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February 19, 2018

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Honorable Members:

Common Council File Number 171403 contains the following recommendations:

Nonrenewal, based upon the second nonappearance of the Class D Operator's license for Kianna Jakes.

Renewal, with a twenty (20) day suspension, based upon the police report, and applicant, neighborhood, and aldermanic testimony of the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses for Dyan Ward for the premises located at 2302 W State St ("Talk of the Town") in the 4th aldermanic district.

Nonrenewal, based upon the police report, and police, aldermanic, and applicant testimony of the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses for Howard Zanzig for the premises located at 2079 S 8th St ("Park Place sports Bar") in the 12th aldermanic district.

Respectfully,

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Tony Zielinski, Chair Licenses Committee

cc: All Council Members File 171403





TONY ZIELINSKI ALDERMAN, 14TH DISTRICT



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TONY ZIELINSKI ALDERMAN, 14TH DISTRICT

Date: February 16, 2018

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: Licenses Committee

Re: Report on the Renewal Application of the Class "D" Operator's License of Kianna D. Jakes

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Kianna D. Jakes (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of a Class "D" Operator's License in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Said license expired on December 31, 2017.
- 2. An application to renew said license was thereafter filed with the Office of the City Clerk.
- 3. Pursuant to Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the matter was referred to the Milwaukee Police Department for investigation. The Milwaukee Police Department responded with a police report that could form a basis for nonrenewal or suspension of said license.
- 4. On February 6, 2018 the City Clerk's Office provided timely notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes of the report of the Milwaukee Police Department and included therewith a copy of the Milwaukee Police Department report. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the police department report on February 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 301B of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee did not appear.
- 5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
 - A. A notice of the hearing as well as a copy of the police report was sent to Kianna D. Jakes, 2857 North 27th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53210 on February 6, 2018 by U.S. prepaid first-class mail in an envelope bearing the return address of the License Division. The address of 2857 North 27th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53210 is the address given by the Licensee on her application. The envelope was not



returned to the License Division by the United States Postal Service. The Licensee failed to appear at the hearing on February 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provide Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
- 2. Based on the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Kianna D. Jakes has not met the criteria of Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes or Chapter 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances to allow renewal of the Class "D" Operator's license based upon nonappearance.
- 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 should exercise its discretion to not renew the Class "D" Operator's license held by Kianna D. Jakes based upon nonappearance.

RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above the Committee recommends by a vote of **four (4) ayes, zero (0) noes and one (1) excused** that the Class "D" Operator's License of Kianna D. Jakes not be renewed based upon nonappearance.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 16th day of February, 2018.

Tony Zaluski

TONY ZIELINSKI Chairman Licenses Committee

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TONY ZIELINSKI ALDERMAN, 14TH DISTRICT

- Date: February 16, 2018
- To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council
- From: Licenses Committee
- Re: Report on the Renewal Application of the Class "B" Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises (PEP) Licenses of Dyan A. Ward, for the premises located at 2302 West State Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Talk of the Town").

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Dyan A. Ward (hereinafter "the Licensee") is the holder of a Class "B" Tavern and PEP Licenses for the premises located at 2302 West State Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Talk of the Town"). Said licenses expire at midnight on March 2, 2018.
- 2. An application to renew said licenses was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on January 9, 2018.
- 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 January 15, 2018, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could from the basis for nonrenewal of said license.
- 4. On January 31, 2018 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 Milwaukee Police Department and included therewith a copy of the Milwaukee Police Department report, and on the neighborhood objections. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the police department report on February 13, 2018, commencing at approximately 1:15 p.m. in Room 301-B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee appeared with counsel, Attorney Todd Farris, at the hearing and admitted receipt of the notice of hearing, together with a copy of the Milwaukee Police Department report.
- 5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:



- A. On August 22, 2017 officers were dispatched to 2302 West State Street for a subject with gun call. The officers located a subject on the street with an AR-15 style weapon and arrested him. The Licensee stated she had no problems inside the tavern today. She stated her security guard had observed the subject with gun outside and she immediately locked the business to protect her customers and called the police. The Licensee was not able to check the security cameras because she did not have the key to the room where the recorder was located. At 8:00 p.m. the officers returned and checked the surveillance system. It was determined that no video was saved.
- B. On September 17, 2017 officers were dispatched to Talk of the Town, 2302 West State Street, for a shooting. Officers located the victim inside the licensed premise with wounds to his shoulder and neck. Milwaukee Fire Department personnel performed life saving measures but the victim was pronounced dead on scene. The security guard stated he heard a fight outside and someone say something about shooting up the place. He told police that he ushered the patrons inside and heard about 14 shots outside. A patron and the security guard then went out to see what was happening. The security guard saw a subject with a long gun running toward the premise, so he went back inside. More shots were heard and the victim stumbled back inside and collapsed. The inside surveillance system was inoperable during the incident.
- C. On October 24, 2017 a meeting was held at District 3 regarding the incidents at Talk of the Town. The Licensee stated the problems were not related to her business but to the people in the neighborhood. The issue of a working camera system was brought up and the Licensee stated that the system was not working during the September 17 incident because the police took part of the recording system for evidence. The Licensee stated that she would get new system She stated her old security service was not armed and was not the same person every night. She has since gotten a new service, which is armed and she has two guards on staff. The Licensee indicated that she has begun voluntarily closing an hour earlier. She stated she has had issues with one patron who has been banned after he was seen passing a gun to another patron. He also broke a window a year ago in an attempt to lure a security guard outside. The Licensee was advised to get a harassment injunction against that patron.
- D. The Licensee has the following past due fines owed to Milwaukee Municipal Court:

17035618 Non-Registration of Vehicle \$98.80 due 11/10/2017

E. The Licensee was asked by the committee to explain the events in the police report. Regarding the homicide, the Licensee stated that she was working the evening of that shooting. She explained that people were outside arguing, some people ran inside, and then she heard gunshots. She added that the homicide victim was hanging around outside before he was shot.



- F. Alderman Kovac asked the Licensee to explain why the security cameras were not working. She explained that it is a DVR style system, so files cannot be deleted. However, in the past, when she has had police contact, officers have come in and downloaded the necessary files without taking the system itself. She had not known how to work the system, so she did not realize that the recording capabilities had been shut off. There was no purposeful attempt to deprive the police of evidence.
- G. The Licensee stated that she has worked at the bar since 2004 and purchased the premises from her father in 2013. She stated it is a small bar with an older crowd, and she works there most nights. She added that she has a jukebox that plays R&B, Blues, and Country, and the Rap music was removed. She stated that since the incident she has been voluntarily closing an hour early. She stated there were no issues inside the bar on the night of the homicide. She stated that before the shooting she had security but they were not armed. She added that there have been no issues with minors or overserving patrons. She added that there are issues with shootings in the neighborhood. She stated that 80% of her business is conducted before 12 A.M. and 85% of her business is over 25 years of age.
- H. Attorney Todd Farris stated the Licensee was cooperative with all police investigations. He added that the shooting incident was precipitated by a patron who was banned from the premises and tried to gain entry. He stated the Licensee would agree to modify her plan of operation to change her hours to close at midnight. He added that the Licensee is trying to operate a credible business and she had nothing to do with the homicide. He stated that Milwaukee has 700 shootings a year and the premises did nothing improperly nor did they create an atmosphere that lead to the homicide.
- I. Alderman Bauman stated the premise is a corner bar with a second floor residential unit, that he passes every day because he lives approximately five blocks away. He added there was a homicide there previously when the Licensee's father ran the premises. He stated the video of the shooting was on the news for two days and it made the neighborhood look like a warzone which offended him. He stated that this type of crime and violence cannot be tolerated and recommends nonrenewal based on the police report and homicide. He stated the premises doesn't attract huge crowds so this level of violence is a problem.
- J. Mashika Bryant of 9009 West Villard Ave stated she is with Freedom Fighters who provide patrol security on Friday and Saturday from 9:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. for the Licensee. Ms. Bryant indicated that there have been no incidents since the patrol began in October. She stated that she is working with the Licensee to change the tone and crowd of the premises. She added that different types of events will be held at the premises to give it more of a community atmosphere. She stated the security officers wear uniforms and teach de-escalation techniques.



She stated that the Licensee is looking at updating her security system. Ms. Bryant admitted that the Freedom Fighters do not have an ID scanner nor do they wand patrons entering the bar. She added that she has looked into hosting candidate forums and election events at the premises.

- K. Kawana Perry of 8214 West Congress Street stated she has known the Licensee and her family for years and she loves the premises because it is homey. She stated the premise is important to the family and friends. She added that young people come to the bar that she does not want around, and they loiter outside. She stated that she has never seen gun activity like that before. She added that baseball bats do not work anymore to get rid of the kids loitering because so many of them are armed.
- L. Takiesha Johnson of 7450 North 86th Street stated she a patron and she feels safe when she's there. She stated she has a nice time and has never had any problems at the premises.
- M. Alderman Zielinski asked the Licensee when the majority of her business is conducted and how much of her business is from patrons 25 and older. He stated the Licensee should consider closing early and increasing the age restriction. He added that there are plenty of bars in the city in high crime areas that do not have shootings.
- N. Alderman Bohl moved to amend the plan of operation to close at 12:00 a.m. Sunday-Thursday and 1:00 a.m. Friday-Saturday. (Prevailed 4-1, Ald. Zielinski voted no.)
- O. Alderman Johnson moved approval as amended with a 20 day suspension based on the police report, Licensee, aldermanic, and neighborhood testimony. (Prevailed 5-0.)

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provide Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Chapters 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
- 2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Dyan A. Ward, has not met the criteria to allow renewal of his Class "B" Tavern and PEP licenses without serving a 20-day suspension.
- 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 Class "B" Tavern and PEP licenses of Dyan A. Ward for the premises located at 2302 West State Street without undergoing a 20-day suspension, in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Talk of



the Town ") based upon the police report, neighborhood, 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 and PEP Licenses of Dyan A. Ward for the premises located at 2302 West State Street ("Talk of the Town") in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin be renewed with a 20-day suspension based upon the police report, neighborhood, aldermanic, and Licensee testimony.

The suspension is in effect between 12:01 a.m. on March 3, 2018 until 11:59 p.m. on March 22, 2018.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 16th day of February, 2018.

Tony Zalusti

TONY ZIELINSKI Chairman, Licenses Committee

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TONY ZIELINSKI ALDERMAN, 14TH DISTRICT

- Date: February 16, 2018
- To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council
- From: Licenses Committee
- Re: Report on the Renewal Application of the Class "B" Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises (PEP) Licenses of Howard J. Zanzig, for the premises located at 2079 South 8th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Park Place Sports Bar").

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Howard J. Zanzig (hereinafter "the Licensee") is the holder of a Class "B" Tavern License and a PEP License for the premises located at 2079 South 8th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Park Place Sports Bar"). Said licenses expire at midnight on March 27, 2018.
- 2. An application to renew said licenses was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on January 8, 2018.
- 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 January 15, 2018, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could from the basis for nonrenewal of said license.
- 4. On February 2, 2018 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 Milwaukee Police Department and included therewith a copy of the Milwaukee Police Department report, and on the neighborhood objections. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the police department report on February 13, 2018, commencing at approximately 9:15 a.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, together with a copy of the Milwaukee Police Department report.
- 5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:



- A. On April 7, 2017, officers investigated a burglary at Park Place Sports Bar, 2079 South 8th Street. The bar was closed at the time of the incident.
- B. On August 20, 2017, at 1:52 a.m. officers investigated shooting which occurred at South 8th Street and West Becher Street. The investigation revealed an argument began inside QuisQuilla Bar, 2078 South 8th Street. Security pushed the parties outside, where the fight continued. A short time later a subject fired a gun. After the gun shot a group of patrons exited Park Place Sports Bar, 2079 South 8th Street. The two groups had an interaction and an unknown subject fired a gun causing an exchange of gunfire. One of the patrons from Park Place was killed and a patron of QuisQuella Bar was struck in the chest. Park Place Sports Bar, a residence and several cars were struck by bullets. Officers recovered 83 casings from six different guns. The Licensee arrived later and advised the video surveillance at Park Place was not recording. The bartender, Deanna Zonieczny, was cooperative stating she usually closes early to avoid problems with QuisQuella Bar.
- C. On September 8, 2017 there was a meeting at District 2 regarding the shooting on August 20, 2017. Present were the Licensee for this premise and two representatives from QuisQuella Bar. Discussed were issues related to the two bars. It was suggested that different smoking areas be used so the patrons do not stand across from each other. It was also suggested to stagger closing times to avoid conflict. Both parties were advised of the "Tavern Car" and to be proactive in handling of issues.
- D. On October 26, 2017 officers along with an agent from the State Department of Revenue conducted a license premise check at Park Place Sports Bar, 2079 South 8th Street. The officers found the licenses not posted in public view and liquor purchased at a retail outlet, a violation of city ordinance and state rules.
- E. The Licensee stated he has operated the premises for 11 years. He added that he closes early because of the problems at the bar across the street. He stated that he often got overflow patrons from the bar across the street. He added that he posted no weapons signs and increased the number of cameras from 6 to 8 in November of 2017, and had the cameras' ability to record repaired. He stated that he went through the Pivot Program and it was interesting. He added that a lot of the problems are from the overflow patrons who come in and use the bathroom. He stated that he does not know how the shooting happened and he does not check people for weapons. He added that he feels wanding people for weapons is scary because it gives people the wrong impression of the bar. He stated that he wants to keep his day business and close early because the trouble is at nighttime. He added that he works at the bar during the day, and the bartender at night does not usually have problems. He stated that he will get a wand and ID scanner.



- F. Alderman Jose Perez asked the Licensee when the cameras were repaired and if they can record now. He added that the bar across the street has since closed. He added that he is looking for clarification on the shooting incidents. Alderman Perez explained that he has met with the Licensee several times, and he is a nice gentleman, but he is not at the premises when he's most needed. He added that he understands the problems of the neighborhood and nearby establishments. He stated he is not in support of renewing the licenses because of the police report and the severity of the incidents.
- G. Milwaukee Police Department Sergeant Martin stated he performed CPR on the homicide victim. He added that Captain Ramirez is requesting nonrenewal based on the police report.
- H. Police Officer Diener stated that District 2 is requesting nonrenewal because in 2010 a bartender was selling cocaine, there are issues with gunfire and fights and the police were not notified about the incidents. He stated that a total of 150 hours, \$12,000, 1 lieutenant, 8 sergeants, 9 detectives, 5 forensic investigators, and 79 police officers responded to the shooting incidents at the premises.
- I. The Licensee was asked about the bartender who was selling cocaine. That bartender was his son. He stated that he had no idea that his son was involved with that behavior.
- J. Alderman Bohl stated the Licensee should maximize the efforts in his business to resolve issues. He added that if there are changes in the neighborhood the Licensee should go above and beyond and get out of the nostalgia of older days. He stated the Licensee should visit his bar at night to observe the issues that are occurring.
- K. Alderman Zielinski recommended the Licensee get an ID scanner. He stated that he does not think the Licensee is changing with the times and is concerned someone else could get killed.
- L. Alderman Zielinski moved nonrenewal based on the police report, aldermanic, Licensee, and police testimony. (Prevailed 5-0.)

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Committee has jurisdiction to hold hearings and provide Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and a Recommendation to the full Common Council pursuant to Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Chapters 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
- 2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Howard J. Zanzig, has not met the criteria to allow renewal of his Class "B" Tavern and PEP licenses.



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 Class "B" Tavern and PEP licenses of Howard J. Zanzig for the premises located at 2079 South 8th Street, in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Park Place Sports Bar ") based upon the police report, 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 and PEP Licenses of Howard J. Zanzig for the premises located at 2079 South 8th Street ("Park Place Sports Bar") in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin not be renewed based upon the police report, aldermanic, and Licensee testimony.

Said nonrenewal begins March 28, 2018.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 16th day of February, 2018.

Tony Zalingthi

TONY ZIELINSKI Chairman, Licenses Committee

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