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000 1		1	CHAIRMAN BOHL: We have our applicant here. Is there counsel that is representing
2	CITY OF MILWAUKEE	3	MR. MITZ: My name is How Excuse me. I didn't mean to interrupt you. My name is
3	LICENSES COMMITTEE	4 5 6 7	Attorney Howard B. Mitz. My address is 1017 West Glen Oaks Lane, Suite 104, Mequon, Wisconsin
4	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	8	53092, and I represent the applicant. CHAIRMAN BOHL: And what is the
5	In the Matter of the Class "B" Tavern and Tavern	9 10	spelling of your last name? MR. MITZ: M, as in mother, I-T-Z.
6 7	Dance applications with an age distinction of 30 years of age and older Thursday-Saturday for:	11 12 13	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you. Thank you, Attorney Mitz.
-	"A-LIST SUPPER CLUB AND LOUNGE" "SILVERSTEIN GROUP, LLC" MARC A. BROWN	14 15 16	MR. MITZ: May I just say something, Alderman Bohl, before we start? CHAIRMAN BOHL: Sure. MR. MITZ: We are requesting a
9	2116 N. Farwell Avenue	17	continuance of this hearing, based upon the fact that Alderman Ashanti is not here, Ashanti
10	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	19	Hamilton. And Alderman Hamilton has personal knowledge of this matter, and he tried to be
11	COMMITTEE MEMBERS	21	here. He couldn't. He's - I believe he's out of the State, actually. And what we believe
12	ALD. JAMES BOHL - Chair ALD. MILELE COGGS - Vice Chair	23	would be very important to all concerned is to have all the facts on the table, and he is a
13	ALD. T. ANTHONY ZIELINSKI ALD. NIK KOVAC	25	member of the committee, and having personal
14	LICENSING DIVISION by REBECCA GRILL		
	POLICE DEPARTMENT by P.O. PAUL MACGILLIS DFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY by ATTORNEY BRUCE SCHRI	MPF	
16 17	Provide the standard text in the standard		
18 19	Proceedings had and testimony given in the above-entitled matter, before the LICENSES		
20 21	COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE, on		
	the 15th day of February, 2010.		
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1	P R O C E E D I N G S CHAIRMAN BOHL: For "Silverstien Group,		knowledge, we would like him to be present so that he could input his information, so that this
2 3	LLC," Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Dance	23	committee could have a full and complete
4	applications with an age restriction of 30 and up	4	understanding of the situation. In the
5	Thursday through Saturday as agent for	5	alternative, if this committee isn't willing to
6	Silverstien Group, LLC for "A-List Supper Club &	6	do that, what we would request is that testimony
7	Lounge" at 2116 North Farwell Avenue.	7	and matters be taken, but a vote not be taken
8	Would Marc Brown and/or representatives	8	until Alderman Ashanti Hamilton would have the
9	of Silverstien Group, LLC be present?	9	opportunity to come back and vote.
10	If everyone could please commence	10	There seem to be some mix-up or some
11 12	taking their seats here. And what I will ask is there's a greater number of individuals, if you	11	misunderstanding as to the date. We thought it was going to be on the 17th. Alderman Hamilton
13	do have a cell phone or pager in your pocket,	13	could have made the 17th, but then it was
14	please reach into your pocket and turn that off	14	switched, for some reason, to the 15th, and he
15	or put it on mute so that it does not disturb	15	already had his vacation plans and could not make
16	this committee or individuals that are around you	16	it.
17	here.	17	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you. That
18 19	I'll again read the the notice, Marc Brown, agent for Silverstien Group, LLC,	18    19	certainly is an option that is available to the committee. It would have to be a motion of the

## 18 Fill again read the - the notice, 19 Marc Brown, agent for Silverstien Group, LLC, 20 Class "B" Tavern and Tavern Dance application 21 with age restriction of 30 and up Thursday 22 through Saturday, as agent for Silverstien Group, 23 LLC, for A-List Supper Club & Lounge at 2116 24 North Farwell Avenue. Morning to you. 25 THOSE PRESENT: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you. That certainly is an option that is available to the committee. It would have to be a motion of the committee. What I will tell you is I don't - - I won't support it. It is extremely unusual to make that request for a member of the committee. This committee frequently will run with fewer than five members. Never have I ever had a situation in ten years in serving on this

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3	Chairperson, if you are unable to physically		THE APPLICANT: Yes, yes.
4	stand. We will then ask an individual present to	4	CHAIRMAN BOHL: what those mean.
5	relinquish a seat if you are physically unable.	5	Sergeant, police report, please.
6	We do want to provide provide that	6	SERGEANT MACGILLIS: Start with item
7	accommodation to all interested parties. But	7	one on 9/14/2009, the applicant was charged in
8	once you are finished with your testimony, please	8	Milwaukee County with refusal to take test for
9	remain at the microphone until I dismiss you.	9	intoxication. Charged refusal to take test for
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5	THE APPLICANT: No, actually this is -	5	but is not part of our formal record. So is
6	- this is one.	6	there a desire on the part of the committee, I'm
7	SERGEANT MACGILLIS: Same incident.	7	asking that now at this point?
8	THE APPLICANT: Same incident.	8	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Yeah, I'd like to
9	CHAIRMAN BOHL: They are the same	9	to hear it and make it part of the record, as
10	incident.	10	well.
11	SERGEANT MACGILLIS: Right. They split	11	SERGEANT MACGILLIS: Okay. And that's
12	the charge.	12	for license number 16027. Correct?
13	THE APPLICANT: It happened on the same	13	CHAIRMAN BOHL: It would be for the
14	day, and I I have a actually on March	14	Onyx. We have a Milwaukee Police report for
15	18th, have a trial date.	15	Class "B" Tavern for Onyx.
16	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. So one incident	16	SERGEANT MACGILLIS: One second,
17	led to two charges that	17	please.
18	THE APPLICANT: Yeah.	18	
			CHAIRMAN BOHL: It starts on page 45 of
19	CHAIRMAN BOHL: that came on	19	our agenda report here.
20	separate dates.	20	SERGEANT MACGILLIS: Just bear with me
21	THE APPLICANT: No, they came on the	21	for a second. I'll just read it off the E book.
22	same date, actually. Same time, same I don't	22	Item four on 3/31/2007 at 12:33 a.m., and I
23	know why they got them separate.	23	should preface this with previously reported
24	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Was that possibly an	24	incident number three, disposition now added, 2/4
25	error then, Sergeant, where it says, 9/14, and	25	of 2008. However, going on to item four on
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1	then nine		3/31/2007 at 12:33 a.m., Milwaukee Police were
2	SERGEANT MACGILLIS: Sure, if he was	2	dispatched to the Onyx for a battery complaint.
3	- If he refused a chemical test or a	3	Investigation revealed a fight took place inside
4	Breathalyzer test, that's an additional	4	the tavern between two patrons who were an ex-
5	that's an additional		boyfriend and ex-girlfriend. Security broke up
6	CHAIRMAN BOHL: No, I just mean,	6	the fight with the female leaving the tavern.
7	usually usually on the police report where it		Officer spoke to the licensee, Obiora Obi, who
8	indicates on, for example, under number one, on	8	stated he did observe the fight and had security
9	9/14 of 2009 the applicant was charged. Number	9	remove both parties from the club. A report was
10	two says, "On 9/24 of 2009." That for me was	10	filed.
11	were these separate dates in which the charges	11	Item five on 7/15/2007 at 12:45 a.m.,
12	came forward? The applicant said he that it	12	Milwaukee Police conducted a tavern check at 3120
13	was not. So I'm wondering if that's possible	13	West Villard Avenue after seeing patrons leaving
14	that it was a typo, where it should have been	14	the tavern after hours. Officers found there was

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no liquor license displayed. The licenses - - Correction - - The licensee, Obiora Obi, was

issued a citation for display of liquor license,

charged display of liquor license. Finding of

guilty in Municipal Court, 125 dollar fine on

were dispatched to 3120 Villard Avenue for a

fight complaint. Investigation revealed a fight

broke out between two patrons with security

escorting all parties out of the tavern. No

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as well, too?

9/24, 9/24, 9/14 and 9/14.

SERGEANT MACGILLIS: Very well could

CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. All right.

Thank you. The - - There is also a police report for a Class "B" establishment that this applicant

provided with the notice to the applicant then,

ALDERMAN KOVAC: It's in my book here.

CHAIRMAN BOHL: Is there any desire on

was - - was part of. That was - - Was that

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	further information was previded		ALDERMAN KOVAC, Mr. Chairman
1	further information was provided.		ALDERMAN KOVAC: Mr. Chairman.
2	And item seven on 3/9/2008, officers	2	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Questions by committee,
3	investigated a reckless endangering safety	3	Alderman Kovac.
4	complaint that occurred in the 3100 block of West	4	ALDERMAN KOVAC: I want to follow up on
5	Villard Avenue. Investigation revealed that an	5	that. Yeah. It's not necessarily that this
6	18 year old and 20 year old female were inside	6	would or would not prevent the license, which I
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7	the Onyx at 3120 West Villard Avenue, where they	-	think, correct me if I'm wrong, anything that
8	were consuming alcoholic beverages. The two	8	happened in the past 12 months matters to Onyx.
9	females were involved in a physical fight with	9	So if So a lot of this stuff happened more
10	other female patrons while on the dance floor	10	than 12 months ago. When Onyx gets renewed, this
11	inside Onyx. The females were removed by	11	cannot be considered. However, any new
12	employees, but the fight escalated outside,	12	application, the whole history comes out. So
13	accumulating Correction accumulating with	13	it's something we consider. Whether it's a deal
14	the 18 year old striking two of the other women	14	breaker is obviously up to this committee, but
15	involved in the fight with a vehicle. The driver	15	it's certainly, I think, within the realm for us
16	driver of the vehicle was arrested. Charge,	16	to consider on any new license.
17	sale of alcoholic beverages to underage person,	17	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Correct. Yes.
18	two counts. There was an arraignment on	18	MR. MITZ: I'm putting it in
19	4/30/2008. I have no further information	19	perspective, Alderman.
20	regarding that.	20	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Correct. I thank you
20	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you. Were there	21	
			for clarifying that, Alderman Kovac. If that
22	questions or comments that you have relating to	22	hadn't been raised, I would have clarified that,
23	this provision?	23	and ultimately, the perspective is this is a new
24	MR. MITZ: Yes, I'd like to respond,	24	application and whatever relevance the committee
25	please. My client's name has not been mentioned	25	decides in terms of past history and/or
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1	in any of these incidents. And while he was	1	involvement of of the applicant and/or others
2	somewhat involved at the time, he was no longer	2	in previous establishments is left to the
3	involved in the premises as of January 1st, 2008.	3	discretion of the committee. Are there
4	He physically was prohibited from going on the	4	additional questions that committee members have
5	premises. So he was absolutely not involved.	5	
			at this time? Thank you Mr. Mitz was there an
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1	the address that we have on the application. So	1	were in legal battle over the ownership, so not
2	that yours is what I'm seeing. Go ahead.	2	involved in the day-to-day operation.
3	THE APPLICANT: Okay. I'm Marc A.	3	MR. MITZ: Thank you very much,
4	Brown. I kind of wanted to go back over just a	4    E	Alderman. And, in fact, he was physically not on
5	couple of the incidents that happened at Onyx, as	4 5 6	the premise.
6	I'm very proud of our history at the time that we		CHAIRMAN BOHL: Correct. And well
7	operated, you know, the the establishment.	7	And And he may not have been earlier, too,
8	Going back to the number item number four,	8	but the the fear indication is while there
9	with the battery complaint. That was, as it	9	remained a specific corporate interest that he
10	states, an ex-boyfriend and girlfriend who they	10	would have been a member of, there was a full
11	got into it. My ex-partner, Obi, saw the fight,	11	legal dispute in which he clearly was not
12	alerted security. They broke it up and got them	12	involved in the day-to-day operations.
13	outside. And that was pretty much the end of	13	MR. MITZ: That's correct.
14	that.	14	CHAIRMAN BOHL: And this committee has
15	The second incident with the display of	15	taken testimony stating just that in the past, as
16	liquor license. We did have our liquor license	16	well.
17	on display. Onyx is a cavernous building. It's	17	MR. MITZ: Thank you.
18	13,000 square feet and actually four rooms in	18	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Was there Go ahead.
19	that facility. And the license was displayed on	19	THE APPLICANT: Going forward, I would
20	a wall that was in the the largest area,	20	just like to say that, first of all, you know, I
21	which was our dance floor area. The officer	21	appreciate your time, as well as the rest of the
22	informed us that it should have been in the area	22	committee's. Basically, what we are trying to
23	closest to the door when they first come in so	23	bring to this East side location is somewhat
24	they could see it. That's what spawned this	24	similar to what we had at the Onyx, which is an
25	ticket. We paid it and moved on, moved the	25	upper end fine dining food establishment at every
23	ticket. We paid it and moved on, moved the	25	apper end fine diffing food establishment at every
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3	from Lafayette to the northern part of the North	3	operators, with these folks as people. It has
4	Avenue Business District, west to the river, east	4	everything to do with the 6,000 square foot space
5	to Columbia St. Mary's.	5	that if if it fills up with an occupancy of
6	We met with the applicants on January	6	what should be north of 200, it will have
7	14th. They came to an East Side Membership	7	additional impacts that our nightlife district
8	Association meeting. We had a very good	8	already has in the area, and the residents are
9	discussion with the group. There were roughly 20	9	going to tell you about that. We're sensitive to
10	members of our association there at that meeting.	10	that. We're trying to diversify the retail mix
11	There was a good give and take. We did not take	11	on the East side. We don't want to continue to
12	a vote at that meeting, because as the meeting	12	highlight the notion that the East side is
13	dragged on we had some other matters on the	13	nothing but an entertainment and nightlife
14	agenda. We lost several members and decided not	14	district. This is in this application would
15	to vote. We didn't meet last week. We did not	15	add to what we already have. And we know that
16	invite the applicant because we didn't really	16	there is nuisance activity that's related to the
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	need to hear from the applicant. We are a		intensity of the uses that we have in the
18	private membership organization. But we did meet	18	neighborhood. It's not criminal, but it's noise.
19	and discuss the position of the group, as far as	19	It's parking. It's litter. It's fights in the
20	a membership organization, on on this	20	street that happen because of the intense level
21	application. We took a vote at that meeting, the	21	of activity in our neighborhood. This
22	ten members that were present present at that	22	application on the tavern dance side just
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2	MR. MITZ: You have		in.
3	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Well, BIDs are	3	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay.
4	authorized by the City, it should be	4	MR. MITZ: I don't want to be limited.
5	THE WITNESS: This This was The	5	That's what I'm getting at. Thank you very much.
6	vote was by the East Side Association private	6	THE WITNESS: There are live music and
7	membership.	7	dance permits in the area.
8	MR. MITZ: That's what I asked him.	8	MR. MITZ: Right. So you You have,
9	ALDERMAN KOVAC: I just wanted to say,	9	without me being specific, and we don't have to
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10	BIDs are BID board members are appointed by		worry about terms, but as the Alderman said, you
11	the Mayor, approved by the Council, and then they		have members that have a variety of licenses.
12	can have an Executive Director or not. So it is	12	THE WITNESS: Right.
13	There's an extra property tax on the East	13	MR. MITZ: Correct? And those people
14	side. I just want to be clear on that issue,	14	are in existence today?
15	that BIDs are They have some relationship,	15	THE WITNESS: Correct.
16	some formal relationship with the City.	16	MR. MITZ: And they follow the law?
17	MR. MITZ: But you don't make decisions	17	THE WITNESS: To my knowledge.
18	on licenses. Correct?	18	MR. MITZ: Do you have any basis to say
19	THE WITNESS: Do we make decisions on	19	that my clients won't follow the law?
20	licenses?	20	THE WITNESS: No. I believe I
21	MR. MITZ: Yeah. You have no official	21	testified to that.
22	authority. Correct?	22	MR. MITZ: Now, did you, when you had
23	THE WITNESS: No.	23	20 people there, was that this organization, same
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2	dollars since 2000. I think they have a right to	2	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you. Thank you
3	control and influence the decisions of what	3	for your testimony, Mr. Plaisted. Next witness,
4	happened on property, what happened inside a	4	please.
5	property, and when licenses come up, they're a	5	THE WITNESS: Good morning. My name is
6	privilege and not a right. And that's what I	6	Karen Hunt, H-U-N-T. And I'm an elected board
7	reflect here today. And that's what the memo	7	member of the East Bank Neighborhood Association.
8	outlines that we have been consistent in that	8	This is the residential association that butts up
9	position.	9	to the proposed business location in question.
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	MR. MITZ: As opposed to letting the		CHAIRMAN BOHL: And, Ms. Hunt, we'll
11	taxpayer make their own decisions.	11	need an address for that, please.
12	THE WITNESS: If the taxpayer is making	12	THE WITNESS: 1956 North Oakland
13	their own decision, then all bets are off.	13	Avenue.
14	MR. MITZ: Thank you.	14	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you. Please
15	THE WITNESS: We can open 100 taverns	15	proceed.
16	on North Avenue tomorrow.	16	THE WITNESS: Alderpeople, please note
17	MR. MITZ: Well, don't you	17	that our position, we've made our position known
18	CHAIRMAN BOHL: No, no, no. Please	18	to Mr. Brown. And none of what I present to you
19	Please, both both parties. I don't want to	19	should be a surprise to him. As residents whose
20	hit the gavel. Okay. When I call time, it's	20	neighborhood will be directly affected, we are
21	time. Ultimately, I think that the line of	21	opposed to granting his enterprise, a dance and
22	questioning has delved outside of his testimony	22	tavern license.
23	here. He's here representing an organization and	23	I'd like to take issue with a couple of
24	for their interest strictly providing an opinion	24	the assertions that Mr. Brown has made through
25	to this committee, okay. He's not speaking for	25	various correspondences. First off, while it may
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2	activity that reflects the family orientation	2	street is our actual designated area. So we
3	that attracted us to this neighborhood. We are	3	would encompass all businesses that are west on
4	not opposed to development. However, the idea	4	Farwell, but not east on Farwell. So directly
5	that Mr. Brown's business adventure will rely	5	across the street, all the way up to North
6	heavily on his ability to conduct two nights a	6	Avenue, pretty close down to Brady Street. And
7	month lounge-like activities suggests that this	7	then over to Cesar's Park area.
8	will be a focus of his business. If he He	8	ALDERWOMAN COGGS: Thank you.
9	says two nights per month. But if his	9	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Are there any other
10	projections	10	questions by committee?
11	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you.	11	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Mr. Chair.
12	THE WITNESS: fall short	12	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Kovac?
13	CHAIRMAN BOHL: And I will apologize in	13	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Just for clarity sake,
14	advance. I announced two minutes. I'm going to	14	I might want to point out that this particular
15	let folks know in advance this much. When you	15	location is kind of in between a couple different
16	are given a limited duration of time, go with	16	business groups and a couple different
17	your gusto immediately. Okay.	17	neighborhood groups. You know, it's just
18	THE WITNESS: Okay.	18	it's just one block south of the North Avenue
19	CHAIRMAN BOHL: And it's only in	19	BID. It's a few blocks north of Brady Street.
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	fairness. When I give you a wrap up, I'll give	20	And then it's sort of on the boundary between the
21	you a duration of time, but I'm not going to give		East Bank Neighborhood and what's sometimes
22	individuals another two minutes. Because,	22	called the Prospect Avenue Corridor area. So I
23	otherwise, if I give you two minutes, then the	23	always ask applicants to meet with neighbor
24	individuals who are here in support are going to	24	groups. In some cases when you're right in the
25	say, you can't stop me at two minutes. You gave	25	middle of one, it's easy just go meet with them.
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1	them to the Chair, I will ask her to answer those		MR. MITZ: This is This is a trail.
2	questions. That is very clearly outlined in our		This is Oakland Avenue.
3	City code that you must direct the question to	23	THE WITNESS: That would be North here.
4	the Chair.	4	It would be somewhere, not on this map, but like
5		5	a few blocks over here.
	MR. MITZ: Okay.		
6	CHAIRMAN BOHL: So if you can turn that	6	MR. MITZ: So if for point
7	that to her. You could direct it to the		THE WITNESS: If this includes It
8	Chair and utilize your standing microphone,	8	would be right here. This is Lafayette.
9	please.	9	MR. MITZ: So the witness is indicating
10	MR. MITZ: How's this? Mind if I do	10	that And correct me if I'm wrong, you're
11	this?	11	THE WITNESS: One, two, three, four
12	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Please, that's fine.	12	four blocks away from this place, but not on the
13	MR. MITZ: Thank you. Ms. Hunt, is	13	map.
14	that correct?	14	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Now if I If I may,
15	THE WITNESS: Yes.	15	what I want to do is just keep her back at the
16	MR. MITZ: Can you We have an	16	microphone for the same very same reason I'm
17	exhibit here. Do you mark exhibits here?	17	asking you to do that. She's running off here.
18	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Yes.	18	So if you wish to do that, again, please allow me
19	MR. MITZ: Okay.	19	to direct her to go over there.
20	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Are you Are you	20	MR. MITZ: I didn't tell her to come
21	wishing to provide that?	21	up. And I don't mean to usurp your power. I
22	MR. MITZ: Yes.	22	apologize.
23	CHAIRMAN BOHL: As part of the record?	23	CHAIRMAN BOHL: But I don't know that
24	Okay.	24	she would know other
25	MR. MITZ: Yes, I do.	25	THE WITNESS: I can't
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1	CHAIRMAN BOHL: We will have You -	1	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Ma'am, if I If I
2	- You can continue to utilize it. We'll just	23	may, because I I like to think that I'm
3	have Alderwoman Coggs move to make a a, what		running the show as the Chairman of the
4	I'll say, is a geographic rendition of the	4	committee, but That means you, too, Mr. Mitz,
5	particular area around the application around	5	okay.
6	this application, part of our official record in	6	MR. MITZ: Certainly.
7	this proceeding. Are there any objections to	7	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Otherwise I don't know
8	that? Hearing none, so ordered. You can	8	that she was going to be able to see that
9	continue to utilize it. We'll We'll get it	9	adequately from the distance of eight to ten
10	as part as an exhibit here. Go ahead.	10	feet. So she obviously was going to come or you
11	MR. MITZ: Thank you. Ms. Hunt, we	11	were going to have to hand it to her. Okay.
12	have what we commonly call a Google Map here.	12	MR. MITZ: Okay.
40	And for a stat of a foren on all of these much	1 4 2	

CHAIRMAN BOHL: Please, once you - you do that, I will try to direct how this fashions. We must keep this on tape. That is why I try to do that. Okay.

- MR. MITZ: Thank you.
- CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you. You may continue. sir.
  - Continue, sir.
    - MR. MITZ: Thank you. So -THE WITNESS: And if this is - - I
- don't know if it got taped, but my house is four blocks away from the stated location or proposed
  - location, but not shown on your map.
    - MR. MITZ: Thank you.

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And for point of reference, all of these push-

up that microphone and hold it in your hand.

CHAIRMAN BOHL: Mr. Mitz.

be right, this is - - Where is Lafayette?

the location of the business.

MR. MITZ: Yeah.

is located, please?

lt's - -

pins with the white and the red in the center is

CHAIRMAN BOHL: You actually can pick

MR. MITZ: All right. Can you show us

on this map or want to ask her, where your house

THE WITNESS: It is located, it would

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1	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you.		THE WITNESS: No, me and my children
2	MR. MITZ: On this map there is an	2	do
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	indication of a North Avenue Street. Can you see		MR. MITZ: in that
4	that?	4	THE WITNESS: not often go to many
5	THE WITNESS: Yes, I can.	5	of the bars in the area.
6	MR. MITZ: Okay. On that street there	6	MR. MITZ: Do you know whether or not
7	are four red pins. Do you recall that a fire	7	those other establishments that we have indicated
8	took place at that location?	8	on this map have parking available for them?
9	THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.	9	THE WITNESS: Again, me and my children
10	MR. MITZ: Okay. And those locations	10	do not often attend the bars in the areas, so
11	are not there anymore. Is that correct?	11	MR. MITZ: Okay. Thank you very much.
12	THE WITNESS: I understand they're	12	THE WITNESS: they don't No.
13	going to be redeveloped.	13	MR. MITZ: Thank you.
14	MR. MITZ: But at this point they're	14	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you. Thank you
15	not there. Is that right?	15	for your testimony. Sir, we'll need your name
16	THE WITNESS: Right. It was an	16	and your address for the record, please.
17	unfortunate experience.	17	THE WITNESS: My name is Excuse me
18	MR. MITZ: It certainly was. Now,	18	My name is Paul Votto. That's spelled V, as
19	there are other bars, restaurants in this area	19	in Victor, O-T-T-O. My home address is 3110
20	that are reflected on this map. Although, your	20	Parkside Drive in Brookfield. Our business
21	home is not reflected on this map. Is that	21	address is 757 North Water Street in Milwaukee.
22	correct?	22	
23	THE WITNESS: Correct.	23	I am here representing Dermond Property
			Investments. We're the developers of Latitude
24	MR. MITZ: But there are other bars and	24	Apartments at 1857 East Kenilworth, which is the
25	restaurants located on this map.	25	corner of Kenilworth and Farwell, about a half a
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2	space. We have 7500 square feet of first floor		CHAIRMAN BOHL: Yes. Do not You
3	retail. And they've been very consistent about	3	can point with your finger, and then you go back
4	what they don't want to see, namely, top of their	4	to the microphone, please.
5	list, they do not want to see a large nightclub.	5	MR. MITZ: You've indicated You've
6	That's our opposition, frankly. We're We're	6	indicated a location towards the middle of this
7	opposed to a large, what appears to be, the best	7	map on Farwell, you're 2171?
8	we can tell, a large nightclub operation. We're	8	THE WITNÉSS: We're an L-shaped piece
9	not opposed to to to a license for, you	9	of property, sir, that if you could take your
10	know, restaurant and and that sort of thing.	10	finger to the right slightly, to the corner,
11	In the information that we've been provided by		right there. Starting there and then if you
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	the applicant, there seems to be considerable		basically go to your left and then down towards
13	talk about a restaurant, but, in fact, we're not	13	the trail, that would be our property.
14	really clear about just from the information	14	MR. MITZ: Towards the center of this
15	we've received, how a restaurant can be operated	15	map. Am I correct?
16	as upscale and opulent but offering Denny's	16	THE WITNESS: It's right there. I
17	pricing.	17	don't know if you'd describe it as the center or
18	Moreover it's difficult to see how the	18	not. It's right where you're pointing.
19	applicant will be operating an upscale and	19	MR. MITZ: I've got a blue push-pin.
20	opulent restaurant when either they nor the	20	Tell me where I should put it on this map. Right
21	landlord are investing much of anything in the	21	here?
22	facility. The applicant's own written materials	22	THE WITNESS: If you put it right
23	tell us that the landlord is delivering the space	23	there, you will be on the east end of our
24	as is, and is doing no work, and the tenant is	24	building, sir.
25	doing minimal work. In fact, the work involves	25	MR. MITZ: Did you make any effort to
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2	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you. Thank you	2	activities would take place after nine p.m.
3	for your brevity. Questions by committee of this	3	Obviously everybody that works in the day will be
4	witness? Mr. Mitz, are there questions you have	4	gone by that time, and
5	of this witness?	5	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Do you have that in
6	MR. MITZ: Yes, thank you. Very	6	writing yet?
7	briefly. I'm going to hold up this map. Can you	7	THE APPLICANT: What?
8	identify, the Chairman said you can walk forward,	8	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Do you have anything
9	point, and I'll put a pin, but don't talk. So,	9	in writing on that?
10	again, it's off the map. Is that correct? Okay.	10	THE APPLICANT: I don't have it with
11	Thank you.	11	me, but, yeah, we're still in nego
12	ĆHAIRMAN BOHL: Approximately how	12	MS. BACON: Negotiations. It's in
13	how far in terms of blocks do you	13	negotiations.
14	THE WITNESS: Two and a half blocks.	14	THE APPLICANT: The gentleman's name we
15	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Two and a half blocks.	15	spoke to was Nathaniel Blast.
16	You are two and a half blocks further to the	16	ALDERMAN KOVAC: So you're still
17	south. Is that Would that be fair?	17	negotiating. You haven't Okay.
18	THE WITNESS: Two blocks south, one	18	THE APPLICANT: Well, no, actually
19	block west.	19	
20	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay.	20	we're not still negotiating whether or not we can have the parking. The parking is is
20		20	
	MR. MITZ: Are you aware that there is		available to us. All that we're negotiating is
22	going to be available to this restaurant lounge	22	how many and the days and the rate. And that's
23	some 200 parking spots?	23	going to be based on the the days, you know,
24	THE WITNESS: I'm aware of the parking	24	we won't know the exact days until after we get
25	that's available on that property, which is about	25	the license.
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2	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Right.	2	questions of this witness?
3	THE APPLICANT: answer that	3	MR. MITZ: Yes, thank you. I have a
4	question, but to answer the question about the	4	red push-pin, and just come over here and point
5	lot.	5	on the map where you are located.
6	ALDERMAN KOVAC: They haven't done	6	THE WITNESS: This is Lafayette, did
7	anything formal yet, but you've been having	7	you say?
8	conversations. They haven't done anything formal	8	MR. MITZ: I believe so.
9	to my office.	9	THE WITNESS: Okay. And where's
10	THE APPLICANT: We haven't signed the	10	Farwell? So I'm right here, within one short
11	final copy of of that lease agreement. But	11	block. Okay.
12	we do have a verbal commitment on both of our	12	MR. MITZ: So You have to go to the
13	sides to to rent and lease.	13	microphone, please. So would it be fair to say
14	MR. MITZ: I have nothing further for	14	you're not on this map. Is that correct?
15	this witness. Thank you.	15	THE WITNESS: Yeah, because your
16	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you. Next	16	building is positioned so low. That's why I'm
17	witness, please.	17	off of it.
18	THE WITNESS: Hello. My name is Arlene	18	MR. MITZ: There are businesses in this
19	Cofta. That's spelled C-O-F, as in Frank, T-A.	19	area that are reflected on this map. Is that
20	Thank you.	20	correct?
21	CHAIRMAN BOHL: And your address,	21	THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes.
22	ma'am.	22	MR. MITZ: And those businesses obey
23	THE WITNESS: 1612 East Irving Place.	23	the law, do they not?
24	I'm about a block and a half south of your	24	THE WITNESS: As far as I know.
25	building on the map. Your building is quite low	25	MR. MITZ: Do you have any reason, any
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2	THE WITNESS: I don't attend any	2	MR. MITZ: I didn't mean it to be
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	nightclub type venues right now.		impressive. I'm just
4	MR. MITZ: Fine. Thank you very much.	4	CHAIRMAN BOHL: I didn't ask for your
5	I have nothing further.	5	to respond.
6	CHAIRMAN BOHL: I'll just ask a follow-	6	MR. MITZ: Okay.
7	up question if I may. Approximately how far	/	CHAIRMAN BOHL: If you want to ask for
8	would North Avenue be from your home, ma'am?	8	recognition, I'll say, yes, Mr. Mitz, you may
9	THE WITNESS: Hnh?	9	respond. Okay.
10	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Approximately how far	10	MR. MITZ: May I respond?
11	would North Avenue be from your home?	11	CHAIRMAN BOHL: When I'm finished, in a
12	THE WITNESS: Oh, let's say, three	12	moment.
13	three blocks. It also varies if you're going up	13	MR. MITZ: Okay. Sorry.
14	Farwell or you're going up Oakland.	14	CHAIRMAN BOHL: But I just will say,
15	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Is this some of the	15	for the record, I'm not particularly impressed
16	business Is some of the business locations	16	with with how the questions continue to be
17	that Mr. Mitz, the attorney here, indicated to	17	made of people who are a block and a half away,
18	you, those locations would be further from your	18	and the comments are, well, you're off the map.
19	home than what is being applied for here. Is	19	Just so you're aware. I do think my opinion
20	that correct?	20	matters, because I'm one of the persons deciding.
21	THE WITNESS: Yes, it would be.	21	So just so you're aware of that. Okay.
22	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Now, if there	22	MR. MITZ: May I respond?
23	was dancing downtown, would that concern you?	23	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Yes.
24	THE WITNESS: I see downtown in a	24	MR. MITZ: There There's no intent
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2	committee. You maybe have appeared here once or		because it's in the middle. But if you're got it
3	twice. I'm going to guess not with regularity,	3	in the corner, it gives the impression. I'm sure
4	because I haven't seen you. I've been on this	4	it's not the case, but it gives the impression,
5	committee for ten years. Okay. But that is	5	why is it only in the corner instead of being in
6	something that is routinely stated. My point is	6	the middle. No reason, okay.
7	that you, yourself, have made comments about,	7	MR. MITZ: I understand. But it wasn't
8	well, you're not on this map. And the person's	8	intentional.
9	like a block and a half away. I will	9	ALDERMAN ZIELINSKI: Thank you.
10	That's my observation. Okay. My personal	10	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Alderman Kovac.
11	observation based on that.	11	ALDERMAN KOVAC: I just wondered if now
12	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Mr. Chair.	12	is a good time, segue sake, change it to the City
13	CHAIRMAN BOHL: I I've heard	13	map where it is in the center or if you want to
14	I've heard Pecking orders. You're next,	14	wait until after so people have
15	you're next, when I'm done. Okay.	15	CHAIRMAN BOHL: We can introduce that
16	But I'm just making that point. You're	16	at any point, but the our ability to raise
17	raising that with every person. So be it. But	17	questions on that, I think would be more
18	you're not centrally located. I'm just telling	18	appropriate to do that here a little bit later in
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20	you that if the person is a block and a half	20	this case. Mr. Mitz, did you wish to continue with this?
	away, I can theoretically believe that where		
21	you've drawn it, somebody can be four blocks away	21	MR. MITZ: No, I'm finished. Thank
22	in one direction and still be on your map. I'm	22	YOU.
23	not real impressed when somebody's a block and a	23	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you, ma'am, for
24	half away and they're not on your map. I'm just,	24	your testimony. Our next witness. If you wish
25	whether, for push-pin's sake, I understand where	25	<ul> <li>Did you wish to take a seat here or is</li> </ul>
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8 are, and he hasn't shown anyplace on that map 8 if we	've okayed the if it's been okayed, and
9 where all the people that have resided there for 9 you of	can do that.
10 a long time. So I'm against it, because I just	MR. MITZ: Can Can I para maybe
	phrase what your concern is. Your concern is
	be people parking in your areas, and maybe
13 looks like, and I just want it on record that I'm 13 having	
14 against it.	THE WITNESS: No.
15 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you. Thank you 15	MR. MITZ: No?
16 for your testimony. Questions by committee, 16	THE WITNESS: That's a problem, because
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2	However, my beautiful home and our	2	CHAIRMAN BOHL: It is across the street
3	beautiful homes, we're just I mean, I feel	3	from you.
4	that I'm totally helpless. And I really don't	4	THE WITNESS: Kitty-corner.
5	even know how to be articulate, to be quite		CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. Now, I don't
6	frank, but I have to stand here and say I In	5	know what the history of Other than somebody
7	my letter to Alderman Kovac and my letter to	7	had mentioned earlier that this was a carwash.
8		8	Is that correct here?
9	Plais Jim Plaisted, I used the word, vehement, and I used the word, plethora.	9	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Next to Crank Daddy's.
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11	Plethora of nightclubs and alcohol related	11	THE WITNESS: It was a carwash, yes. Next to the bike shop.
12	entertainment. Surely that should be in another area, not in our beautiful historic area. And	12	CHAIRMAN BOHL: That doesn't help me.
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14	so, that's all I have to say, and I just pray and wish that Your enterprise is not the thing	14	Okay. You can pull out your map and show me, but
15		15	ultimately
16	that we have against. It's just the peace of our		MR. MITZ: No, I'm not going to touch
17	neighborhood, and it's a beautiful neighborhood.	16   17	the map.
18	Thank you.		CHAIRMAN BOHL: But in terms of telling
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19 20	Questions by committee?	19	- You might as well tell me something about
20	THE WITNESS: I'm not very good at	20	Pewaukee as you would over this location of the
	maps. I live right next to Arlene and all the	21	City. Sir, I'll get you in a moment here. I
22 23	other ladies.	22	just You know, the the concern has been
	CHAIRMAN BOHL: And I don't If you	23	expressed about other alcohol establishments. I
24 25	wish to have them point, but I I don't have a	24 25	just want to get a gauge, knowing that several of
25	problem with that. I'm just saying, to me, when	25	you live close close to each other.
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2	use of the space in question was WOW restaurant	2	traffic problems in the evening.
3	and Wingery. It had a liquor license. And next	3	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you. Questions
4	to it was a space that was a carwash. The owner	4	by committee? How Mr. Gehweiler, how close
5	has redone the whole building. It's no longer -	5	do you reside to this establishment?
6	<ul> <li>The building is now all retail with retail</li> </ul>	6	THE WITNESS: I'm four and a half
7	fronts. To the north the building is a bike	7	blocks away.
8	path. To the east the building is another	8	CHAIRMAN BOHL: And And you're
9	commercial building. To the west the building is	9	The business association that you are
10	a parking lot. And the block over to the east	10	representing is approximately how close or far
11	would be the Duke Condos that were repossessed.	11	away?
12	I'll even give you a frame of reference. That	12	THE WITNESS: Well, we have members
13	would be one block east on the lake, are those	13	that are in the the neighborhood, I would
14	vacant the vacant condo building.	14	say, about three blocks away.
15	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Now you are You are	15	CHAIRMAN BOHL: You have a membership
16	the property owner.	16	outside of the formal businesses.
17	MR. KESSELMAN: I am the leasing agent	17	THE WITNESS: Correct, yeah. We
18	for the building. I represent the owner.	18	represent the members and the businesses. So
19	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. You represent	19	So we have residential members. The East Bank
20	the owner. Alderman Kovac, did you have a	20	Association and us kind of overlap in our
21	question?	21	boundaries.
22	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Yeah, I quickly wanted	22	CHAIRMAN BOHL: And how close is this
23	to point The Comet's a restaurant, is a bar	23	approximately to Brady Street, itself? About how
24	restaurant, but it specializes in vegetarian,	24	far?
25	vegan food, and the only complaints I've gotten	25	THE WITNESS: Six blocks.
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2	have recourse, as the rest of these folks here	2	have their fairs and whatnot, they park in our
3	that testified, that if there is a problem, you	3	neighborhood. And our neighborhood does have
4	can bring it to the attention of the City of	4	limited parking. Not only at night, but also,
5	Milwaukee, and if there is a problem, the City	5	during the day. I'd like to be able to come home
6	can address it, and there are several sanctions,	6	and unload my groceries without having to park a
7	there are several methodologies that can be	7	block away.
8	employed, to make sure that bar owners,	8	So I think that another establishment,
9	restaurant owners, licensees comply with the law.	9	as you are proposing, would have a definite
10	You understand that, don't you?	10	impact on us.
11	THE WITNESS: I understand that.	11	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you for your
12	MR. MITZ: You're saying that, because	12	testimony. Are there questions of the committee?
13	of your experience with Brady Street.	13	I I will have a follow-up question for you,
14	THE WITNESS: I also understand that	14	and I'm going to pick on you here.
15	it's more difficult to stop someone who is	15	THE WITNESS: Okay.
16	already operating than it is to stop them from	16	CHAIRMAN BOHL: There was a This
17	getting the initial license.	17	was the location of another establishment, a
18	MR. MITZ: Right. And you And you	18	restaurant, that I know came before us and had a
19	want the license to be stopped because there	19	liquor license, named WOW. Did you personally
20	might be a problem. Is that correct?	20	experience any problems with the operation of
21	THE WITNESS: That's correct.	21	that location. And I say that, understanding
22	MR. MITZ: Thank you. Nothing further.	22	that this is applying for a different license and
23	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you for your	23	license above and beyond that. But I'm just
24	testimony. Next witness, please.	24	wondering if you had any if you had any
25	THE WITNESS: My name is Suzette	25	personal experience or problems with the previous
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2	an Indian restaurant, and they have valet	23	available to a restaurant. Is that your
3	parking. Is that correct?		understanding
4	THE WITNESS: They do.	4	THE WITNESS: I can't say what every
5	MR. MITZ: And that seems to be working	5	client would like to do. I'm just telling you
6	pretty well for you, does it?	6	what has happened in the past with establishments
7	THE WITNESS: At I walk my dog like	7	that come into the neighborhood.
8	around nine, ten o'clock, and that has been fine.	8	MR. MITZ: Okay.
9	We've had very little trash from them. Let's	9	THE WITNESS: We have no more room for
10	say, I don't see anything with their name on it	10	any more cars in that area. And I Anything
11	when we're cleaning up our yard. Now, the other	11	Any type of establishment that has extra
12	business that's on the corner from us. I don't	12	events, we're aware of it. We know when
13	want to single them out, the Comet, when they	13	someone's having an event. You don't go out that
14	moved in, we definitely had more of impact on the	14	night and move your car because you won't get
15	amount of cars that are there. And	15	back in.
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16	MR. MITZ: Now	16	MR. MITZ: Do you think Do you know
17	THE WITNESS: And trashwise.	17	what the occupancy of this restaurant is going to
18	MR. MITZ: Sorry. I didn't mean to	18	be?
19	interrupt you. Okay. I'm As to Comet, they	19	THE WITNESS: They're saying up to
20	don't have a valet, do they?	20	maybe 200.
21	THE WITNESS: No, they do not.	21	MR. MITZ: Okay. If you have parking
22	MR. MITZ: They don't have a parking	22	spots for 200 cars and the occupancy is 200, do
23	lot, do they?	23	you think there's going to be a parking problem?
24	THE WITNESS: They do not.	24	THE WITNESS: You can't guarantee
25	MR. MITZ: Okay. This establishment,	25	everyone's going to park there.
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15 have parking for 200 people, and if they operate 15 We never had complaints. I've not heard a				
16 it with a great, great sensitivity to their 16 complaint about what went on at that				
17 neighbors in a in a respectful manner and 17 establishment. Quite often it was for sporting	17	neighbors in a in a respectful manner and	17	
18 make sure that, whether it's restaurant time or 18 events. People were drinking, and probably				
				drinking more than the amount of food that was
				consumed on some of those those times. We
<ul> <li>in mind, if you can assume that, do you believe</li> <li>that this would be a proper use of this area?</li> <li>have didn't have any problem. We, in our</li> <li>lease, have provisions for them to clean up the</li> </ul>				
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1	is why it doesn't need a 500,000 dollar		committee until the Aldermen decided it would.
2	investment now to create the ambience. It's more	2	They've told us that we we have no op We
3	of a decorating question. The space next door	3	have no options to do anything to move it up in
4	was a carwash. It was caving in. The building	4	date, and I read the City By-laws and I don't see
5	was caving in. The owner has redone the complete	5	that in the By-laws. I'm not saying they did
6	facade, working with the City to make this a nice	6	anything wrong or anybody intended to do
7	retail facility. So we have more parking than	7	something wrong. My My point is, is that
8	any other restaurant venue I know of in the area.	8	when a process becomes non-transparent, that it's
9	The In fact, the Comet, all the new	9	not good for the City or community, and I think
10	restaurants, and the other development, which was	10	there ought to be a change in the By-laws to
11	allowed to be built without parking just down the		reflect the actual reflect what's going on
12	street from us to the south, where the Indian	12	with the committee. Thank you.
13	restaurant and the other restaurants are. The	13	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you.
14	places on Brady Street have zero parking.	14	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Mr. Chair.
15	Frankly, I don't go to Brady Street, because I	15	CHAIRMAN BOHL:   just No.
16	can't Not because it costs me to park. I	16	mean
17	just can't park. And many parts of the East side	17	ALDERWOMAN COGGS: I have a question of
18	have that problem. I lived on the East side in	18	him.
19	many locations over the years, Farwell and	19	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Yeah, question.
20	Maryland and when you move into your	20	Alderwoman Coggs.
21	neighborhood, you've got to really consider what	21	ALDERWOMAN COGGS: How many How
22	you're doing about your car. There's no	22	many parking spaces are in in the rear of the
23	question. It is an issue.	23	building?
24	We have more parking than everyone	24	THE WITNESS: We haven't re-striped. I
25	else. And so I would submit that if this is	25	believe we figured we could re-stripe it for 70
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	family in general that people were impressed with		just the alcohol beverage license at that
3	their history in the City and the overall	3	location?
4	sincerity and entrepreneurship. Did you hear	4	THE WITNESS: Yes, they did.
5	anyone say anything positive, though, about the	5	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Okay. So it wasn't
6	nightclub Well, they don't want to call it -	6	even an issue of an application being for a
7	<ul> <li>They want to call it a Las Vegas style lounge.</li> </ul>	7	tavern dance or other type of amenities.
8	But the tavern dance aspect of the business plan,	8	THE WITNESS: No, they opposed the
9	did you hear anyone say anything positive about	9	liquor license.
10	that?	10	CHAIRMAN BOHL: They opposed the
11	THE WITNESS: Yes.	11	general liquor license. Okay. All right. Very
12	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Okay. But I didn't	12	good. Thank you for follow-up on that. Were
13	But	13	there any other questions again by committee?
14	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Other questions by	14	Thank you for your testimony here. And, Mr.
15	committee? Mr. Schrimpf?	15	Mitz, usually the protocol is, is you would raise
16	MR. SCHRIMPF: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.	16	questions of individuals who are here to cross-
17	You mentioned that there was another restaurant	17	examine in terms of opposition. If you do wish
18	with a liquor license in the complex, and there	18	I'm not going to ask each and every person
19	was no problem with it. Is that correct?	19	here who is here in favor. Just pipe in, as
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20	THE WITNESS: I didn't say that. What		opposed to me asking you here if if you did
21	I said was I had not heard any complaints about	21	have a follow-up.
22	I did not hear any complaints about it. I	22	MR. MITZ: Thank you very much.
23	did not check in the complaints, if there were	23	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you. Thank you
24	any made of the City, no.	24	for your testimony, sir. Next witness, please.
25	MR. SCHRIMPF: And does that location	25	THE WITNESS: My name is Kwabena Anton
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3	neighborhood for 40 something years, and the	3	Definitely. We would be a major support of the
4	intensification of it, the certain things came in	4	events that would happen.
5	our neighborhood that we were not trying to have.	5	ALDERWOMAN COGGS: Thank you.
6	So I truly understand what the about the	6	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Mr. Chair.
7	concern of the communities. So I just wanted to	7	CHAIRMAN BOHL: I'm up to that.
8	say that to you guys before we start.	8	ALDERMAN KOVAC: On the poetry night
9	I worked with the brothers on several	9	events that you do, and I've seen you do it.
		10	
10	different projects. I do events throughout the		Nostalgia are very nice events. Is there any
11	community. I represent that young urban		dancing involved in that?
12	professional group who would come to events. We	12	THE WITNESS: Thank you. Yes, we
13	had, at that poetry night, at the old school	13	Afterwards
14	nights, different events they had at the Onyx, we	14	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Afterwards, okay.
15	brought in distinguished guests. I do political	15	THE WITNESS: There's some dancing
16	work, so we brought in numerous people throughout	16	afterwards.
17	the country, from Jeff Johnson from BET. We did	17	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Would that model work
18	numerous fundraisers. I can say during the time	18	if you didn't have the dance?
19	we were there. And even when there were parties	19	THE WITNESS: Excuse me?
20	there, there were young professionals from the	20	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Would you be able to
21		21	
	ages of, I would say, about 28 to maybe 40 years		do that without the dance, if you they did a
22	old, or maybe even older, or maybe even older.	22	special event for poetry nights, or do you and
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6	that was when it was Onyx?	6	lines. Does Onyx serve food now?
7	THE WITNESS: Yes, it was. In the	7	THE APPLICANT: I can't really speak to
8		8	what they do now. I haven't been there since our
	mornings		
9	CHAIRMAN BOHL: It could be It	9	break-up. But we did have a restaurant, a full -
10	could be you and you if you want to anyone	10	- a full restaurant in there.
11	else who want to	11	ALDERMAN KOVAC: What percentage of
12	THE WITNESS: It was a supper club, you	12	your business, when you were involved, was food?
13	know. You can come in and get burgers, fries,	13	THE APPLICANT: I'd say it was probably
14	fish, whatever.	14	more along the lines of 15, 20 percent. It
15	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Is this menu that's	15	wasn't much. It was pretty much finger foods,
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	that's proposed here, at least that was submitted		you know, wings, burgers, fries and catfish
17	as a plan of operation, and you I don't know	17	dinners. But
18	if you wish to formalize that, because I know	18	ALDERMAN KOVAC: And is that what
19	that it was something that that was provided,	19	you're anticipating here?
20	at least, to the alderperson, and we have we	20	THE APPLICANT: No, actually we want to
21	have had that provided for us in in our	21	expand the menu. This would be more of a sit-
22	agenda. Were you privy to what was submitted	22	down restaurant, as we'll be operating more days
23	here? Was Is that a larger menu than,	23	as a restaurant than we would a lounge component.
24		24	There would be more more variety and it would
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2	any other individuals in the audience who are	2	and you didn't have to be that far off to be
3	here in support of the license?	3	off of the map, theoretically, as even
4	THE APPLICANT: We lost	4	individuals that could have been on the map that
5	CHAIRMAN BOHL: No, and if you had	5	would have been much further than where they
6	additional additional testimony here at this	6	resided. That was my only thing. Go ahead.
7	time we'll allow you to provide that. Then we'll	7	THE WITNESS: I'm chagrined. I spent
8	hear from the local alderman. Go ahead, please.	8	six years in the military. I read maps. I know
9	MR. MITZ: We lost a few people, I	9	the whole nine, but that wasn't up to my
10	think, along the way.	10	standards, so.
11	THE APPLICANT: I spoke with Mayor	11	Okay. So to that extent, you know,
12	Pratt in the corridor. He said he'd be back, so.	12	these these meetings are always very
13	MR. MITZ: Oh, can we have a couple	13	interesting. My brother and I, we've been in
14	moments?	14	this game, so to speak, for a long time. We've
15	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Well, no. Why don't	15	helped other individuals build businesses and
16	you Why don't you, if you have additional	16	
17			whatnot and made millionaires of guys in this
	If you have additional presentation, why don't	17	industry. We've learned from some of the guys
18	you go ahead and do that. We'll allow Mayor	18	who came before us, Elvis Jones, who sat in front
19	Pratt, if he comes in, to provide that testimony	19	of this committee, Gene Simmon of the world, and
20	when he comes in.	20	we just we took a bit of what they did with
21	THE WITNESS: I'm going to start.	21	their establishments over the years and tailor-
22	MR. MITZ: Yeah, go ahead.	22	made the Onyx into what everybody looks at now as
23	COURT REPORTER: Could you state your	23	arguably Milwaukee's best African American
24	name?	24	nightclub. Okay.
25	THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am. I planned on	25	To that extent, when we got into or
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3	Came back and talked with Mr. Kesselman. Mr.	3	club. My brother talked about the menu, the food
4	Kesselman informed us that they had come down on		we served there. I don't I don't know what
5	the rents a bit. He told us about the opposition	5	else we have to do I don't know what else we
6	that we would face. He gave us the histrionics	6	have to say to make people understand that this
7	of what happened with the last provider, the	7	is going to be a restaurant. I can understand
8	gentleman who once owned it, and what he went	8	the opposition. The residents are 1,000 percent
9	through. My brother and I and my family, we	9	correct. I share their concerns. Any smart
10	thought with our background, with our acumen,	10	prudent businessman is going to have the concerns
11	with our pedigree for this industry, we figured	11	of the residents at heart when he goes forward
12	there's no way that we can be denied. That's not	12	with a plan if it includes putting that business
13	to That's not to sound arrogant. But what it	13	in an area that is sort of semi-residential,
14	- What it meant is, and it just just in a -	14	whatever you want to call it. I absolutely
14	- in a layman's way of looking at things, when	14	
			understand their concerns. But I think when you
16	you work hard and do the right things in life,	16	listen to the testimony, you're hearing a lot of
17	you usually get what you want. Typically, that		things that aren't necessarily true. They sort
18	works. Life isn't always that way, and we	18	of sound like major reactions to being force-fed
19	understand that. But to that extent, as we went	19	this line about nightclub, nightclub, nightclub.
20	forward and devised our business plan and put	20	And listen, I'm an African American
21	together our business model, you guys will	21	male, so I can speak candidly to this fact. I
22	probably recall, I have literally been sending	22	know the history of the clubs in our City.
23	you guys, this body, this assembled body, e-mails	23	Particularly, the ones that we tend to go to.
24	on our business plans and our projections. I	24	There is a history of violence. It is what it
25	think at one point you actually had numbers to	25	is. It's something I'm ashamed of. There is a
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1	deal that we have. They're just waiting on us to		we did. Maybe the reason we looked at it so
2	get a license, to get out of their faces.	2	positively is, I think, and now, I'm addressing
3	They're sick of me calling them every day, say,	3	my family, as well, is because everywhere else
4	hey, we're coming, we're coming, we're coming.	4	we've gone in the City and tried to do things,
5	Well, today we're here. And what we're here for	5	there's been nothing but doors slammed. Because
6	today is to impart to this body that we are	6	all they saw was this. Just being honest with
7	absolutely 1,000 percent humbly at your feet, and	7	you. East side opened up to us. They talked to
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8	letting you know that we're qualified to run this		us. Asked their questions, and we answered them.
9	venue. This is not an issue of what we're going	9	Answered them as best we could. Didn't lie to
10	to do and damage and how we're going to	10	them. Alderman, all I can tell you I told my
11	damage the neighborhood. This is about how we're	11	mom on the way here. I said, it's akin to being
12	going to be a part of the neighborhood. We're	12	asked over and over, what's two plus two, what's
13	talking about an area of the City that just lost	13	two plus two. And then you say four. These two
14	four businesses due to what the Mayor of this	14	components plus these two components equal four.
15	town is saying is arson. Okay, fine. And people	15	But they looked at us after awhile like we were
16	that talk about concentration, you don't see a	16	saying three and five. I don't know if you've
17	need for a venue such as this after you lost four	17	ever been in that position before, but it's very
18	businesses to a fire. It just smacks of	18	frustrating. But it's what we've had to deal
19	something different to me. I understand	19	with. It's what we're used to. We keep on
20	resistance, and that's fine. But this doesn't	20	going. We're humble with this thing. We don't
21	seem to be just that. This seems to be a bit	21	think we're better than anybody, but we know our
22	more.	22	craft. We know our business. If this thing
23	And I'm not calling anything else into	23	didn't have the parking, we wouldn't even have
24	question other than what has been said so far. I	24	looked at the building. In fact, this is the
25	heard one women, she spoke to the fact that,	25	only reason that we settled on it was because of
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4	And I said, sir, well, if we get here, are you	4	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Questions. Alderman
5	interested in doing something like that? And he	5	Kovac.
6	said, yes. And the reason I mention that, and I	6	ALDERMAN KOVAC: A couple things. On
7	went to him like that, was because I remember	7	<ul> <li>On this two plus two equals four issue and</li> </ul>
8	Mister Mr. Plaisted told us in an earlier	8	the word nightclub. Was it you or your brother
9	meeting that the building sits in what's called	9	that described this place as Elsa's with a dance
10	basically a no-man's land. Alderman Kovac talked	10	floor?
11	about the boundaries and where we are, how we're	11	THE WITNESS: Yes, I am. That was me.
12	situated and whatnot. Well, that's an area that	12	ALDERMAN KOVAC: I mean, so you're
13	does need representation. Whether we get the	13	saying it's a restaurant, but it's not a
14	license here today for that venue, the area still	14	nightclub. But I think what you're really saying
15	needs representation in terms of a block club.	15	is it's a restaurant and a nightclub, sometimes.
16		16	Am I correct?
17	And, hopefully, people watching on TV, who live	17	
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18	thing and put something together, so you can	18	let's get into this. The tavern and dance
19	protect your area. But if we get there, you can	19	component allows us to have, like you heard Mr.
20	best believe one of the Brown brothers are going	20	Nixon talk about, the poetry.
21	to be putting something together in the area,	21	ALDERMAN KOVAC: I get that, but I just
22	maybe a block club, whatever, electing a captain	22	want On the two plus two equals two issue.
23	and going forward, so we can address different	23	THE WITNESS: Yes.
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1	word, club, but		believe in our in our disk document here that
2	THE WITNESS: Well, I'm glad you	2	would be pages 75 through 86, part of the
3	brought that up. You mentioned the Las Vegas	3	official record in this proceeding, and hearing
4	style venue, blah, blah, blah. But, really, sir,	4	no objection to that, so ordered then.
5	what we're talking about, if you go back to our	5	Any additional commentary here?
6	materials, we describe it as such in terms of the	6	Alderman, did you did you want to provide
7	decor, how we're going to set it up, the way	7	some additional commentary or input, if you want
8	we're going to set this thing up. One gentleman	8	to introduce the map? I didn't I'll provide
9	used the word opulent, which is a word that was	9	you an opportunity for a closing. I didn't know
10	in our business plan that I placed there. I	10	if there was anything else to the presentation
11	I described it like that, because we're trying to	11	here.
12	set up something here that isn't in the City.	12	MR. MITZ: Yes, thank you.
13	I've traveled I've traveled this country.	13	ALDERMAN KOVAC: Yeah, I've
14		14	CHAIRMAN BOHL: And can you Can you
	I've seen how different venues operate and how		
15	they look. I want to bring that same look, the	15	ensure that Here, can we make certain that a
16	same aesthetic value to the building that we	16	copy gets presented to the the applicants, as
17	have. That's the only reference to Las Vegas	17	well, too? Alderman Kovac would move to make the
18	we're talking about, just in the way things look	18	concentration map, dated February 10, 2010,
19	when you go to Vegas to venue. That's all it is.	19	centered on a geographic location, one square
20	ALDERMAN KOVAC: But your with your	20	mile around 2116 North Farwell Avenue, part of
21	business plan there will be dancing, a lot of	21	our official record in this proceeding. Are
22	dancing potentially at night, big crowd.	22	there any objections to that? Hearing none, so
23	THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. And that is	23	ordered. Alderman Kovac?
24	absolutely correct. But now, check that. We're	24	ALDERMAN KOVAC: You want me to assess
25	talking two nights out of the month. 24 times a	25	the map now or?
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2	draw a firm line. There's always, oh, make an	2	in it might not seem transparent, but I'm telling
3	exception for this really good business plan or	3	you this is the same thing I tell everybody. And
4	this works for this reason. I mean, every little	4	to be scheduled a month after you met with the
5	plots different. But I think, in general, both	5	neighborhood is a pretty quick turnaround, given
6	Brady Street and North Avenue are saying we want	6	given the fact it takes us a couple weeks to
7	- we don't want to be issuing new liquor	7	mail stuff and notice everybody.
8	licenses unless unless there's a heavy food	8	And, you know, the It was a long
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	component. And there are dance licenses on both		meeting. It was a long meeting, because people
10	streets but to, you know, to do to do more	10	had a lot of questions. I mean, yes, sometimes
11	nightclubs on any one of those streets, I think,	11	that you come to at both the North Avenue
12	is a direction the streets are trying not to go	12	BID, the Brady Street BID, other groups, do you
13	in. I think it's a direction, frankly, that	13	meet and they vote right then and there?
14	Brady Street has probably pulled off a little	14	Sometimes. But usually I've been to their
15	better than North Avenue so far in terms of the	15	meetings before. They always ask the applicant
16	balance. But North Avenue is getting there,	16	to leave during the vote. It's just general
17	hopefully. There was just an art a front page	17	procedure. In the case of yours, yours went on
18	article on the Shepherd's Express about this	18	so long they they don't have the same
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20	So And I told you from the	20	that we do. But, you know, a lot of the people
21	beginning when you called, I said I said I	21	who had comments had to go. So the And
22	think the liquor license is going to be	22	frankly, they scheduled a special meeting just to
23	controversial enough, as you know from the	23	discuss this, because the timing was an issue
24	experience with WOW. I mean, that was not	24	that you had been bringing up a lot. So we
25	necessarily something everybody wanted. But I	25	So they made a commitment to you at that meeting.
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6 to get that parking lot. Because I know they 6 CHAIRMAN BOHL: No.	No. They get to
7 I know that many people, you probably Many 7 provide closing.	
8 people have tried to negotiate for that lot, and 8 ALDERMAN KOVAC: Ye	ah. But that's been
9 their their main priority is to keep their 9 That's been my experience	e with this, and I -
10 business going and keep their parking going for 10 - And I know you said you've t	
11 their employees. I don't think you're ever going 11 people, but the comments I'v	
12 to see all of their lot, all the parking. They 12 been along those lines. So th	
13 might And I think we discussed that. They 13 know, and I saw this coming,	
14 might fence off a bit or here. But until I see 14 you first called, that's what I	
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18 The main issue is following the law or 18 have, that you wanted to pos	e:
19 not, the type of activity that tends to go along 19 MR. MITZ: I'm sorry.	
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1	know, basically. And it's my recollection when I	1	meetings with all the aldermen on the on
2	first sat and talked to you, you said parking	2	the committee. And I think they did meet with
3	wasn't an issue. That's what I remember you	3	all five of you, of the five of you on the
4	telling me you said. I understand parking is not	4	committee.
5	an issue, because you were aware of this parking	5	And the other thing I want to say, the
6	place across across literally, across the	6	due diligence was that it started back probably
7	street from the venue. That place there, we have	7	in May or June. In other words, so they've been
8	had negotiations with. We just haven't closed on	8	doing this or trying to cross the Ts and dot the
9	how many spots we're that we're going to	9	Is for at least over six to eight months. And
10	take. But we have all 110 of them available to	10	with that, I I can I can testify to the
11	us, as I stated earlier. So parking is	11	character if if you will, say, as a character
12	definitely not an issue. I don't even know why	12	witness for this family. This is a very, very
13	that's even being brought up at this late day	13	positive family. I expect, just based on how
14	after after everything that we testified to.	14	they operated the previous business, and I did
15	The other thing you brought up is about	15	hear all the testimony, not saying it wasn't some
16	the neighbors. You haven't heard anyone say	16	negatives read into the testimony, but I can
17	they're in favor of the license. Well, we have,	17	attest to the operation of the previous business
18	you know, and, you know, we're under oath here.	18	that they ran a very good business, above
19	You know, we have no reason to lie about that.	19	reproach. Positive people. And I would expect
20	We spoke to the neighbors who are immediately	20	if this license is granted, that it would be
21	across the street or across the way from us or	21	beneficial. It would not be a detriment. It
22	behind us. We didn't go as far as ten blocks	22	would be positive for for that community.
23	away as the other lady said. We didn't go that	23	Now, I don't live, obviously, immediately in that
24	far, because they won't be immediately impacted	24	community, but I I can attest to that this
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4 And the most important thing is, at	4 that if you are looking at a situation, you have
5 least in my experience, that you could have the	5 to presume that people are going to follow the
6 best contractor in the world, but if you're	6 law. You have to presume that they're going to
7 dealing with a scoundrel, contract isn't going to	7 do the right thing. You can't say, oh, well, you
8 be worth anything. And these are fine people.	8 know, they're black or they're white or this
9 And I think that the people who testified in	9 person is that or that's the other thing, and,
10 objection to this application, I don't think	10 therefore, they're going to act in a certain way.
11 anyone objected to the the liquor license for	11 I think we have to presume they're going to
12 the for the for the restaurant. They're	12 follow the law. They're going - They're going
13 objecting to having the additional license for	13 to operate this as a restaurant. They're going
14 the dancing. And that's not going to be the	14 to have entertainment on a couple of days during
15 focal point. What There's some people that,	15 the week. And they're going to be a good
16 I guess, we could talk to all day, and they have	16 neighbor. The most important thing that I would
17 it in their head, this is this is going to be	17 see, one of the most critical things, is parking.
18 a dance bar. It's going to be It's going to	18 Because I've been in that neighborhood. There's
19 be clubs. It's going to be a dance bar. And	19 no place to park. And I don't know many places,
20 they don't get it. And I am I guess I was	20 other than one lady here said, oh, well I have an
21 almost moved to tears by by this gentleman	21 Indian restaurant in the neighborhood has valet
22 who I've gotten to know. He can talk and he can	22 parking. I said, how did that work? Wow, great.
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1	error on the side of caution, I don't think	1	year?
2	that's right. I think we have to presume they're	2	THE APPLICANT: Yes, ma'am.
3	going to follow the law, and they're going to	3	ALDERWOMAN COGGS: Without having that
4	operate this as a restaurant. They're concept is	4	tavern.
5	incredible. It's going to work. It's going to	5	THE APPLICANT: Yes, ma'am.
6	work. It's going to be well received. And I	6	ALDERWOMAN COGGS: When you all noticed
7	think there's going to be a lot of people	7	that neighbors had concerns about just the dance
8	apologizing to them in the long run, and that's	8	aspect, had you all given thought to the
9	my prediction. Because they're going to do it	9	possibility to pursue the permit aspect?
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	the right way.		THE APPLICANT: Yes, ma'am. Yes,
11	So I respectfully request that the		ma'am. I'm glad you Your question is timely.
12	application be granted. Thank you.	12	I was going to say an interesting aside to all
13	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Thank you.	13	this is that we were e-mailed a compromise of
14	ALDERWOMAN COGGS: Mr. Chair.	14	sorts by Jim Plaisted, the head of the BID group.
15	CHAIRMAN BOHL: Questions. Alderwoman	15	Where he talked about us potentially going the
16	Coggs.	16	route that you're going, that he didn't
17	ALDERWOMAN COGGS: For Mr. Brown, just	17	necessarily have an aversion to us having the
18	in my mind I'm going back through your testimony.	18	tavern dance Class "B" liquor license. Let me
19	You spoke about 24 times a year that there would	19	check that. The Class "B <sup>"</sup> liquor license.
20	need to be entertainment, based upon your	20	Our concern was that if we accept that,
21	business plan.	21	and there was no guarantee from the Alderman. It
22	THE APPLICANT: Yes. Yes.	22	wasn't the Alderman telling us this. It was Jim
23	ALDERWOMAN COGGS: As Alderman Kovac	23	Plaisted telling us this. If that's his role,
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  - Would you? But when it comes to us, you want to dictate to us how you want us to run our business. It's almost like walking in with our

  - hands tied. And with all respect to Alderman

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1	Kovac, maybe he will give us permits, but that	1	events. But I recognize the choice that you all
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	was something that was offered to us, and we sat as a family and talked with our counsel, and we	3	have made as businessmen, as well, and I respect
			that, as well. But that's all That's just a
	decided, you know what? We're going to load up	4	question I had.
	the bear. We're going to go in there and let our	5	MR. BROWN: Ma'am, may I speak to what
	professionalism speak for us, our pedigree, and I	6	you just said. Is that something if we were to
	keep using it over and over and over, our	7	consider it, and obviously this isn't the
	experience in this business, and our track	8	committee's job at all. But is that something
	record. Our track record, and we're going to let	9	that you ask us to Okay.
	that speak for us. If there was some kind of	10	ALDERWOMAN COGGS: At this point At
	guarantee that we could get those party permits,	11	this point, at this point what would happen is
12	which would still fall short of the four that we	12	you all do have the ability to, if we vote on it
13	need for the year. I mean, we get 20, I guess	13	as is, and if the dance portion does not get
14	from the Alderman's office. I talked about 24	14	If it totally doesn't pass or if the dance
15	being two times 12 months a year. Maybe we could	15	portion does not pass, you cannot reapply for a
	go forward. But I And I guess I'd really be	16	year.
17	speaking out of turn without, you know, talking	17	THE APPLICANT: Right.
	to my family about that and asking my brother	18	ALDERWOMAN COGGS: Now if you withdraw
	what he feels about that. But, yes, ma'am, to	19	at this point, you cannot reapply for six months?
	answer your question, that was something that was	20	That's the option that you have.
	offered to us, but we just we hadn't heard it	21	THE APPLICANT: Excuse me. Can I speak
	from Alderman Kovac's office. We heard it from	22	to that. The point of that fact, what they are -
	the head of the BID group. And we didn't know	23	- I mean, the reason for the tavern dance is
	how to take that, honestly speaking.	24	not solely just for dance. I mean, I don't want
25	ALDERWOMAN COGGS: I'm just going to	25	it to seem like we we're saying, okay, we
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16 COURT REPORTERS: Can we stop for one
17 minute and switch Court Reporters?
18 CHAIRMAN BOHL: Sure. Probably an
19 opportune time. We're just going to What
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