

CITY OF MILWAUKEE

UTILITIES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

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In the Matter of:

ARENAS, Jerome J., Class B Tavern and Instrumental Music
applications for "Jerome's" at 322 West State Street.

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the above-entitled matter, before the UTILITIES &
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CHAIRMAN PAWLINSKI: The next matter on the 10:00 agenda at 10:45 is Jerry Arenas, Class B tavern and instrumental music application for Jerome's at 322 West State Street. Good morning.

MR. ARENAS: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN PAWLINSKI: And, ma'am, are you going to testify as well?

MS. RUFFALO: Yes.

CHAIRMAN PAWLINSKI: All right.

(Whereupon Mr. Arenas and Ms. Ruffalo were sworn under oath.)

CHAIRMAN PAWLINSKI: Okay. We're going to go around the horn here. This is not a special application for the police.

MR. ZEMKE: Health department does need an inspection of the premises.

MS. BENDER: Hold for occupancy.

CHAIRMAN PAWLINSKI: For the record, this is the location at 322 West State where Lukas On State currently is.

Mr. Arenas, who owns and operates the Porterhouse Restaurant in my aldermanic district

1 and has for many years, is looking to move to that
2 location as a pub, so to speak, and you're keeping
3 the Porterhouse open, obviously.

4 MR. ARENAS: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN PAWLINSKI: Mr. Arenas, what do you
6 want to say to the committee today?

7 MR. ARENAS: I'm just excited about my
8 moving downtown, looking forward to operating a nice
9 operation down there, and getting open soon.

10 CHAIRMAN PAWLINSKI: And the woman that
11 you're with is the landlord of the building?

12 MR. ARENAS: She's the landlord. She's
13 having some --

14 MS. RUFFALO: I'm the landlord, --

15 CHAIRMAN PAWLINSKI: And your name?

16 MS. RUFFALO: -- and I'm looking forward to
17 having Mr. Arenas --

18 MR. SCHRIMPF: Could we have your name,
19 ma'am?

20 CHAIRMAN PAWLINSKI: What is your name?

21 MS. RUFFALO: I'm sorry. Sandra Ruffalo.

22 CHAIRMAN PAWLINSKI: Thank you.

23 MS. RUFFALO: I'm in the world's longest
24 eviction getting rid of Mr. Lukas. I do understand
25 that the state is revoking his seller's permit

1 tomorrow in all likelihood.

2 CHAIRMAN PAWLINSKI: Okay. And those
3 matters, you know, are not the purview of this
4 committee per se, but you're obviously looking to
5 have Mr. Arenas move into your location.

6 MS. RUFFALO: Yes, I am.

7 ALDERMAN BOHL: Mr. Chairman?

8 CHAIRMAN PAWLINSKI: Alderman Bohl.

9 ALDERMAN BOHL: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted
10 to say to Mr. Arenas that my father-in-law, who is
11 from Dubuque, Iowa, was in town two weeks ago for a
12 convention of the Society of Automotive Engineers and
13 was staying at the Four Points Sheraton, and remarked
14 to me how he had dinner at the Porterhouse and how
15 wonderful it was, so I just wanted to say you
16 impressed my father-in-law from Dubuque, Iowa.

17 MR. ARENAS: Keep talking. It's on T.V.,
18 isn't it?

19 CHAIRMAN PAWLINSKI: It's the garden spot of
20 the 13th District, isn't it, Jerry.

21 RIGHT1: You betcha.

22 ALDERMAN HERRON: Mr. Chair.

23 CHAIRMAN PAWLINSKI: All right. Alderman
24 Herron.

25 ALDERMAN HERRON: I'm going to go out on a

1 limb. I know Alderman Henningsen isn't here. We
2 generally like to hear from the alderman, but I would
3 assume that he would be in support of this, so I'm
4 going to move approval.

5 CHAIRMAN PAWLINSKI: Okay. You've heard the
6 motion from Alderman Herron, a motion for approval.
7 Is there any objection? Hearing none, so ordered.
8 Good to see you again. Good luck.

9 MR. ARENAS: Thank you.

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