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April 8, 2022

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Honorable Members:

Common Council File Number 211760 contains the following recommendations:

Renewal with a ten (10) day suspension based on the police report and aldermanic testimony of the Secondhand Motor Vehicle Dealer's License for Ruben Vega for the premises located at 4115 W Greenfield Av. (Four Wheel's Auto Sales and Repair") in the 8<sup>th</sup> aldermanic district.

Renewal with a 30 (thirty) day suspension based on the police report and applicant testimony of the Class B Tavern, Food Dealer and Public Entertainment Premises licenses for Humphrey F. Nangah for the premises located at 7607 W Hampton Av ("Diamonds Pub & Grill") in the 5<sup>th</sup> aldermanic district.

Respectfully,

Milele Coggs, Chair Licenses Committee

Milele A. Cogge

cc: All Council Members File 211760





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Date:

April 7, 2022

To:

All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From:

The Licenses Committee

Re:

Report on the Renewal Application of Ruben Vega, Agent for Four Wheel's Auto Sales and Repair LLC for a Secondhand Motor Vehicle Dealer License with Change of Location located at 4115 West Greenfield Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Ruben Vega (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of a Secondhand Motor Vehicle Dealer license for the premises located at 4115 West Greenfield Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Four Wheel's Auto Sales and Repair"). Said license expired on March 31, 2022.
- 2. An application to renew said license was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on July 13, 2021.
- 3. Pursuant to Chapter 85 and 93 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, the matter was referred to Milwaukee Police Department, for investigation. On February 21, 2022, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis for nonrenewal of said license.
- 4. On March 23, 2022 the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 85 and 93 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and included therewith a copy of the Milwaukee Police Department report, and the neighborhood objections. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the police department report on April 6, 2022, commencing at approximately 9:25 a.m. in Room 301B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee appeared at the hearing via telephone and acknowledged receipt of the notice of hearing, together with a copy of the Milwaukee Police report.
- 5. Based on the sworn testimony heard and evidence received at the hearing, the Committee renders the following findings of fact:





- A. Because the Licensee was experiencing technical difficulties, Alderman Kovac moved to hold the application at 10:05 am. The motion prevailed.
- B. Alderman Kovac moved for reconsideration at 10:39 am. The motion prevailed.
- C. On April 20, 2021 officers conducted a license premise check at Four Wheels Auto Sales and Repair, 1643 South 38<sup>th</sup> Street. The officer observed hundreds of waste tires in the building and junk cars on the property. The Licensee stated he only does wholesale sales of autos, meaning he buys from auctions, fixes the vehicles and sells them back at auction.
- D. The Licensee was present via telephone and video and said that he had no comments on the police report.

# Individuals also present:

- E. Alderwoman Zamarripa said that she was concerned about the hundreds of waste tires stored on the property and she asked Ms. Byrd about the plan of operations.
- F. The Licensee said that he has a new location where he stores junk and tires.
- G. Ms. Byrd noted that there was not a citation from DNS on record.
- H. Alderwoman Zamarripa requested a disciplinary action because she cannot let the Licensee continue storing hundreds of waste tires without repercussions.
- I. The Licensee explained that he sells the tires that are in good shape and that he throws the waste tires in a container for disposal.
- J. Alderwoman Zamarripa said that she appreciated that he has corrected the problem but that the tires have been a concern for neighbors.
- K. The Licensee said that he has a new building and that he is trying to maintain a good business.
- L. Alderman Kovac moved renewal with a 10-day suspension based on the police report and aldermanic testimony. (Prevailed 4-0)

# 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 85and 93 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.



- 2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Ruben Vega has not met the criteria to allow renewal of his Secondhand Motor Vehicle Dealer's License with Change of Location without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension, based on police report, and aldermanic 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 not to renew the Secondhand Motor Vehicle Dealer's License with Change of Location held by Ruben Vega for the premises located 4115 West Greenfield Avenue, in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Four Wheel's Auto Sales and Repair") without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension, based upon the police report and aldermanic testimony.

# RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of **four (4) ayes and zero (0) noes** recommends that the Secondhand Motor Vehicle Dealer's license with Change of Location of Ruben Vega for the premises located 4115 West Greenfield Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin not to be renewed without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension, based on police report and aldermanic testimony.

The suspension is in effect between 12:01 a.m. on April 20, 2022 until 11:59 p.m. on April 29, 2022.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 7 day of April 2022.

MILELE A. COGGS

Chair, Licenses Committee

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Date:

April 7, 2022

To:

All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From:

Licenses Committee

Re:

Report of the Renewal Application of the Class "B" Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises (PEP) Licenses of Humphrey F. Nangah, Agent for Diamonds, Inc., for the premises located at 7607 West Hampton Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee,

Wisconsin ("Diamonds Pub & Grill").

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Humphrey F. Nangah (hereinafter "the Licensee") is the holder of Class "B" Tavern and PEP Licenses for the premises located at 7607 West Hampton Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Diamonds Pub & Grill"). Said licenses expired at midnight on March 25, 2022.
- 2. An application to renew said licenses was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on March 1, 2022.
- 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 March 3, 2022, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis for nonrenewal of said licenses.
- 4. On March 24, 2022, 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 April 6, 2022, commencing at approximately 9:50 a.m. in Room 301-B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee appeared 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 October 9, 2021 at 4:32 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 7607 West Hampton Avenue for an entry complaint. Upon arrival, officers interviewed the Licensee who stated that he observed someone on his camera from home enter his business and take his cash registers. Officers entered the business and found the registers missing and a broken lock on the rear door. The incident was captured on video surveillance.





- В. On October 15, 2021 at 10:23 p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 7607 West Hampton Avenue for a shooting complaint. Video surveillance revealed that security removed two people from the tavern because of their intoxication level. While outside, the two subjects entered a vehicle and intentionally drove on the sidewalk in an attempt to run over security. One of the security officers discharged a firearm at the vehicle striking one of the subjects in the hand. The Licensee was on scene and cooperative but was unable to produce his license.
- C. On November 14, 2021 at 11:50 p.m., a Milwaukee Police squad was sent to back up another squad at 7607 West Hampton Avenue. Officers interviewed a security guard who stated that he removed a subject from the establishment for urinating in a garbage can inside the bathroom. While he was walking back into the tavern, he was informed by a citizen that there was a subject laying on the ground, bleeding, in the parking lot. The guard walked over to the parking lot, observed the subject, and immediately called for medical attention. The guard told officers that the subject was highly intoxicated and a citizen told the security guard the subject had fallen.
- D. On January 6, 2022 at 10:2 p.m., a Milwaukee Police squad was sent to back up another squad at 7607 West Hampton Avenue. Officers interviewed the Licensee who said that his child's mother entered the tavern and became disorderly by throwing water on him and picking fights. The License had security remove his child's mother without incident. The Licensee was cooperative during the investigation.
- E. The Licensee stated that the first incident was between two employees and that what is most concerning was the shooting and that he cooperated with the police and that the patron was apprehended. He added that the other item was about someone that broke in the property and that he is trying to do the best he can. He further stated that he invests in the community and that he has done everything that the police have asked for.

# Individuals also present:

- F Alderwoman Dodd said that she is aware of the issues that this business has had in the past and based on the police report and the Licensee's testimony, she recommends renewal with a 30-day suspension.
- G. The Licensee said that he will get more involved trying to deescalate situations and provide additional training to his employees.
- H. Alderwoman Dodd moved renewal with a 30-day suspension based on the police report and applicant's testimony. (Prevailed 4-0)

# **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, Humphrey F. Nangah who holds Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premise (PEP) licenses for the premise located at 7607 West Hampton Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Diamonds Pub & Grill") 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 not renew the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises without undergoing a thirty (30) day suspension. The Committee finds the police report and aldermanic objections as stated above to be true. The Committee based its recommendation on the police report, and Licensee and aldermanic 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 Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premise (PEP) licenses without undergoing a thirty (30) day suspension for the premises located at 7607 West Hampton Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Diamonds Pub & Grill"). The Committee based its recommendation on the police report and applicant's testimony.

## RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of **four (4) ayes and zero (0) noes**, recommends that the Class "B" Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises (PEP) Licenses of Humphrey F. Nangah for the premises located at 7607 West Hampton Avenue ("Diamonds Pub & Grill") in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin not be renewed without undergoing a thirty (30) day suspension.

The suspension is in effect between 12:01 a.m. on April 20, 2022 until 11:59 p.m. on May 19, 2022, 2022.

The provisional license is revoked.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 7 day of April, 2022.

MILELE A. COGGS

Chair, Licenses Committee

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