5/28/2021)

Ald. Dodd moved to hold to the call of the chair based on nonappearance. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

The meeting recessed at 9:23 AM  
 The meeting reconvened at 9:29 AM

[201402](#)

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

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

05 SHEIKH, Saeed M I, Agent for "Discount Quick Mart INC", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer, and Weights & Measures License Renewal Applications with Change of Ownership for "Discount Quick Mart INC" at 8334 W APPLETON Av. (Expires 4/29/2021)

The applicant stated the licenses were posted on the office door next to the cashier.

Appearing with the applicant:

Atty. Jan Pierce stated the shootings in the police report did not occur on the premises, but in the neighborhood. He added that the applicant installed 32 security cameras, 16 lights for the front, back, and inside the premises, and hired armed security. He stated that #5 on the police report is currently in dispute. He added that the area where the parking lot meets the neighborhood is hard to control. He stated that the applicant has made significant upgrades and he is not taking this lightly. He added that he hopes the preventive measures that have been taken will make a difference in the summer.

Individuals present in support:

Marlon Moutry 4862 N 25th St stated he has been working and living in the area for years and supports the premises. He added that he has 5 kids and that's where he goes in the middle of the night go to buy milk. He stated that the premises participates in WIC and food stamps programs. He added that he does security and he has gone to the premises at 3 AM and 4 AM. He stated that he buys lunch there when he's at work.

Amber West 7138 W Hampton Ave stated she is in support and she likes that they added new lights because they light up the corner.

Ald. Dodd stated she is extremely concerned about the incidents on the police report. She added that this premises has created safety concerns for residents in the area, and she has received calls from residents about what is happening on the corner. She stated that she is concerned about how the summer will be, given the serious incidents that occurred during the pandemic. She added that having armed security only agitates the problem, just so people can get gas and milk for their kids. She stated that these problems are not happening throughout the district.

Ald. Dodd moved approval with a 90 day suspension of the Extended Hours Establishments license application based on the police report. (Prevailed 5-0)

Ald. Dodd moved approval of the Food Dealer, Filling Station, and Weights & Measures license applications holding open #5 on the police report. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

10 BARNETT, Peter A, Agent for "Family Dollar Stores of Wisconsin LLC", Food Dealer License Renewal Application with Change of Agent for "Family Dollar #25963" at 5428 W North Av. (Expires 5/26/2021)

Appearing on behalf of the applicant:

Atty. Josh Gimbel  
 Denelle Gordon - Regional Manager  
 Harry Susman - District Manager

Individual also present:

Ald. Murphy stated the premises is disrespectful to neighbors and there is a lack of consistency with managers. He added that he has received repeated complaints about litter and the windows were boarded up.

Ald. Kovac moved approval with a warning letter based on aldermanic testimony.  
 (Prevailed 5-0)

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

03 SACHDEVA, Ravi, Agent for "Bharat Enterprise, Inc", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor License Application Adding Liquor for "Bharat Mart" at 1556 N Farwell Av. The applicant stated he would like to put the wine and liquor on the shelf. He added that he has not seen public urination around is premises, and the owner of the building is responsible for snow removal.

Individual present in support:

Amanda Morden 1537 N Prospect Ave stated she shops at the premises frequently and it would be nice if she could buy wine with her dinner groceries.

Ald. Kovac stated the Brady St BID has no objections.

Ald. Kovac moved approval. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

15 SMITH, Akyaa D, Agent for "NEW MJM LIQUORS LLC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor License Application for "NEW MJM LIQUORS" at 2229 W FOND DU LAC Av. The applicant was present.

Individual also present:

Dameon Ellzey - 15th District Legislative Assistant stated Ald. Stamper is in support.

Ald. Lewis moved approval. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

11 HALLIDAY, Susan M, Agent for "WALGREEN CO", Food Dealer and Weights & Measures License Renewal Applications for "WALGREENS #04350" at 3233 S 27TH St. (Expires 5/9/2021)

Appearing on behalf of the applicant:

Atty. Alyssa Johnson stated Walgreens has a nuisance abatement plan in place and less incidents are occurring at night. She added that the premises is now locking up frequently stolen items.

Robert Hilber - District Manager

Ald. Borkowski stated that he is embarrassed and he has a zero tolerance policy in his district. He added that doesn't like public safety resources to be monopolized by

one store.

Ald. Borkowski moved approval with a warning letter based on the police report.  
(Prevailed 5-0)

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

04 COURTNEY, Larry J, Agent for "The Loft Mini Mart LLC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor and Food Dealer License Applications for "The Loft Mini Mart" at 823 N 2ND St #007.

The applicant was present.

Individual also present:

Ald. Bauman stated he has no objections.

Ald. Borkowski moved approval. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

04 STOKES, Ron A, Agent for "ROARING FORK LLC", Extended Hours Establishments and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications for "QDOBA MEXICAN GRILL" at 1150 N WATER St. (Expires 4/30/2021)

The applicant stated they now have security and have not had issues since. He added that they have an approved COVID plan. He stated that they have been operating for 10 years without incident. He added that there has been a management change since the July incident. He stated that the late night revenue is part and parcel with operation the business. He added that they are currently following all guidelines. He stated that the business has always been a good responsive citizen, and other restaurants in the area are open at that time. He added that more than 30% of their revenue is late night business and cutting off the business will make it unprofitable.

Individual also present:

Ald. Bauman stated he is troubled by the July incident because at that time everyone knew what the COVID rules were. He added that he recommends nonrenewal of the Extended Hour Establishment license application and approval with a warning letter of the Food Dealer license application. He stated that bad things happen when people are over served at 3:30 AM and the COVID violations need to be taken seriously.

Ald. Kovac moved approval with a 90 day suspension of the Extended Hours Establishment license application based on the police report and aldermanic testimony and approval with a warning letter of the Food Dealer license application. (Prevailed 4-1, Ald. Coggs voting no)

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

**Aye** 4 - Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 1 - Coggs

04 KRAHN, Scott A, Agent for "PPH Properties I LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications for "Silk Exotic Gentlemen's Club" at 730 N Old World Third St. (Expires 5/26/2021)

Appearing with the applicant:

*Atty. David Halbrooks*

*Atty. Jeff Scott Olson*

*Perry Wilk 730 N Old World Third St*

*Michael Phillips 2727 N 76th St #1*

*Kyle Zuebke 400 Nearfield Ct, Waunakee, WI*

*Individuals present in support:*

*Terri Cook 720 N Old World Third St stated she feels safe with the security guards around.*

*Ron Weber 720 N Old World Third St stated the security guards are professional and improve the security in the area.*

*Ahmed Yafai 724 N Old World Third St stated everyone is awesome and he is in support.*

*Individual also present:*

*Ald. Bauman stated he recommends a warning letter.*

*Ald. Dodd moved approval with a warning letter based on the police report. (Prevailed 5-0)*

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

*04 BATES, Tino K, Agent for "Truth Lounge, LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer, and Sidewalk Dining License Renewal Applications with Change of Entertainment Requesting Karaoke for "Truth Lounge" at 1111 N Old World Third St. (Expires 5/26/2021)*

*The applicant stated they end outside dining at 10 PM because of the fight that occurred. He added that they make sure their patrons are in a uniform line so they're not confused with other people just standing around. He stated that he has asked the food carts and drum lines move down the street so they can better control their area. He added that the premises has its own collective and cohesive security team. He stated that the Health Department came out 4 times. He added that the premises is now compliant with COVID capacity guidelines. He stated that they have received about 10 complaints from customers about their strict COVID guidelines. He added that everyone is socially distanced and sitting down at the premises. He stated that only 50 customers are allowed in at the time.*

*Appearing with the applicant:*

*Atty. Michael Maistelman stated there are 4 letters of support from local businesses and the Westtown Association. He added that the applicant owns the fact that he violated the COVID orders, but now has an approved COVID plan. He stated that the 2 fights that occurred, was the result of the security company not doing their job. He added that the applicant took action and the security company was fired. He stated that this doesn't warrant a suspension because neighbors and businesses are in support. He stated that this is a multicultural establishment.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Carly Hegarty - Health Dept stated there were 4 separate inspections: the August 7, 2020 inspection determined the premises was overcapacity and no social distancing or mask wearing was being enforced, and a verbal warning was issued; the August 15, 2020 inspection determined the premises was in compliance; the February 9, 2021 inspection was from a complaint about hookah and people not wearing masks, it was determined that the tables were not socially distanced, and those not wearing masks were drinking or partaking in hookah; the March 6, 2021 inspection was from a complaint and it was determined that employees were not wearing masks. She stated that the premises was in compliance when an inspector went out for a scheduled*

inspection.

Ald. Bauman stated there were 2 COVID violations, and the premises was blatantly disregarding the law regarding COVID capacities. He added there was a melee on July 17, 2020 which required a large police response and was another blatant violation of COVID capacity, because by July of 2020 every hospitality person knew what the rules were. He stated that there was a major fight, 3 COVID violations, and #7-8 on the police report. He recommends a 60 day suspension based on the police report.

Individuals present in support:

Alex Anderson 2025 E Greenwich Ave Unit 116 stated he is a frequent patron since they opened. He added that the lounge is calm and he doesn't like going to the college bars on Water Street. He stated that the staff is always respectful and reminds people to wear their masks. He added that he likes the food, music, and it would be sad if anything happened to the premises. He stated that it is a multicultural and diverse establishment, and he feels safe going there.

Devonte Hollingsworth 823 N 2nd St stated that he appreciates the premises being so close to his establishment. He added that they enforce mask wearing and COVID guidelines, and he feels comfortable going and sitting for hours to listen to music and eat. He stated that they are very diverse and he likes being able to unwind before he goes home. He added that he feels safe there and the staff is wonderful.

Jimmie Tally 230 W Wells St Suite 100 stated he has been downtown for many years and he goes to the premises often to have lunch. He added that he feels it's an entrepreneur spot to hang out and have a good time. He stated that it is a multicultural establishment and he is in support.

Ald. Coggs stated the applicant has been involved in the transition process of the street name and has been good to work with as a business owner.

Ald. Lewis stated that the COVID infractions should be taken seriously, but she's also looking at how the applicant has turned it around.

Ald. Lewis moved approval with a 10 day suspension based on the police report, aldermanic, and neighborhood testimony. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

04 BATES, Tino K, Agent for "Allure MKE LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer, and Sidewalk Dining License Applications Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Bands, Disc Jockey, Karaoke, and Poetry Readings for "Allure MKE" at 787-789 N Jefferson St.

The applicant stated that he has partnered with Larry Taylor and Demetrious Lewis. He added that he is willing to decrease the capacity by 75 people for a year.

Appearing with the applicant:

Atty. Michael Maistelman stated the applicant will reduce their capacity by 100 persons.

Larry Taylor 1314 S 1st St stated he operated XO Cocktail Lounge.

Demetrious Lewis 1506 S 55th St West Allis, WI stated he has been a bartender downtown for over 10 years.

Individual also present:

Ald. Bauman stated he has concerns about the premises. He added that the applicant has COVID-19 violations and has items on his police report regarding fights and capacity. He recommends denial of the license.

Carly Hegarty - Health Dept

Individuals present in support:

Alex Anderson 2025 E Greenwich Ave Unit 116 stated he likes to go to Jefferson St

and he is in support of the addition to the neighborhood.  
 Jimmie Tally 230 W Wells St Suite 100 stated he is in support.  
 Ald. Lewis moved to decrease the capacity to 200 and to have 25+ age restriction.  
 (Prevailed 5-0)  
 Ald. Borkowski moved approval as amended. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

14 HARRIS, Joey, Agent for "Home Depot U.S.A. Inc.", Weights & Measures License Renewal Application for "Home Depot #4941" at 150 W Holt Av. (Expires 5/21/2021)  
 Ald. Dodd moved to hold to the call of the chair based on nonappearance. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

01 BLAS, Jaime J, Agent for "Apys Cars Inc", Recycling, Salvaging, or Towing Premises License Application Requesting Dealing, Storing, Transporting, Removing, and/or Recycling Junk/Valuable Metal, Salvaged Motor Vehicle Parts, and Removing and/or Recycling Waste Tires for "Apys Cars Inc" at 4030 W Douglas Av.  
 Appearing on behalf of the applicant:  
 Atty. Stephanie Prasser asked that the application be held.  
 Ald. Kovac moved to hold to the call of the chair. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

06 STOLZENBURG, Matthew C Tattoo and Body Piercing License Application for "Black Dawn Tattoo" at 424 E LOCUST St.  
 Ald. Dodd moved approval. (Prevailed 5-0)

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

ELLIS, Bryant A, Class D Operator's License Application.  
 Ald. Borkowski moved to hold to the call of the chair based on nonappearance.  
 (Prevailed 5-0)

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0



*RIVAS, Brandon P, Class D Operator's License Application.*

*Ald. Kovac moved to denial based on second nonappearance. (Prevailed 5-0)*

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

*STARICH, Margaret M, Class D Operator's License Renewal Application. (Expired 12/31/2020)*

*The applicant stated she's going to court today regarding the items on the police report.*

*Ald. Borkowski moved to denial based on the police report. (Prevailed 5-0)*

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

*Agenda Only*

*03 FYFE, Billy, Agent for "Milwaukee School of Engineering", Parking Lot or Place License Renewal Application with Change of Agent and Weights & Measures License Application for "Milwaukee School of Engineering" at 1305 N Broadway.*

*Ald. Lewis moved approval. (Prevailed 5-0)*

*04 SHAWAR, Jamal T, Agent for "Olive Tree LLC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor License Renewal Application with Transfer of Stock and Removing Shareholder for "Convenience +" at 308 E Wisconsin Av.*

*Ald. Lewis moved approval. (Prevailed 5-0)*

*10 NUGENT, Kevin M, Agent for "Milwaukee Steakhouse LLC", Class B Tavern and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications Adding Shareholder for "Milwaukee Steakhouse" at 6024 W BLUE MOUND Rd.*

*Ald. Lewis moved approval. (Prevailed 5-0)*

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

*Warning Letter*

*07 MOORE, Otis D, Agent for "5700 Court LLC", Class B Tavern, Food Dealer, and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications for "Court MVP Sports Bar + Grill" at 5700 W FOND DU LAC Av.*

*Ald. Dodd moved approval. (Prevailed 5-0)*

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

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

**Aye** 5 - Coggs, Kovac, Borkowski, Dodd and Lewis

**No** 0

*The meeting adjourned at 1:01 PM*

*Molly Kuether-Steele*

*Staff Assistant*