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September 14, 2020

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Honorable Members:

Common Council File Number 200401 contains the following recommendations:

Nonrenewal, based upon the third nonappearance of the Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for Susan Halliday for the premises located at 370 E Capitol Dr ("Walgreens #02182") in the 6th aldermanic district.

Renewal, with a twenty (20) day suspension, based upon the police report, and aldermanic and applicant testimony of the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses for Aaron Ohlsson for the premises located at 231 E Buffalo St ("Site 1A") in the 4th aldermanic district.

Renewal, with a ten (10) day suspension, based upon the police report, and aldermanic and neighborhood testimony of the Food Dealer license for Jason Randolph for the premises located at 4402 W Center St ("Jays Food LLC") in the 7th aldermanic district.

Renewal, with a thirty (30) day suspension, based upon the police report, and aldermanic, police, neighborhood, and applicant testimony of the Hotel/Motel license for Harjinder Singh for the premises located at 6798 W Appleton Ave ("American Inn Motel") in the 10th aldermanic district.

Renewal, with a ten (10) day suspension, based upon the police report, and aldermanic, police, and neighborhood testimony of the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses for Miguel Martinez for the premises located at 828 S 1st St ("VIP Lounge") in the 12th aldermanic district.

Renewal, with a fifteen (15) day suspension, based upon the police report, and aldermanic, police, and neighborhood testimony of the Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises licenses for Marcos Ramos-Garcia for the premises located at 1619 S 1st St ("Points View Boite") in the 12th aldermanic district.

Nonrenewal, based upon the police report, and aldermanic and applicant testimony of the Food Dealer license for Adli Dahadha for the premises located at 2478 N 38th St ("Wright & Save Food") in the 15th aldermanic district.

Respectfully,

Milele Coggs, Chair Licenses Committee

Milele A. Cogge

cc: All Council Members File 200401





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Date: September 11, 2020

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: The Licenses Committee

Re: Report of the Renewal Application of Susan M. Halliday, Agent for Walgreen CO, for Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for the premises located at 370 East Capitol Drive in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Walgreens").

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Susan M. Halliday (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for the premises located at 370 East Capitol Drive in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Walgreens"). Said licenses are subject to application for renewal.
- 2. An application to renew said licenses was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on February 19, 2020.
- 3. Pursuant to Chapters 68, 82, and 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, the matter was referred to the Milwaukee Police Department for investigation.
- 4. On August 25, 2020, the City Clerk's Office provided notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 68, 82, 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 September 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 301B of the third floor 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. Alderwoman Lewis moved nonrenewal based on Licensee's third non- appearance.

## **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 68, 82, and 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.





- 2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Susan M. Halliday who holds Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for the premise located at 370 East Capitol Drive in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Walgreens") has not met the criteria of Chapters 68, 82, and 85 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances to not renew the Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses. The Committee based its recommendation on the Licensee's third non-appearance.
- 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 Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses for the premises located at 370 East Capitol Drive in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Walgreens"). The Committee based its recommendation on the Licensee's third non-appearance.

## RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of fives (5) ayes and zero (0) noes recommends that the Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses held by Susan M. Halliday for the premises located at 370 East Capitol Drive in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Walgreens") not be renewed based on the Licensee's third non-appearance.

Said nonrenewal is effective September 22, 2020.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 11th day of September, 2020.

MILELE A. COGGS

Chair, Licenses Committee

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Date: September 11, 2020

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 Renewal Applications with Change of Shareholder and Transfer of Stock for "Site 1A" of Aaron Ohlsson, Agent for Copper Penguin Management Group, LLC, for the premises located at 231 East Buffalo Street in the

City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Site 1A").

- 1. Aaron Ohlsson (hereinafter "the Licensee") is the holder of Class "B" Tavern and PEP Licenses for the premises located at 231 East Buffalo Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Site 1A"). Said licenses expired at midnight on March 19, 2020.
- 2. An application to renew said licenses was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on February 18, 2020.
- 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 July 10, 2020, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis for nonrenewal of said licenses.
- 4. On August 27, 2020, 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 neighborhood objections. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the objections on September 8, 2020, commencing at approximately 10:40 a.m. in Room 301-B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee appeared with counsel, Attorney Michael Maistelman 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 February 18, 2019, the Licensee was charged in Waukesha County with Fishing with more than 3 lines (Forfeiture).





Charge: Fishing with more than three lines

Finding: Guilty Sentence: Forfeiture Date: 02/13/2019 Case: 2019F0000084

- B. On February 20, 2019 at 2:56 am officers were dispatched to a Battery complaint at Site 1A, 231 East Buffalo Street. The officers interviewed the victim, who stated she saw an ex-boyfriend in the bar. She stated he was upset she was there and began throwing drinks. Security attempted to throw the subject out but he ran away. The Licensee was on scene and stated the subject is a regular customer. He was the subject throwing drinks and advised security to throw him out but he ran away.
- C. On March 13, 2019 at 1:40 am officers were monitoring Site 1A, 231 East Buffalo Street. The officers observed security outside of the club, but stated they did not take any action to clear the crowd or ask them to keep the noise down. The officers spoke with the Licensee, who stated he had given security a plan of action but they did not follow it. He stated he would address the situation with them.
- D. On October 18, 2019, an officer received a complaint at desk regarding loud music coming from Site 1A. The caller lives a block away and stated the music is a constant problem, sometimes vibrating his windows. An officer responded to the location and could hear music outside as he pulled up. The officer also observed the side door standing open.
- E. On October 31, 2019, an officer received a complaint at the desk regarding loud music from Site 1A. The caller stated this is an ongoing problem, throughout the week and he cannot get any sleep. An officer responded to the location and could hear loud music from over a block away, rattling windows. The Licensee was on scene and issued a citation.

Charge: **Excessive Noise Prohibited** 

Finding: Guilty

Sentence: Fined \$260.00 Date: 01/30/2020 Case: 19055156

- F. On December 10, 2019 officers, along with agents from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, conducted a license premise check at Site 1A, 231 East Buffalo Street. The officers located 17 bottles of liquor contaminated with fruit flies. They also located a liquor bottle that appeared to be refilled. The manager, Michael BYERS-DENT, was advised to dispose of the contaminated bottles.
- G. On May 27, 2020 officers were dispatched to a Noise Nuisance at Site 1A 231 East Buffalo Street. Upon arrival the officers observed a subject taking out trash from the building. They explained why they were there and she called the Licensee. The Licensee came down the elevator and stated he was having a private party on the roof for a friend that just passed away. The officers went to the roof with the



Licensee and observed 19 people and open bottles of alcohol. They also observed liquor bottles with pour spouts, which are commonly used in bars. The Licensee stated all the alcohol was privately purchased and he could provide receipts, which he was not able to locate. The Licensee was advised to keep the music down and that this report would be filed.

- H. The Licensee stated the noise complaints and outside incidents were from a year ago. He added that they put silicon and sound proofed the windows and worked with the residents to address with the noise issues. He stated that they now use rubber tips instead of shrink wrap to address the fruit flies. He stated that they have implemented a new security plan and got rid of security staff who did not want to follow directions. He added that most of the complaints were from the Broadway Condominium Association and he worked with them to resolve the issues.
- I. With regard to the gathering referenced in Item "G" above, the applicant stated that the general manager passed away and they had a memorial gathering for him. He added that it was a small open air gathering with staff, family, and friends. He stated that he invited 14-15 staff and they each brought a loved one. He added that the liquor was all purchased privately. He stated that the rooftop is not part of his premises and has nothing to do with his license. He added that it was a giant party and people were socially distanced. He apologizes, but he does not regret having the gathering. He stated that the premises has been closed for seven months because of COVID-19 and he has been very cautious with regards to the pandemic.

# Appearing with the applicant:

J. Attorney Michael Maistelman stated the Licensee would like to withdraw the change of shareholder and transfer of stock applications. He added that the Licensee takes ownership and is doing the right thing and closing during the pandemic. He stated that no citations were issued for the May gathering. He added that the president of the condo association has commended the Licensee for his changes in business practices.

# Individual also present:

K. Alderman Bauman stated he has serious concerns because this license has been before the Committee every year since they opened. He added that there are constant issues of noise, security, and nuisance activities. He stated that at every hearing there are promises of reform and new policies, and then the next year they are back with the same issues. He added that there is a verified noise complaint with a guilty finding. He stated that he is extremely disturbed by the issue in May, where the Licensee 3 or 4 public health mandates, by having a gathering with 19 people during the Safer at Home order, serving alcohol from the bar, having the liquor storage room open, having bottles of liquor on the bar, bottles of liquor on a cart presumably to be served, partygoers are pouring drinks over the side of the building, and the comments the applicant made to the police are despicable. He recommends a 30 day suspension to get the applicant's attention. Ald. Bauman noted that he understands the ability to have a private gathering, but noted that



again, the police were called because of the noise complaint, not because people thought the location was open. He added that there haven't been any noise complaints in the last 7 months because they have been closed.

# Individual present in support:

- L. Fred Heller 234 N Broadway #213 stated there have been changes to the security process and there has been a major difference. He added that residents are pleasantly surprised by the change and noise reduction. He stated that security staff is courteous and asks patrons to be quiet when leaving the premises. He added that the MPD has also stepped up their presence.
- M. Alderwoman Lewis stated she is concerned about the gathering of people during the pandemic and the Licensee's cavalier attitude. She added that gatherings of more than 10 people were not allowed in May pursuant to the governor's emergency orders. She stated that a responsible owner should not willfully violate the stay home order. She added that she is empathetic to the death of the manager, but that does not excuse the behavior of the Licensee to willfully disregard the emergency orders.
- N. Alderwoman Lewis moved to amend the application to remove change of shareholder and transfer of stock applications. (Prevailed 5-0)
- O. Alderwoman Lewis moved approval as amended with a 20-day suspension based on the police report, and aldermanic and applicant testimony. (Prevailed 4-1)

## **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, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
- 2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Aaron Ohlsson who holds Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premise (PEP) licenses for the premise located at 231 East Buffalo Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Site 1A") 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 twenty (20) 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 aldermanic and Licensee 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 for the premises located at 231 East Buffalo Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Site 1A") without undergoing a



twenty (20) day suspension. The Committee based its recommendation on the police report, and aldermanic and Licensee testimony

## RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of four (4) ayes and one (1) noes, recommends that the Class "B" Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises (PEP) Licenses of Aaron Ohlsson for the premises located at 231 East Buffalo Street ("Site 1A") in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin not be renewed without undergoing a twenty (20) day suspension.

The suspension is in effect from September 22, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on October 11, 2020.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 11th day of September, 2020.

MILELE A. COGGS Chair, Licenses Committee

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Date: September 11, 2020

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: The Licenses Committee

Re: Report of the Renewal Application of Jason M. Randolph, Agent for Jay's Food LLC, for a Food Dealer license for the premises located at 4402 West Center Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Jay's Food LLC").

- 1. Jason M. Randolph (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of a Food Dealer license for the premises located at 4402 West Center Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Jay's Food LLC"). Said licenses expired at midnight, August 6, 2020.
- 2. An application to renew said license was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on July 15, 2020.
- 3. Pursuant to Chapters 68, 85, and 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.
- 4. On August 31, 2020, the City Clerk's Office provided notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 68, 85, and 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes of the Police Department report and neighborhood objections. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the Police Department report and aldermanic objections on September 8, 2020, at 2:40 p.m. in Room 301B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, 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 August 12, 2019 officers conducted a license premise check at Jay's Food's, 4402 West Center Street. The officer was escorted behind the counter, where the license was posted. No violations were observed.
  - B. On September 18, 2019 at 1:00 pm officers were in the area of 4500 West Center Street when they heard shots being fired east of their location. The officers arrived





at 4402 West Center Street and observed two subjects holding firearms and a subject on the ground with gunshot wounds. The officers arrested the subjects with the guns and provided medical attention to the subject on the ground, who was pronounced dead on scene. The investigation revealed the Licensee and two store employees where in the parking lot when a subject approached them. The subject got into an argument with one of the employees and produced a firearm. The Licensee and another employee produced guns and fired at the subject, striking him several times. The Licensee and employees were taken into custody.

C. The Licensee stated there was an altercation between an employee and a customer. He added that the customer returned with the intent to do bodily harm to an employee and another employee stepped in to defend him. He stated that himself and that employee no longer work at that location to prevent any future incidents. He added that he hired new employees, he keeps the store clean, and when there is a problem he calls the police. He stated that the store has 12 security cameras and they capture everything. He added that he has no authority over the students and the school should be more helpful in getting the students to school. He stated that Washington High School should provide a security guard to address the issues with students at the store. He added that he will talk to Washington High School about the truant students, and he will work on cleaning up the trash. He stated that he cannot stop students of age buying tobacco and selling it to underage students. He added there is a lot of traffic from customers coming from all over and that is an asset to the neighborhood. He stated that he has made upgrades to the building to make it look better. He added that he has talked with neighbors several times to address concerns, but the community doesn't always do what he asks them to do. He stated that people doing drugs and car accidents have nothing to do with the premises. He added that there are things that need to change and there is always room for change and improvement, and he is willing to listen and take the proper steps to make changes.

## Individual also present:

D. Alderman Rainey stated this has been a troubled area but he senses resistance and defensiveness from the Licensee to making improvements to the community. He added that businesses should be a boost to help the neighborhood improve. He added that the Licensee is aware of the concerns of the residents and he recommends a 10-day suspension because the neighborhood is in need of a reprieve. He stated that he would like to see an abatement plan from the applicant to address the neighborhood concerns.

# Individuals present in opposition:

E. Marianne Robbins 2442 North Grant Blvd stated there are students from Washington High School loitering at the premises when they should be in school. She added that she saw men loitering outside the premises. She stated that she saw a suspicious vehicle communicating with students. She added that an employee was not helpful with removing truant students from the store. She stated that the premises is encouraging truancy.



- F. Mabel Lamb 2803 North Sherman Blvd stated she is very concerned and she agrees with the previous speaker. She added that the premises could help disperse the students. She stated that this area is a hotspot with 5 homicides in the past 18 months. She added that she is very concerned about what is happening and the continuous loss of life.
- G. Coree Coppinger 2700 North 45th Street stated there have been issues for 5 years at the premises. She added that when the premises took out the back wall, they put construction debris in her yard and her neighbors yard. She stated that there has been drug use and loud parties at the premises. She added that since October 2019 there were 4 homicides, 1 drive-by, 3 wounded, a van driving in to the store, and a truck that tore the roof off. She stated that she has been threatened and her windows have been broken repeatedly. She added that customers of the premises block her garage and there is no customer parking, so they park all over. She stated that she is deeply concerned about the instability that the store is bringing in to the community. She added that she picks up 2 bags of trash daily, and has over 1,000 receipts from the premises for the last 2 months. She stated that her neighbors complain to her because she is on the corner. She added that there are accidents always on Center Street. She stated that she has witnessed cars selling students drugs and students smoking marijuana in front of the premises, and freebasing on the side of the premises. She added that she wants the premises to clean its windows so they can see what's going on inside. She stated that customers are not local residents.
- H. Marvin Bailey 2525 North Sherman Blvd stated Washington High School has had ongoing issues with the premises. He added that he goes in to the store and asks the employees to help get the students out of the store and in to school and the employees refuse. He stated that the premises agreed to close the store to students at 8:35 AM, but it only lasted a few days. He added that there is loitering at the premises and fights in the alley and it is an unsafe environment for the students. He stated that the store has not been cooperative and it is a huge hindrance to getting students to school. He added that underage students are getting tobacco from the premises.
- I. Peter Blewett 2750 North 45th St stated that he agrees with the previous speakers. He added that as a previous school board member he does not feel that the premises is cooperating with Washington High School as a community stakeholder.
- J. Alderwoman Lewis stated she is appalled by the Licensee's laissez faire attitude and asking for Washington High School to provide a security guard for the premises. She added that it seems natural to oblige the request of the High School and close to students at a certain time, especially when the Licensee is aware that the premises is part of the problem. She stated that it is incumbent as a business owner to uphold the quality of life for the residents. She added that the Licensee should be aware of what is occurring around his building.
- K. Alderwoman Coggs stated that when she was a student at Riverside University



High School businesses put signs on their doors saying that they would not serve students during school hours. She added that the stores did not need extra security, the school did not need go to the businesses, and alderman did not need to get involved, it was just something they did as responsible businesses.

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

## 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 68, 85 and 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
- 2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Jason M. Randolph who holds a Food Dealer license for the premise located at 4402 West Center Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Jay's Food LLC") has not met the criteria of Chapters 68, 85 and 90, of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances to not renew the Food Dealer license without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension. The Committee finds the aldermanic objections as stated above to be true. The Committee based its recommendation on the police report, and aldermanic and neighborhood 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 Food Dealer licenses for the premises located at 4402 West Center Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Jay's Food LLC") without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension. The Committee based its recommendation on the police report, and aldermanic and neighborhood 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 Food Dealer license held by Jason M. Randolph for the premises located at 4402 West Center Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Jay's Food LLC") not to be renewed without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension.

The suspension is in effect from September 22, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on October 1, 2020.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 11th day of September, 2020.

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Date: September 11, 2020

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: Licenses Committee

Re: Report of the Renewal Application with Transfer of Stock of Harjinder Singh, Agent for Chahal Brother One LLC, for a Hotel/Motel License located at 6798 West Appleton Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("American Inn Motel").

- 1. Harjinder Singh (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of a Hotel/Motel license for the premises located at 6798 West Appleton Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("American Inn Motel"). Said license expired at midnight on July 5, 2020.
- 2. An application to renew said license was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on April 21, 2020.
- 3. Pursuant to Chapters 85 and 275 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances this matter was referred to Milwaukee Police Department for investigation. On June 15, 2020, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis for nonrenewal of said license.
- 4. On August 28, 2020 the City Clerk provided timely notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 85 and 275 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances of the neighborhood objections. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the objections on September 8, 2020, commencing at approximately 1:35 p.m. in Room 301B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, the Licensee appeared with counsel, Attorney Andrew Arena 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 12, 2019 at 3:00 p.m., a subject walked into the Third District to report his vehicle was stolen. Investigation revealed that the subject was staying at a hotel, with a female, whom he only knows by first name, at 6798 West Appleton Avenue. The subject fell asleep and when he woke up, noticed that the female and his





- vehicle were missing. The subject stated that the female rented the room, so police called and retrieved the female's information from the front desk employee.
- В. On May 9, 2019 at 6:16 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 6798 West Appleton Avenue for a welfare check. Upon arrival, officers observed a female on the sidewalk waving her arms and making noises. The hotel manager led officers to the female's room where they found the door open and suspected narcotics inside. The female was conveyed to the hospital.
- C. On July 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 6766 West Appleton Avenue for an accident. Investigation revealed that after the accident occurred, the vehicles moved to 6798 West Appleton Avenue where an argument ensued with the driver of one of the vehicles pulling out a gun and pointing it at the other driver. A hotel employee was able to provide surveillance footage of the incident.
- D. On December 12, 2019 at 10:03 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 6798 West Appleton Avenue for a shooting complaint. Upon arrival, one of the occupants in the room stated that she and her boyfriend were playing with a gun and it went off striking the victim, rendering him pulseless/not breathing. Investigation revealed that the occupant/suspect had been renting the room for the past two weeks and the victim was a daily visitor to the room and had been staying on a nightly basis. The occupant was arrested for her involvement in the incident.
- E. On January 1, 2020 at 4:00 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 6798 West Appleton Avenue for a sick/injured complaint. Upon arrival, officers interviewed the caller/manager who stated that he received a call at the front desk from one of the occupants in the hotel saying that they heard a weird noise from the room directly below them. The manager went to the room to investigate and after receiving no response from the hotel room door, the manager opened the room to find the occupant unresponsive, so he called police. The subject, who still had a syringe in her arm, received three doses of NARCAN and was transported to the hospital. Inside the room there were various items of drug paraphernalia.
- F. On February 20, 2020 at 1:31p.m., Milwaukee Police conducted a meeting at the Seventh District with the Licensee regarding the high calls for service and the shooting which occurred on December 19, 2019. The Licensee told police that he is now requiring identification for all guests staying in the room and if they catch anyone doing anything "suspicious" they would be put on a "Do Not Rent" list. This list is shared with his other hotels and the surrounding hotels in the vicinity. Other policy changes are that employees are going to require identification from persons seen entering a room more than once and he will now employ a security guard who will monitor the property. The Licensee said that he and his wife wilt start splitting time between his other hotel and he was advised to come up with additional plans to combat the issues at his properties.
- G. On May 14, 2020 at 3:30 a.m., Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 6798 West Appleton Avenue for a sexual assault complaint. Investigation revealed that a



- female was abducted, taken to the hotel, and was sexually assaulted. The subject was able to go to the front desk and use the phone to call police.
- Attorney Andrew Arena stated the premises rents 5,000 rooms per year and the H. Licensee is proactive in limiting problems. He stated #4 has nothing to do with the hotel, #5 was a woman who was evicted from her apartment.

# Individuals also present:

- I. Alderman Murphy stated the neighbors have concerns about this premises and the police have been involved. He added that there have been meetings regarding safety and security. He stated that he recommends nonrenewal or a suspension.
- J. Sergeant Ross stated she has concerns regarding nuisance activity and calls for service at the premises. She added that they are being called repeatedly for the same type of issues.

# Individuals present in opposition:

- K. Valerie Sauve, 6730 West Vienna Avenue, stated she does not believe the premises is an asset to the neighborhood. She added that there have been ongoing issues. She stated that there are apartment buildings on each side of the premises with many children and she is concerned for their safety.
- Julie Hanus 3509 North 64th Street, stated she lives down the street from the L. premises and a few years ago the neighborhood did not want this premises to open. She added that the motel has a bad reputation and it's not doing anything for the neighborhood. She stated that there is a sign posted about low fees.
- M. Vi Hawkins, 6402 West Keefe Avenue Parkway, started that she wanted to give the Licensee a chance. She added that she has seen people drinking, drug dealing, and shooting dice in front of the hotel. She added that she agrees with the previous speakers.

# Individuals present in support:

- N. Nicole Goings, 6798 West Appleton Ave #218, stated that she has lived at the premises for over 3 years and they do not do background checks. She added that she's never seen anyone using drugs at the premises. She added that she feels safe at the premises.
- O. Donna Gissing, 3318 North 44th Street, stated she has stayed at the hotel multiple times because she is safe there. She added that the Licensee checks to see if she is okay.
- P. Mark Ball, 6741 West Keefe Ave #2, stated he lives behind the hotel and the parking lot is clean. He added that he has seen the Licensee deny people trying to rent rooms. He stated that he has never witnessed any illegal activities.



- Q. Alexis Scott, 704 North 32nd Street, stated she accidentally shot and killed her fiancé at the premises. She added that the hotel was convenient for her and it's always clean and the staff is friendly and helpful. She stated that she has never seen any illegal activities and she feels safe there.
- R. Amber Walker 6730 West Keefe Parkway #2 stated she has been living there for 4 months and she sees people doing bad things at the park.
- S. The meeting recessed at 2:50 PM.
- T. The meeting reconvened at 2:57 PM.
- U. David Williams 6017 West Keefe Ave #101 stated he is in support.
- V. Gary Weaver 3467 West Appleton Ave stated he is in support.
- W. Marshell Williams 3324 West Rosehill Dr stated she is in support.
- X. Sally Romero 7450 West Glenbrook Rd stated she is in support.
- Y. Dorothy Allison 7550 West Glenbrook Rd stated she is in support.
- Z. Darlene Allison 4525 West Glenbrook Rd stated she is in support.
- AA. Shirley Atkins 4908 North 18th St stated she is in support.
- BB. Erica Little 6834 West Appleton Ave stated she is in support.
- CC. Candice Hall 840 North 24th St stated she is in support.
- DD. Thomas King 840 North 24th St stated he is in support.
- EE. Brandon Walton 5969 North 59th St stated he is in support.
- FF. Johnnie Love 8133 West Hampton Ave stated he is in support.
- GG. Tony 8154 N Hampton Ave stated he is in support.
- HH. Jerry Ward 6700 W Appleton Ave stated he is in support.
- II. Precious Joshua 925 N 76th St #5 stated she is in support.
- JJ. Tommy Jones 1080 N 33rd St stated he is in support.
- KK. Stephan Johnson 9520 W Appleton Ave stated he is in support.
- Willie Tally 147 N 30th St stated he is in support. LL.



- MM. Keon Ellis 6700 W Appleton Ave stated he is in support.
- NN. Ricardo Sampson 4151 West Appleton Ave stated he is in support.
- OO. Aniyah Ramon 2738 North 45th St stated she is in support.
- PP. Jonathan 6824 West Appleton Ave stated he is in support.
- QQ. Cindy Hammonds 1506 West Vliet St stated she is in support.
- RR. Tasha 8614 West Congress St stated she is in support.
- SS. James Hardin 5039 North 61st St stated he is in support.
- TT. Gerald Baker 3419 North 25th St stated he is in support.
- UU. Clint Powell 352 South 20th St stated he is in support.
- VV. Lashonda Taylor 6448 North 91st St stated she is in support.
- Marie Harper 2847 North 40th St stated she is in support.
- XX. Darien Ashford 2847 North 48th St stated he is in support.
- YY. Jason 4525 North 28th St stated he is in support.
- ZZ. Amirale McFarland 1626 West Carmen Ave stated she is in support.
- AAA. Randall Hodges 3305 North 49th St stated he is in support.
- BBB. Norman Moutry 6222 West Fond Du Lac Ave stated he is in support.
- CCC. Ben Sharp 6222 West Fond Du Lac Ave stated he is in support.
- DDD. Sasha Smith 6043 North 43rd St stated she is in support.
- EEE. Tatiana Fallons 4619 North 56th St stated she is in support.
- FFF. Jason Scott 4561 North 44th St stated he is in support.
- GGG. Tamra Reid 7284 West Appleton Ave stated she likes working at the premises.
- HHH. Joanna Payne 7286 W Appleton Ave stated she is in support.
- III. Alderman Kovac moved approval with a 30-day suspension based on the police report and neighborhood, police, aldermanic, and applicant testimony. (Prevailed 5-0)



# **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 85 and 275 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
- 2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Harjinder Singh who holds a Hotel/Motel License for the premises located 6798 West Appleton Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("American Inn Motel") has not met the criteria of Chapters 85 and 275 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, to not renew without undergoing a 30-day suspension. The Committee finds the police report and aldermanic, neighborhood, and police testimony as stated above to be true as stated above. The Committee based its recommendation on the police report, and police, aldermanic, neighborhood, and applicant 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 without undergoing a 30-day suspension the Hotel/Motel License held by Harjinder Singh for the premises located at 6798 West Appleton Avenue in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("American Inn Motel"). The Committee based its recommendation on the police report, and police, aldermanic, neighborhood, and applicant 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 Harjinder Singh for the premises located 6798 West Appleton Avenue ("American Inn Motel") in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin not be renewed without undergoing a 30-day suspension.

The suspension is in effect from September 22, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on October 21, 2020.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 11th day of September, 2020.

MILELE A. COGGS

Chair, Licenses Committee

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Date: September 11, 2020

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 with Change of Entertainment Adding Comedy Acts and Battle of the Bands of Miguel A. Martinez, Agent for The Flow DJ's Entertainment LLC, for the premises located at 828 South 1st Street in the City and County of

Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("VIP Lounge").

- 1. Miguel A. Martinez (hereinafter "the Licensee") is the holder of Class "B" Tavern and PEP Licenses for the premises located at 828 South 1st Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("VIP Lounge"). Said licenses expire at midnight on September 23, 2020.
- 2. An application to renew said licenses was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on July 21, 2020.
- 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 26, 2020, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis for nonrenewal of said licenses.
- 4. On August 26, 2020, 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 neighborhood objections. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the objections on September 4, 2020, commencing at approximately 2:20 p.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.
- 5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
  - A. On August 11, 2019 at 2:23 am, Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 828 South 1st Street for a fight complaint. Upon arrival, officers observed several broken beer bottles on the street in front of 828 South 1st Street and several citizens walking in





the alley attempting to enter the rear of the tavern. After several knocks on the locked front entrance door, security allowed officers to enter. The Licensee was informed that there was a fight outside and that officers needed to review surveillance footage. While reviewing the footage, officers could hear noise coming from above the establishment and when they went to investigate, officers found approximately 30 patrons in a living room area drinking beer (some of which were the citizens the officers observed earlier trying to enter the back of the tavern). The Licensee said that he had no idea how the patron got to the second level and that he was not having an "after party". One of the officers observed security of the establishment allow patrons to enter through the rear entrance but no citations were issued because officers could not prove the Licensee was aware there were patrons inside his establishment.

- В. On August 18, 2019 at 3:20 am, Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 828 South 1st Street to investigate an after-hour tavern violation. Upon arrival, officers were greeted by the Licensee who was cooperative and stated that there were only his seven employees inside the establishment, and officers did not observe any open alcoholic beverages inside.
- C. On September 22, 2019 at 1:40 am, Milwaukee Police were dispatched to 838 South 1st Street for a subject with weapon complaint. Investigation revealed that a fight occurred at 828 South 1st Street and one of the subjects went to their vehicle and retrieved a baseball bat. Security at 828 South 1st Street stated that there was no fight but they did walk a subject to his vehicle and he did try to arm himself with a baseball bat but was stopped by security and the subject drove away.
- D. On November 10, 2019 at 2:06 am, Milwaukee Police investigated a fight that occurred at 828 South 1st Street. Surveillance footage revealed that two subjects entered the back room where a band was and they had their arms around each other. A short time later, both subjects come out of the room, exchange words with each other, and one actor strikes the other several times in the face. The subject that was punched falls into a corner, security comes and separates the subjects, and the striking actor is escorted outside the business. The Licensee said that he did not call police.
- E. On August 1, 2020 officers investigated a sexual assault that occurred at VIP Lounge, 828 South 1st Street. The victim stated she was at the bar closing out her tab when a subject grabbed her buttocks. She confronted the subject who walked out of the bar. The victim stated none of her friends witnessed the incident.
- F. On August 16, 2020 officers investigated a shots fired complaint at 904 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The caller stated he heard shots being fired and looked out his window and saw a car in the parting lot of VIP Lounge, 828 South 1st Street. He stated he observed the passenger of the auto shooting a gun in the air. The officer advised the Licensee of this incident.
- G. The Licensee stated #17 on the police report is about an apartment upstairs unrelated to the licensed premise that the police entered without permission, and the



tenant was having a party upstairs. He added that he closes at 2 a.m. and he is concerned about after-hours issues and that is why he has security. He stated that #22 in the police report happened after he was closed and the police never asked him about it. He added that this is not the first time Mr. Hamilton complained about his premises and garbage. He stated that he is a good neighbor and he does not have a problem with his parking lot. He added that there are 4-5 bars in the area and they all park in his lot. He stated that he is going to put a fence around is parking lot. He added that he only has security on Saturday, with six guards inside and two outside in a patrol car around the parking lot, and they work from 9 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. He stated that security clears the outside and parking lot of patrons before they go back inside. He added that he does not have security cameras in the parking lot.

# Individual present in opposition:

H. Bob Hamilton, 904 South 1st Street, stated he heard 2 gunshots last weekend, the weekend before he heard 50-60 gunshots on Saturday, and the weekend before that there were 12-14 shots fired. He added that he went outside to talk to police and witnessed piles of gun shell casings. He stated that he saw a guy holding his arm out the window and firing a gun. He added that he has tenants and they are afraid to go outside and are threatening to leave. He stated that this is out of control, he is concerned for his safety, and this is a frequent occurrence. He added that he called the police 3 weekends in a row. He stated that it is the customers coming from the parking lot of the premises and when the bar is closed there are no issues. He added that there have been issues at the premises since day one and he is worried about someone being killed.

# Individuals also present:

- I. Alderman Perez stated that he has several concerns about the shots fired incidents, and not calling the police regarding fights. He added that Mr. Hamilton testified before about similar incidents and he has grave concerns.
- J. Milwaukee Police Department Captain Salazar stated this bar is problematic and in the last two months there have been a dozen calls for service causally related to the premises. He added that the number of shots is very concerning, and this is indicative of shootout type activity and multiple shooters. He added that based on his experience, locations that have this level of gunfire often end up with a homicide if the situation is not curtailed.
- K. Alderman Borkowski stated that 22 items on the police report since 2015 seems like a pattern. He added #22 on the police report and the email Alderman Perez received on August 24th seem to be the same incident, but different accounts. He stated that three straight weekends of shooting is out of control, and he would hate to live in that neighborhood. He added that this is outrageous and there should be a stiff penalty. He stated that he does not think the Licensee is taking this seriously and 50-60 gunshots is never acceptable.



- L. Alderwoman Lewis stated that her primary concern is abatement, and that she has not heard a sufficient plan from the applicant to mitigate the danger from the management.
- M. Alderman Kovac moved approval with a 10 day suspension based on the police report, and neighborhood, aldermanic, and police testimony. (Prevailed 4-1)

## **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, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
- 2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Miguel A. Martinez who holds Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premise (PEP) licenses for the premise located at 828 South 1st Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("VIP Lounge") 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 ten (10) day suspension. The Committee finds aldermanic objections as stated above to be true. The Committee based its recommendation on the police report, and aldermanic, police, and neighborhood 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 for the premises located at 828 South 1st Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("VIP Lounge") without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension. The Committee based its recommendation on the police report, and aldermanic, police, and neighborhood testimony.

# RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of four (4) aves and (1) noes, recommends that the Class "B" Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises (PEP) Licenses of Miguel A. Martinez for the premises located at 828 South 1st Street ("VIP Lounge") in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin not be renewed without undergoing a ten (10) day suspension.

The suspension is in effect between 12:01 a.m. on September 24, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on October 3, 2020.



Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 11th day of September, 2020.

MILELE A. COGGS

Chair, Licenses Committee

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Date: September 11, 2020

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 Marcos Ramos-Garcia, Agent for Werk Investments LLC, for the premises located at 1619 South 1st Street in the City and County of

Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Points View Boite").

- 1. Marcos Ramos-Garcia (hereinafter "the Licensee") is the holder of Class "B" Tavern and PEP Licenses for the premises located at 1619 South 1st Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Points View Boite"). Said licenses expired at midnight on August 7, 2020.
- 2. An application to renew said licenses was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on July 7, 2020
- 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 26, 2020, the Milwaukee Police Department responded with a report that could form the basis for nonrenewal of said licenses.
- 4. On August 26, 2020, 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 neighborhood objections. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the objections on September 4, 2020, commencing at approximately 2:35 p.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.
- 5. Based upon the sworn testimony heard and the evidence received at the hearing, the Committee finds the following:
  - A. On July 7, 2019 at 2:11am officers were monitoring closing at The Points View Boite Bar, 1619 South 1st Street. The officers observed a group of females outside near the bar attempting to fight. They also observed two males fighting in the Scrub a Dub parking lot. The fight broke up when the officers got out of their squad and





- the parties left. More squads arrived and the crowd dispersed. The Licensee was on scene and cooperative with the officers.
- В. On December 5, 2019 at 9:50 pm officers, along with agents from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, conducted a license premise check at 1619 South 1st Street. The Licensee was not at the tavern but was called by the bartender. The Licensee came to the tavern and was cooperative with the inspection. Wisconsin Department of Revenue agent confiscated 24 bottles of beer and five containers of hookah. The Licensee was also advised to not reuse liquor bottles and to use premixed drinks the day they were mixed.
- C. On February 23, 2020 at 9:43 pm officers investigated a shots fired complaint at 1619 South 1st Street. The officer spoke with the Licensee who stated the business was closed but there were employees working in the basement. Those employees heard a shot fired outside. The Licensee stated there was a shot fired through the front window. The incident was captured on video, which he showed to the officers.
- On March 1, 2020 at 2:10 am officers conducted a license premise check at Points D. View Boite, 1619 South 1st Street. The officers were advised there was a call at that location for subjects with guns, blocking the street. The officers observed the bar was letting out but the street was not blocked. There were several groups that were arguing but no physical altercations. The Licensee was on scene and requested the officers remain on scene until the crowd cleared. Security did not attempt to clear the crowd until the parking lot was clear.
- E. On March 2, 2020 at 12:47am officers were dispatched to a tavern violation at 1619 South 1st Street. The caller stated she was advised her underage son was at Points View. She stated her son is 19 years old and has a fake ID. The officers had security check the bar but could not locate the underage person.
- F. On March 8, 2020 at 1:39 am officers were dispatched to a Shooting at Pointe View Boite, 1619 South 1st Street. The investigation revealed there was an argument inside between two groups over spilt champagne. As patrons exited actors fired shots from multiple weapons, striking the victim. The Licensee provided video, which added in the capture of the suspects.
- G. On March 12, 2020 an officer and the District captain went to Point's View Boite, 1619 South 1st Street, to speak with the Licensee about an upcoming event. The Licensee stated he was going to hire additional security for the event. He was reminded to have security outside at bar close to prevent problems outside.
- H. On April 12, 2020 at 11:28 pm officers conducted a license premise check at Point's View Boite, 1619 South 1st Street. When the officers arrived, they observed the lights on and several subjects inside consuming snacks. The Licensee arrived on scene and stated the people inside were employees. He was advised to not have gatherings inside the business due to the Safer at Home order.



- I. On July 20, 2020 at 1:43 am officers heard shots coming from the area of Points View bar. The officers observed about 50 people in front of the bar, who stated someone was shooting off a small gun in the parking lot. The Licensee was on scene and allowed officer to view the surveillance video. The system covered the parking lot but does not cover the alley. The officers did not locate any casings outside and or video of the incident. The Licensee stated he would call officers if he located any video of the incident. On 08/06/2020 officers reviewed the video of this incident that was captured by the cameras at the Scrub A Dub car wash. The video shows a subject exiting Point's View and walking to the alley. The subject disappears for a short time. When the subject returns to camera view he is observed shooting a handgun in the air. The camera shows one of the security guards look at and walk towards the subject, who then exits camera view. The police then arrive on scene.
- J. The Licensee stated they try to be transparent and assist police. He added that there are issues with the back alley, and he looked in to hiring more security for that area. He stated that he has instituted no parking in the back alley and is in constant contact with the neighbors. He added that #23 on the police report was most concerning to him and his security video did not show any altercations, but they shared the footage with the police. He stated that any kind of gunplay is concerning to him and they have metal detectors and do pat-downs to make sure everyone is safe inside the bar. He added that most of the incidents happen outside and they try to police it the best that they can. He stated that he has 8-10 security guards every night and they now patrol Lapham Street because of recent car break ins. He added the last shots fired incident was a patron trying to get inside the premises at bar close. He stated that he tries to provide a safe and enjoyable venue and it's unfortunate that they've had a few incidents that a very concerning involving firearms. He added that he cares about the community and wants to be proactive about weeding out the bad apples.

## Individual also present:

K. Alderman Perez stated when you look at the 9 items on the police report 4 of them have to do with either shots fired or fights and involved security not calling in the shots fired or not breaking up the fights. He added that based on the police report and neighborhood testimony there is a pattern of gunshots and police contact. He stated that he extremely is concerned about the premises moving forward. He added that he has had many contacts with the License regarding these issues and he knows the License is trying. He recommends a suspension to give the neighborhood some relief and give the License an opportunity to address the issues.

## Individuals present in opposition:

L. Lillian Torres, 182 W Lapham Street, stated she has lived there for 34 years and they have been shot at. She added that bullets went in to the house next door and it's a constant thing.



- M. Jose Angel Bonilla, 1618 S 2nd Street, stated that he spoke at the previous hearing, and there have been multiple shootings in the alley. He added that the applicant has implemented new security procedures. He stated that the Licensee put up a chain and the walking in the alley has gotten better. He added that since the last shooting there have not been any more incidents, but there have been shootings further away.
- N. Captain Salazar stated he is opposed because the premises has a constant series of gun related incidents. He added that the premises is in nuisance status and there was a nonfatal shooting on March 8th with multiple shooters, more than 28 shell casings were recovered from multiple firearms including a .40 caliber, 9mm pistol, and a 223 rifle. He stated that when COVID-19 hit the bar shut down, but when they reopened there was another incident in July. He added that all the events emanate from the bar and it's just a matter of time before there is a homicide.

# Individuals present in support:

- O. Terrell Morgan 2160 N 35th Street stated he was a frequent patron of the premises. He added that he has known the Licensee for a number of years and he is his good friend and business partner. He stated that the Licensee care about the community. He added that the Licensee works hard for his business and wants to be successful.
- P. Kos Saengphaphat 313 E Smith Street stated he has known the Licensee for 5 years and he's been good to the community. He added that he feels safe at the premises and has never seen violence or shootings there. He stated that the Licensee is very transparent and he is doing his best to take care of everything.
- Q. Alderman Borkowski stated since 2017 there have been #25 on the police report, including 6 in 2020. He added that there is a pattern and he has zero confidence that things are going to change. He stated that the patrons do not have the right to do whatever they please.
- R. Alderman Kovac stated he is also concerned about the number of items on the police report and the issues occurring outside the premises.
- S. Alderwoman Lewis stated there are more than a few very serious issues. She added that it has only been 3 years and there have been many issues. She stated that the Licensee needs time to overhaul the procedures and figure out how to ensure quality of life and public safety for the neighborhood.
- T. Alderwoman Lewis moved approval with a 15 day suspension based on the police report, and police, aldermanic, neighborhood testimony, holding open #26 on the police report. (Prevailed 5-0)

## **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 85, 90, and 108 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.



- 2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Marcos Ramos-Garcia who holds Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premise (PEP) licenses for the premise located at 1619 South 1st Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Points View Boite") 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 Tayern and Public Entertainment Premises without undergoing a fifteen (15) day suspension. The Committee finds aldermanic objections as stated above to be true. The Committee based its recommendation on the police report, and aldermanic, police, and neighborhood 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 for the premises located at 1619 South 1st Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Points View Boite") without undergoing a fifteen (15) day suspension. The Committee based its recommendation on the police report, and aldermanic, police, and neighborhood testimony.

## RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated above, the Committee, by a vote of five (5) ayes and (0) noes, recommends that the Class "B" Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises (PEP) Licenses of Marcos Ramos-Garcia for the premises located at 1619 South 1st Street ("Points View Boite") in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin not be renewed without undergoing a fifteen (15) day suspension.

The suspension is in effect from September 22, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on October 6, 2020.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 11th day of September, 2020.

MILELE A. COGGS

Chair, Licenses Committee

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Date: September 11, 2020

To: All Members of the Milwaukee Common Council

From: The Licenses Committee

Re: Report of the Renewal Application of Adli A. Dahadha, Agent for Wright & Save, LLC, for a Food Dealer license for the premises located at 2478 North 38th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Wright & Save, LLC").

- 1. Adli A. Dahadha (hereinafter the "Licensee") is the holder of a Food Dealer license for the premises located at 2478 North 38th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Wright & Save, LLC"). Said licenses expire at midnight, September 28, 2020.
- 2. An application to renew said license was filed with the Office of the City Clerk on July 15, 2020.
- 3. Pursuant to Chapters 68, 85, and 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.
- 4. On August 27, the City Clerk's Office provided notice to the Licensee pursuant to Chapters 68, 85, and 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances and Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes of the Police Department report and neighborhood objections. The matter was scheduled for a hearing on the Police Department report and aldermanic objections on September 8, 2020, at 11:35 a.m. in Room 301B of the third floor of City Hall. At said date, time and place, 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 September 25, 2019 at 10:44 am officers conducted a license premise check at Wright & Save, 2478 North 38<sup>th</sup> Street. The officers observed expired perishable food inside the refrigerated section. The Licensee was advised to throw the expired items away.
  - B. On October 14, 2019 an officer observed a subject exit Wright & Save, 2478 N. 38<sup>th</sup> Street with a handful of loose cigarettes. The officer went inside the store and





- spoke with the clerk who admitted to selling single cigarettes for \$0.50 each.
- C. On October 15, 2019 officers, along with agents from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, conducted a licensed premise check at Wright & Save, 2478 N. 38th Street. The agent confiscated a large amount of tobacco purchased from an untaxed source. The health department responded to confirm the store was within the order ceasing the sale of non-perishable food for 60 days. The Licensee was advised to stop selling ice cream. The officer also located baby formula that was labeled for sale at Kroger stores. The Licensee first denied the sale of single cigarettes but did admit to selling single cigarettes. He was advised to stop this practice and agreed.
- D. On October 30, 2019 at 9:10 pm an officer performed a traffic stop at 2479 N. 38th Street. The occupant was holding 4 single cigarettes in her hand, which she stated she just purchased at 2478 N. 38th Street. The clerk, Mohammad HUSSEIN, denied selling the cigarettes. He then attempted to hide a pack of cigarettes behind the counter. The clerk then admitted to selling singles and stated he would not do it again.
- E. On November 17, 2019 officers were dispatched to a drug dealing at 2478 N. 38th Street. Upon arrival the officers got into a foot chase with a subject that matched the description from the call. The officers went to the store and talked to the clerk about viewing the video surveillance. They were advised the cameras were not functional.
- F. The Licensee stated he asks for ID and he does not sell single cigarettes anymore and his employee made a mistake. He added that the store looks nice and there is no loitering. He added that he bought the tobacco from the Freedman Company and he does not sell cigars anymore. He stated that there is no drug activity in front of the store anymore and everything is good. He added that he has security cameras.

# Individual also present:

- G. Dameon Ellzey 15th District Legislative Assistant stated Alderman. Stamper receives a lot of calls about this premises. He added that they were selling perishable foods during their 60 day suspension. He stated that there was a clear disregard for the suspension. He added that on 3 separate occasions single cigarettes were sold. He stated that the ATF went in and found illegal cigarettes were being sold. He added that the Licensee seems to have a problem selling cigarettes and adhering to what the Committee has stated, and he seems to just do what he wants to do. He stated Alderman. Stamper recommends nonrenewal based on disregarding the suspension last year and what the authorities have told the Licensee to do. He added that the premises is becoming a hub of illegal activity.
- H. Alderwoman Coggs stated the Licensee has no plan for abatement and there are repeated infractions on the police report. She added she has no confidence in the Licensee's ability to manage the premises to prevent these infractions from occurring further. She stated that a suspension and talking to the applicant about changing his ways does not seem like it would work.



I. Alderman Kovac moved nonrenewal based on the police report, and applicant and aldermanic testimony. (Prevailed 5-0)

## 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 68, 85 and 90 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
- 2. Based upon the above facts found, the Committee concludes that the Licensee, Adli A. Dahadha who holds a Food Dealer license for the premise located at 2478 North 38th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Wright & Save, LLC") has not met the criteria of Chapters 68, 85 and 90, of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances to not renew the Food Dealer license. The Committee finds the aldermanic objections as stated above to be true. The Committee based its recommendation on the police report, and aldermanic and Licensee testimony.
- In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee, it 3. 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 Food Dealer licenses for the premises located at 2478 North 38th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Wright & Save, LLC"). The Committee based its recommendation on the police report, and aldermanic and Licensee 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 Food Dealer license held by Adli A. Dahadha for the premises located at 2478 North 38th Street in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Wright & Save, LLC") not to be renewed.

Said nonrenewal is effective 12:01 a.m. on September 29, 2020.

Dated and signed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 11th day of September, 2020.

MILELE A. COGGS

Chair, Licenses Committee

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