

### **City of Milwaukee**

City Hall 200 East Wells Street Milwaukee, WI 53202

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### LICENSES COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, January 24, 2023	9:00 AM	City Hall, Room 301-B

The meeting was called to order at 9:28 am. Ald. Chambers joined the meeting at 9:37 am.

Present 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, Chambers Jr.

 

 1.
 221235
 Resolution directing the Department of Neighborhood Services, License Division, Health Department, and Department of Administration - Information Technology Management Division to collaborate on streamlining the permit and approval process.

#### Sponsors: Ald. Coggs

Jeffrey Zagar (DNS), Carly Hagerty (HD), Jumaane Cheatham (DNS), John Enos (ITMD), Mary Wilkinson-Church (DNS) and Jennifer Williams (OCA) were present virtually.

Mary Wilsinson-Church (DNS - Permit Desk) she said that they are trying to understand what the challenges might be.

Ald. Perez asked the other departments how long it will take to be up and running and how long it will the gap to close up.

*Ms.* Wilkinson said that they are hiring four new employees, that they will be trained and that they hope to catch up in the next months.

Ms. Hagerty from the HD said that they are in the business a week or two after the operator reaches out to the department. She added that all holds are released within 1 day after the inspection is passed. She said that she feels very confident with the response they give to the applicants.

*Mr.* Cooney said that on 2021 the License Division was backlogged 6-8 weeks but reopening the office got them caugh up and that they are no longer backlogged. He said that he anticipates completing the scripting and data conversion in Accela by Nov. 2023.

A motion was made by ALD. PEREZ that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye	4 -	Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, and Brostoff
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No	0	
No	0	
Excused	1 -	Chambers Jr.
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**2.** <u>221531</u> Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relative to licenses.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

14 JONAS, Paul U, Agent for "NEVADA PRODUCTIONS LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications with Change of Floor Plan for "THE TONIC TAVERN" at 2335 S KINNICKINNIC Av. (Expires 2/26/2023)

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Borkowski moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. BORKOWSKI that this Motion be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

14 ARIAS, Julio R, Agent for "SABOR TROPICAL RESTAURANT LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining License Applications Requesting Disc Jockey, 2 Amusement Machines, Dancing by Performers and Patrons Dancing for "SABOR TROPICAL" at 2258 S KINNICKINNIC Av.

The applicant was present and said that everything on the police report is in the past. Individuals also present:

*Ms.* Williams from the 14th aldermanic district said that, Ald. Dimitrijevic does not object to these applications because it is an existing business with a change of agent. Ald. Borkowski moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. BORKOWSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

14 CAMARENO, Anthony M, Agent for "Ant's Towing LLC", Recycling, Salvaging, or Towing Premises License Renewal Application with Change of Vehicle for "Ant's Towing and Salvage" at 2742 S 9TH PI. (Expired 12/5/2022)

The applicant was present. Individuals also present: Ms. Williams said that the office received one objection and that she talked to the operator about the special equipment fee which she is not familiar with. *Mr.* Cooney said that the special equipment are skates or other devices needed to get the vehicle into the tow truck.

The applicant said that the skates are used when it is an allwheel drive vehicle to avoid damages. He said that if knew more details, he would be able to reproduce the proper report where it says the date, time, location and type of equipment used. He also said that he tows a lot of cars in the community

Ald. Coggs asked how many cars he tows away.

The applicant said that he is only doing private towing to avoid issues like the one that they experienced getting his tow truck burned.

Ald. Coggs asked how many times he uses the special equipment.

The applicant said about 40% of the times.

Ald. Chambers asked the applicant how much he charges for the special equipment. The applicant said that it is \$100 fee.

Ald. Coggs asked how special the equipment is, if it's used 40% of the times. The applicant said that the special equipment is used on short/small lots because there is no enough room to tow and to avoid damages to all wheel vehicles. Ms. Williams said that the office does not have objections.

Ald. Chambers moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS, JR. that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

13 MAIGATTER, Laura B, Agent for "GATER HECK GOODS LLC", Class B Tavern License Application for "HOT DISH PANTRY" at 4125 S HOWELL Av.

The applicant was present and said that they are taking over the existing business and that they will be serving alcohol.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Spiker asked the applicant to have the service bar only.

*Mr.* Cooney said that an amendment will be needed.

Ald. Coggs asked the applicant if she agrees on making the amendment.

The applicant agreed.

Ald. Chambers made a motion to amend the application to service bar only. There were no objections.

Ald. Spiker asked to amend the hours of operation for the outdoor service.

Ald. Coggs asked the applicant if she agrees with the change of hours. The applicant agreed.

Ald. Borkowski moved to amend the hours of operation to Mon – Sun from 8AM to 10PM and to close on Wednesdays at 11PM. There were no objections. Mr. Nathan Hawk (stockholder) said that they will be doing events with the community to create great relationships.

Ald. Perez moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

## A motion was made by ALD. PEREZ that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

08 INJAS, Malik M N, Agent for "N&O FAMILY LLC", Class A Fermented Malt Beverage and Food Dealer License Applications for "Lucky Food & Beer" at 2638 W LINCOLN Av.

The applicant was present and said that he is trying to expand the business

operations responding to neighbors' request. Individuals also present: Ald. Zamarripa said that she is support of this application. Ald. Chambers moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

#### A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS, JR. that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

08 SINGH, Jaswinder, Agent for "GARGARIA LLC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor and Food Dealer License Applications for "Goodspot Foods" at 2201 W NATIONAL Av.

The applicant was present along with an interpreter (Mandeep Singh) and Atty. Michael Maistelman (filling in for Atty. Vincent Bobot).

The interpreter said that the applicant did not know about the ticket that was issued because he was out of the country (regarding the item on the police report). Individuals also present:

Ald. Zamarripa said that the business is in a challenged area and that she expects that business owners take pride on their own businesses so they improve the area together.

Ald. Perez said that they share some of the issues (neighboring districts) and, that the lighting is good but that they have to add some more lighting on the back to tackle the issues that Ald. Zamarripa talked about.

The applicant said that he agrees on improving the lighting on the back. Ald. Perez moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. PEREZ that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

08 CAMPBELL, Talesha L, Agent for "Maple Trees Bar & Grill, LLC", Class B Tavern, Food Dealer and Public Entertainment Premises License Applications Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Jukebox, Bands, Magic Shows, Karaoke, 4 Amusement Machines, Poetry Readings, Patron Contests, Comedy Acts, Patrons Dancing and 2 Pool Tables for "Maple Trees Bar & Grill" at 2537 W National Av.

The applicant was present. Individuals also present: Ald. Perez asked the applicant to talk more about this plan and the vision and experience that she has. The applicant said that her team has 30 years of experience in the business. Ald. Perez said that he wants to be clear that applicants have to come and talk about food and bar service together and not about a nightclub. Ald. Chambers asked the applicant if she is using any promoters. The applicant said that she won't. Ald. Zamarripa said that she talked to the applicant regarding the types of entertainment and that she agreed to remove certain parts of the application with the neighbors as well. Mr. Cooney said that the amendment was received after the notice was sent out. Ald. Borkowski moved to remove the use of promoters and the pool tables from the plan of operations. There were no objections.

Ald. Zamarripa said that she is in support of this application as amended.

Ald. Brostoff moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. BROSTOFF that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

08 GREWAL, Pritpal S, Agent for "National Metro LLC", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures License Renewal Applications for "Clark On National" at 812 S Layton Bl. (Expired 1/20/2023)

The applicant was present.

Individuals in support:

Richard Espinoza – 812 S 28th St – he said that he has been working lately with the owner and manager and, that they have improved the lighting and fencing and that starting February 1st, they will have an armed security guard. He added that the business have invested money and that it deserves a chance.

Nassim Nasser – he said that he has managed the store for the last 10 years and that they work with the community. He added that the business keeps the bathrooms open for the public and that they do everything to keep it clean and to do better. Roye Logan - 2600 W National Av – she said that she is a customer since 2013 and that she feels safe there because is well lit and that she is taken care as a customer right away.

Troy Stachowiak - 725 S 25th St – he said that the problem has nothing to do with the gas station but with the neighborhood and that they need more police presence in there.

Syed Razvi – 725 S 25th St – said that he is neighbor and that he used to work for the owner. He added that they have seen new challenges at the gas stations and, that they have to come up with security solutions in order to work with the police department.

Sandra Macintosh - 555 S 27th St - she said that the gas station is well lit and that they take good care of the customers.

Neighbor - 2600 W National Av – she said that the business is well lit and that this is the place to go for many of them.

James W. Fry – 2600 W National Av - resident at Mitchell Court – he said that seniors use this gas station a lot.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Zamarripa said that the applicant is investing on a higher grade of security company starting on February 1st, and that she has seen the copy of the contract. She added that the applicant has made the changes that Mr. Espinoza has mentioned and that she is support of this application.

Ald. Perez said that he hopes that this is a consistent cooperation and he encouraged the applicant to continue working with Ald. Zamarripa.

Ald. Chambers moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0-1)

A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS, JR. that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

07 HARRIS, James L, Agent for "US OR NOTHING INVESTMENTS L.L.C.", Food Dealer License Application for "Stilz Got the Munchies!" at 3371 N 27th St.

The applicant was present and said that the items on the police report belong to his business partner (Mr. Hamilton) and that he believes that he has walked into a

different path of life now.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Coggs asked Mr. Harris if he is also a stockholder.

The applicant said that he is at 50%.

*Mr.* Cooney said that the application reflects that *Mr.* Hamilton is 100% owner of the business and that a motion is needed to amend the application.

Ald. Perez moved to amend the application to reflect that Mr. Harris and Mr. Hamilton hold 50% each. There were no objections.

Ald. Rainey said that he has no objections.

*Ald.* Chambers moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

#### A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS, JR. that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

07 BARETZ, Douglas, Agent for "Brew City Pizza Inc.", Food Dealer License Application for "Domino's" at 3500 W CAPITOL DR.

The applicant was not present. Ald. Chambers moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0) Ald. Chambers moved to reconsider the application at 11:42 am. There were no objections. Atty. Shawn Govern was present on behalf of the applicant.

Ald. Borkowski moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

## A motion was made by ALD. BORKOWSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

07 AL-RAMAHI, Hasan D, Agent for "Deena 4919 LLC", Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "ZaZa Steak & Lemonade" at 4919 W Capitol DR. (Expires 2/11/2023)

The applicant was present along with his operations manager who said that they have been there for 20 years and that they have not bought any stolen merchandise. He added that the item on the police report happened to one of the staff members and, that in fact, the same police officer was harassing the employee for about 3 weeks.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Rainey said that he supports the renewal with a warning letter. The applicant said that he does not think that they deserve a warning letter since the item is not related to the business, which has had a clean record for 20 years. Ald. Borkowski moved approval with a warning letter. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. BORKOWSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

04 LARSON, Matthew JC, Agent for "LEVY PREMIUM FOODSERVICE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP", Class B Tavern, Food Dealer and Public Entertainment Premises License Applications Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Disc Jockey, Jukebox, Bands, Karaoke, Battle of the Bands, 8 Motion Pictures,135 Concerts and 15 Theather Performances per Year, Comedy Acts, Dancing by Performers and Patrons Dancing for "MKE Music Hall" at 1001 N VEL R PHILLIPS Av.

The applicant was present along with Atty. Brian Randall who gave a verbal description of the floor plan, amenities, staff, operations, entertainment and food partnerships.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Brostoff said that given the scale of the project, he asked for the gun violence prevention plan.

Atty. Randall said that they have surveillance cameras and a plan of collaboration with MPD. He added that the staff will be well trained and that no weapons will be allowed on the premises.

Ald. Brostoff suggested talking with the Milwaukee County Transit System for a collaboration to avoid the drunk and driving.

Atty. Randall said that they have called MCTS and that they have time to talk. Ald. Bauman said that he supports the application.

Ald. Perez moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. PEREZ that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

04 TUSLER, Nathan T, Agent for "Double Dragon MKE LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications for "White Tail" at 1110 N MARTIN L KING JR DR. (Expires 2/7/2023)

Atty. Samantha Huddleston was present on behalf of the applicant along with Edward DeChazer (stockholder).

*Mr.* DeChazer said that he has no excuses about what have happened at his business and, that he has gotten more actively after the gun incident. He also said that he has met with Ald. Bauman as well. He added that they close at 2:30 am after January 1st and, that he is taking full accountability. Individuals also present:

Ald. Borkowski asked how the committee could be sure that no more events like the ones from the police report will ever happen again.

*Mr.* DeChazer said that his staff is wanding every person at the two entries and that no more incidents have happened since he made those changes last August.

Ald. Bauman said that this business received a 10 day suspension last year and that he recommends a 30 day suspension after the incidents of the police report and asked where is Mr. Tusler.

*Mr.* DeChazer said that *Mr.* Tusler has been out of the country even before the notice arrived.

Ald. Perez asked how the security was handled before.

*Mr.* DeChazer said that they have two entries and only one wand and that he has no excuses for that.

Ald. Perez said that having two entries and only one wand was giving chances to people to bring guns into the establishment.

Ald. Coggs asked how the staff is trained for altercations.

*Mr.* DeChazer said that the goal is to bring the altercation outside as quick and as safe as possible and to deescalate it right after.

Ald. Coggs asked how the people involved in the altercation are escorted outside.

*Mr.* DeChazer said that they get them out by the closest door and that according to the footage, they were taken out at the same time.

Ald. Coggs said that is not clear to her how they are defusing those altercations after taking them outside.

Ald. Perez asked the applicant and his attorney if they know what happened on item 10 since the surveillance cameras did not capture the incident.

*Mr.* DeChazer said that they are in the process to expand the surveillance system. Ald. Perez said that this item has more to do with his patron being hurt and the lack of cooperation of his business.

Atty. Huddleston said that they are requesting the renewal without a suspension and that the applicant is taking it very seriously. She added that her client is taking extra precautions like to wand and id every single person and using only one door to have a better control of the flow as well. She also said that the security will be walking around to avoid fights and checking for intoxicated patrons.

Ald. Chambers moved renewal with a 20 day suspension based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0-1)

A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS, JR. that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

Abstain 1 - Coggs

04 HEBL, Benjamin A, Agent for "Pourman's LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications for "Pourman's" at 1127 N Water St. (Expires 2/8/2023)

The applicant was present and said that he has been checking for weapons even before MPD implemented it on Water St. and, that they full pat down everybody, that they use only one door and that he has the best security in town. Individuals also present:

Ald. Bauman said that the police report infers that the business should be checking for weapons and that there is no excuse for not doing it. He also said that he recommends a 10 day suspension since they haven't had issues in the past. The applicant said that the police report is vague and that it does not say that the gun was seen inside his business.

Ald. Perez asked the applicant what has been done different since the last incident. The applicant said that he has 3 security guards now and, that he closes 15 minutes earlier and, that lights go off in order to avoid customer lingering.

Ald. Perez said that he does not support the suspension because the police report is vague.

The applicant said that the suspension will hurt deeply his staff and requested a warning letter instead.

Ald. Perez moved approval with a warning letter based on the vagueness of the police report. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. PEREZ that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

03 WALTERS, Stacy AJ, Agent for "7-ELEVEN, INC.", Class A Fermented Malt

Beverage, Extended Hours Establishments, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures License Applications for "7-ELEVEN # 35853J" at 3301 N Oakland Av.

The applicant was present.

Individuals in opposition:

Barbara Cooley - 3314 N Oakland Av – she said that at the neighborhood meeting, it was discussed that the parking lot was never fenced like they agreed when the building was made. She also said that bus stop is not kept clean and that the manager has agreed on taking care of it. She also said that the neighbors oppose to the extended hours application.

Ms. Walters said that they agreed on amending the hours of operation. Ald. Brostoff moved to amend the hours of application Sun to Thur from 7AM to 12AM and Fri & Sat from 7AM to 2AM. There were no objections. Ald. Brostoff thanked Ms. Walters for working cooperatively and moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. BROSTOFF that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

03 WARGULA, Todd M, Agent for "Mojo MKE LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications for "Mojo MKE" at 134 E JUNEAU Av. (Expires 2/22/2023)

The applicant was present along with Atty. Alex (hard to hear the last name). The applicant said that regarding the item from 6-25-22 on the police report, the security guard was not on duty neither working at that moment, that the incident happened outside and, that the security guard is no longer employed at the establishment. He said that regarding the issue with the music, they have removed two speakers facing the street and that they worked with MPD on this and, that it was acceptable to them. He also said that they have two entrances (main and patio), and that the patio gate is no longer used on the weekends.

Ald. Perez asked the applicant to check the noise levels from somewhere else to see if they are acceptable to him as a neighbor.

Ald. Brostoff read the 6-25-22 item of the police report and asked the applicant if he is disputing something of it.

The applicant said that he was not present at the moment.

Ald. Brostoff said that this item is about people employed by him and that if he was not there, how is he going to make sure that this type of abuse and poor behavior issues ever happen again.

The applicant said that they have hired security managers, changed protocols and that these employees made a bad decision that day.

Ald. Brostoff said that assaulting a person, carrying a gun and then give it away to a third person to hide it from MPD, were bad decisions indeed and, asked how is he going to make sure to hire better staff.

The applicant said that he is doing background checks and social media checks. Atty. Alex said that the licenses should be renewed with no suspension since all the premises checks were good, that his client has made changes, working at the capacity, cooperating with the police and; that he has fired those employees involved in the 6-25-22 incident.

Ald. Brostoff moved approval with a warning letter based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. BROSTOFF that this Motion be AMENDED. This

#### motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

03 SANDINO-BADILLO, JR, Francisco, Agent for "Colglasand Investments LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications with Change of Agent, Removing Stockholders and Transfer of Stock for "Mangos Cafe East" at 1682 N Van Buren St.

The applicant was present along with Atty. Emil Obviagele. The applicant said that he was partner of the previous ownership and that he is looking to improve the business and that he will be solely in charge.

Individuals in Opposition:

Elizabeth Jerow - 1627 N Van Buren St - said that she appeared at the previous hearing where the applicant agreed on holding monthly neighborhood meetings and that she have not heard of any other meetings since April of 2022. She added that they received a short notice invitation for one meeting after the notices for this hearing arrived in the mail.

Atty. Obviagele said that the reason of the short notice was not intentional because they received the renewal notice last Wednesday. He asked Ms. Jerow if it is possible that other meetings were held.

*Ms.* Jerow said that it is possible but that she asked personally to *Mr.* Sandino to include her in the communication.

Atty. Obviagele asked if his client has been in communication with her.

*Ms. Jerow said that Mr. Sandino responds "I will get back to you" and that the community meetings for collaboration have not happened as it was agreed.* 

The applicant said that the neighborhood meetings supposed to be monthly but that he changed it to quarterly because of the low attendance.

*Ms. Jerow said that she has not received other invitation after the one held back in April.* 

Ald. Brostoff said that he wants to make sure that those significant issues that were brought up at the last hearing are addressed.

Atty. Obviagele said that one remarkable turnaround is that there is only one item on the police report and that Mr. Sandino is totally in charge of the business now and available to the neighbors. He added that changes have been made to food, that the security is tight and that it is a work in progress but moving in the right direction. Ald. Brostoff asked what has been done from the operational point.

The applicant said that he has invested buying the building, that he is focusing on the food and that he has an automatic light system that goes off at 1:30 am.

*Mr.* Cooney said that the operations hours are to close at 2AM Sun – Thu, and at 2:30 AM Fri & Sat.

Ald. Coggs said that the hours of operations are off from what the applicant is saying and that it is confusing. She added that consistency with what is on the application and what the business practices gives confidence to the committee and neighbors. She asked the applicant is he is willing to amend the hours of operations.

Atty. Obviagele said that they won't change the hours of operation.

Ald. Brostoff said that he does not understand why there is hesitation in changing the hours if the applicant has said that it has been doing it for the entire year.

Ald. Perez said that the applicant mentioned that it is for the benefit of the neighbors as well.

Atty. Obviagele said he does not want his client to give up the right to close at 2:30 am as the license allows it and, that he wants to have flexibility to still serving food for "doordash" even after the bar closes.

Ald. Brostoff asked if there is a way to make a note on the license for food delivery options.

*Mr.* Cooney said that an extended hours for the food license will be needed but a legal advice from the City's Attorney Office is needed to move forward. Ald. Brostoff said that it sounds like the applicant wants to hold the monthly meetings. The applicant said he is willing to host the monthly meetings.

Atty. Obviagele said that the applicant and neighbors must find a time that works for everybody for the monthly meetings in order to make a commitment from all the parts but that they don't want to amend the plan of operations.

Ald. Coggs said that the applicant cannot come to present something that he does not want to put on the plan and that he cannot be hold accountable for.

Atty. Obviagele said that they are committed to ensure that they will continue working with the community, with the Ald. Brostoff's office but that they are not amending the plan of operations.

Ald. Brostoff said that he understands that the applicant has bought the building, made himself 100% owner and that he has new and more professional staff but that is very different to say that we are committed rather than to be held accountable for. He also said that he will hold regular meetings with the neighbors about his plan to move Brady St. on the right direction.

Ald. Brostoff moved renewal. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. BROSTOFF that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

03 KIECKBUSCH, Gregory A, Agent for "KRS Hospitality Group, LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises License Applications Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Jukebox and Karaoke for "Makk N Cheese & Juana Taco" at 2911 N Oakland Av.

The applicant was present and said that Marcos Garcia is no longer a stockholder (in regards of the items of the police report).

Individuals also present:

*Mr.* Cooney said that the License Division received an amendment for the reorganization of the legal entity after the notice was made.

Ald. Brostoff said that he discussed with the applicant the types of entertainment, hours of operation and alcohol drinks.

Ald. Brostoff moved to amend the Public Entertainment Premises application removing karaoke, jukebox and instrumental musicians and adding 2 amusement machines (pinball, coin-push) not gambling machines. There were no objections. Ald. Brostoff moved to amend the plan of operations to close at 12AM Sun-Sat and no "all you can drink specials" and no "\$1 bombs". There were no objections. Ald. Brostoff said that this application has been waiting due the vacancy in the district but that the applicant has been a great partner with the community by amending the application and; that he appreciates the flexibility and moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. BROSTOFF that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

SCHAUF, Sarah E Class D Operator's License Application

The applicant was not present. Ald. Brostoff moved to hold the application to the call of the chair upon first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0-1)

A motion was made by ALD. BROSTOFF that this Motion be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

02 LUCKETT, Carolyn, Agent for "Cornerstone International 2617 LLC", Secondhand Motor Vehicle Dealer's License Application for "Cornerstone International 2617 LLC" at 6801 W VILLARD Av.

The applicant was not present. Ald. Chambers moved denial based upon second nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0-1)

A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS, JR. that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

02 SCHROEDER, Erik S, Agent for "MKEatin, LLC", Extended Hours Establishments and Food Dealer License Applications with Operation Hours Sun – Sat: Lobby 6AM – 12AM and 24hr Drive Thru/Delivery for "McDonald's" at 5739 W Silver Spring DR.

The applicant was present and said that they are taking over the existing business. Individuals in opposition:

Latasha Todd – said that the hours of operation have brought more activity and crime to the neighborhood and that she believes that they should not have the extended hours license.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Chambers asked about their current closing times.

The applicant said that it is 2AM and that they want to go back to 24 hours for the delivery drivers and door dashers.

Ald. Chambers said that he is concerned with loitering, loud music and potential crime.

The applicant said that he will be taking over and that he runs other McDonald's in the area.

Ald. Chambers moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0-1)

A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS, JR. that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

02 SINGH, Balvir, Agent for "M & R PETROLEUM, INC ", Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures License Renewal Applications for "CITGO" at 6410 W SILVER SPRING DR. (Expires 2/20/2023) The applicant was present.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Chambers said that he has met with the applicant to discuss some neighborhood issues and the gambling machine objection. Ald. Chambers moved renewal with a warning letter. There were no objections.

(Prevailed 3-0-2)

A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS, JR. that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

#### Excused 2 - Coggs, and Brostoff

02 SINGH, Paramjit, Agent for "Villard Food Mart, Inc", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures License Renewal Applications for "Villard Food Mart" at 5168-70 N 76th St. (Expires 2/10/2023)

Atty. Vincent Bobot appeared on behalf of the applicant and the applicant's son. Atty. Bobot said that the establishment has 20 cameras (14 outside and 6 inside) but that they were not able to identify the perpetrator. Individuals also present:

Ald. Chambers moved to hold this application to the call of the chair in order to have a meeting with the applicant and neighbors. There were no objections. (Prevailed 3-0-2)

A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS, JR. that this Motion be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Perez, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

Excused 2 - Coggs, and Brostoff

02 ABED, Maram, Agent for "Ableen LLC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor License Application for "Ritz Food Market" at 5834 W Villard Av.

Atty. Jeffrey Guerard appeared on behalf of the applicant. Individuals in opposition:

Neighbor - 5216 N 60th St – he said that he has two mayor concerns: -One is mostly the garbage that comes from this business and it is disposed within the vicinity and that this business do not clean it up at all. He added that there is a mattress by the dumpster that has not been removed and that is doing its way to the street slowly by being smashed down. He added that there is garbage everywhere around the dumpster. He added that this issue must be addressed prior handling the license.

-He also said that the other issue is that customers use the same dumpster as a toilet beyond believe. He said that customers said that the bathrooms are under maintenance since 10 years ago.

Ald. Chambers said that this application will be held for the same issues and that he wants to have a conversation with the applicant and the neighbors as well. Ald. Perez asked the witness if he has reported those incidents to MPD. The witness said that he has not and that it will be a waste of resources. Ald. Chambers moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0) A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS, JR. that this Motion be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

09 PATTERSON, Athray L, Agent for "EXOTIC BLENDS CIGAR LOUNGE LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer License Applications Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Disc Jockey, Bands, Karaoke, Poetry Readings, Patrons Dancing and 1 Pool Table for "EXOTIC BLENDS CIGAR LOUNGE" at 8320 W BEATRICE Ct.

The applicant was present and said that it will be a lounge with a patio for cigars, no hookah and no cigarettes. She said that they will have finger foods and will keep it for a mature clientele.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Coggs said that she is not prepared to vote on this application because there is no aldermanic representation.

Ald. Borkowski said that there is a letter of recommendation from Grandville Advisory Committee.

Ald. Coggs said that the letter does not mention anything about the public entertainment premises at all.

Ald. Perez asked if the cigars are going to be smoked inside.

The applicant said that they built two patios on both sides with garage doors.

Ald. Coggs asked the members to hold the application in order to have someone from the Grandville Advisory Committee to talk.

Ald. Perez moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

Ald. Perez also said for the general record, that applicants should apply and get the license before making any work/investment.

## A motion was made by ALD. PEREZ that this Motion be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

06 HOWARD, Latoya R, Agent for "TWISTERS INN LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises License Applications Requesting Jukebox, 4 Amusement Machines, Patrons Dancing, 1 Pool Table and 1 Dart Machine for "Twisters Inn" at 508 W CENTER St.

The applicant was present.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Coggs said that this business has been in the same family over the years and that it will remain doing business as usual.

Ald. Borkowski moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. BORKOWSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

06 LUNDT, Richard, Agent for "Milwaukee DD Lodging Investors, LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer, Hotel/Motel and Sidewalk Dining License Applications Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Disc Jockey and Bands for "The Trade Milwaukee" at 420 W Juneau Av.

The applicant was present. Individuals also present: Ald. Coggs said that she has no objections. Ald. Borkowski moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

## A motion was made by ALD. BORKOWSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

06 KAUR, Parminder, Agent for "Tittu Rehmat Food Inc", Class A Fermented Malt Beverage, Food Dealer, Weights & Measures License Renewal Applications for "Tittu Rehmat Food" at 418 E CENTER St. (Expires 2/16/2023)

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Perez moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0-1)

Ald. Perez moved to reconsider the application at 2:34 pm

The applicant was present now and said that they have taken care of the fines and that the store is clean and that the inspection is all done.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Coggs said that at any given time, there are people on the vacant next door lot and asked the applicant if she knows the people.

The applicant said that they hang out outside and that they move to the lot when they are asked to leave the storefront.

Ald. Coggs asked if she has removed the gambling machines.

The applicant said that she did.

Ald. Coggs asked the applicant if she recalls signing the neighborhood agreement and that the agreement said not to sale single bottles or cans.

*Mr.* Cooney confirmed that the agreement is part of the granting conditions.

Ald. Coggs said that she believes in giving opportunity and recommended approval with a warning letter and that she needs to correct this issue.

Ald. Chambers moved approval with a warning letter based on the police report and the violation of the granting agreement for selling single can beers. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS, JR. that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

01 SCHROEDER, Erik S, Agent for "MKEatin, LLC", Extended Hours Establishments and Food Dealer License Applications with Operation Hours Sun – Sat: Lobby 6AM – 12AM and 24hr Drive Thru/Delivery for "McDonald's" at 5191 N TEUTONIA Av.

The applicant was present. Individuals also present: Ald. Borkowski moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0-1)

The meeting paused at 2:23 pm The meeting reconvened at 2:34 pm A motion was made by ALD. BORKOWSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, and Brostoff

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Chambers Jr.

01 NAGRA, Gurinder S, Agent for "VILLARD PETRO MART INC", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures License Applications for "Villard Petro Mart" at 3709 W VILLARD AV.

The applicant was not present. Individuals also present: Mr. Cooney said that the applicant requested to hold the application. Ald. Perez moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. PEREZ that this Motion be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

01 BLACKBURN, Liza M, Agent for "BOC Group LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications for "Oasis Jazz Bar & Grill" at 3120 W Villard Av. (Expires 2/8/2023)

The applicant was present along with Obi Oriora (stockholder) who said that regarding the item of the police report, he remembers that there was a family dispute and, that he was not aware about the weapon but that they called MPD and gave them surveillance video.

Individuals in support:

Derek Smith – 3120 W Villard Av – (employee) he said that there was a family situation and once they got them outside, the other family members tried to get one of the girls from the car and, that the other girl fired the shot. He added that they called the police and retrieved the video for MPD as well.

Ald. Chambers moved approval with a warning letter based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS, JR. that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

12 PEREZ MARTINEZ, Toribio, Agent for "TAQUERIA EL TORO LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer License Applications Requesting Instrumental Musicians and 5 Amusement Machines for "TAQUERIA EL TORO" at 625-631 W NATIONAL Av.

The applicant was present along with Amanda Perez as interpreter and said that the applicant took the classes regarding the item on the police report. Individuals also present:

Ald. Perez asked the applicant if it is his intention to be open extended hours because there is a discrepancy of the hours listed on the application (item 10.) and that the box for the extended hours was checked as well. The applicant said that it is not his intention. Ald. Perez asked the applicant to review the application. Ald. Perez moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

## A motion was made by ALD. PEREZ that this Motion be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

12 PATEL, Ushaben H, Agent for "Shree Ram 1401 LLC", Class B Tavern and Food Dealer License Applications for "Max Liquor & Food" at 1401 W GREENFIELD Av.

The applicant was present along with Atty. Vincent Bobot. Individuals also present:

Ald. Perez asked the applicant if anything has changed from the current plan of operations.

The applicant said that the hours will be changed 8AM to 9PM Sun – Sat and that it is reflected on the application.

*Mr.* Cooney confirmed that the hours are reflected on the application. Ald. Perez moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

# A motion was made by ALD. PEREZ that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

12 MARTINEZ, JR, Felipe, Agent for "Walkers Lounge & Events LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertatnment Premises and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications for "Walkers Lounge & Events" at 626 S 5TH St. (Expires 2/7/2023)

The applicant was present along with Atty. Josh Gimbel. Atty. Gimbel said that he has submitted a letter addressing the issues from the police report. Ms. Melendez confirmed that the letter was attached to the file and that it was available to the members.

Atty. Gimbel read the letter and said that regarding item 24, his client provided the surveillance video and that he confirmed it with Officer Paterson. He added that as far of the steps that the applicant has taken in regards security, he said that he has hired independent security guards and enforced the dress code.

*Mr.* Martinez said that they have not gotten any more cars break-ins and that they encourage patrons not to leave personal belongings inside their cars. He added that he was cooperative with MPD regarding the New Year's incident and, that he provided copy of the surveillance video and id scanner. He added that he is doing what he needs to do in order to keep things rolling. He also said that he was short staffed and very busy that night and, that the incident happened while he was trying to address other situation. The applicant said that he changed the security, that they have 3 security guards outside, with a scanner id, that they pat down everyone including females (there is a female security guard) and, that they have incorporated a dress code to avoid any hiding or concealing weapons.

Ald. Brostoff asked what the new dress code is.

The applicant said no masks, beanies, oversized jackets and large bags. He added that he has posted a sign on the window.

Atty. Gimbel passed along a photo of the sign that has been posted on the window. Ald. Perez asked the applicant that regarding the meeting on 02-07-22, if he has done something different.

The applicant said that there is a security vehicle that has been driving back and forth and that all of the businesses share the cost. Ald. Perez asked if that measure has helped with the car break-ins. The applicant said that apparently it has not. Ald. Perez asked what about the parking situation. The applicant said that he will have less cars in the parking lot in order to have more control of it. Ald. Perez asked what about being short staffed. The applicant said he does not goes to the business capacity because of the staffing issues. Ald. Brostoff asked how many security guards he has when he is at full capacity. The applicant said about 6-8 security guards. Ald. Brostoff asked if the security guards are circulating around or just at the establishment. The applicant said that the security guards that stay outside are to check that patrons go to their cars and leave. Ald. Perez asked about staggering. The applicant said that it depends on how busy the night is and that they do staggering at the closing time with the other bars. Ald. Perez asked the applicant how does he winds up operations. The applicant said that he asks the disc jockey to change the music. Ald. Perez asked if they can check how many ids are scanned every night. The applicant said that he does not know it personally. Ald. Brostoff asked how he does not have a report like that. The applicant said that he does not know if the scanner can do it. Individuals in Opposition: Pam Bamberger - 422 W National Av – she said that when she goes to walk her dog out on Saturdays and Sundays mornings, they take a plastic bag to pick up the pieces of glass from the broken windows which is a nuisance. She added that it is a lot yelling and fighting right on the street and on the parking lot at the BMO bank. She also said that there are bottles of liquor threw on the floor, standing on their windows, broken or intact and that it only it happens on her block. The applicant said that they are supposed to clean the storefront but that they do some patrolling. Atty. Gimbel said that he is happy to share his client's contact information with the witness. Tom Bamberger – 422 W National Av – he said that he has lived in the neighborhood for 35 years and that the broken glass is an epidemic happening within the last year. He added that the problem with the security is that they do not have any authority outside and, that he thinks that the most security guards, the worst things happen. He also said that he is concerned about all the investment that has been made in the neighborhood and that they never had these issues when the neighborhood was bad back in the 90's. Ald. Brostoff asked Mr. Vanberger when it started to get that bad. Mr. Vanberger said that it was after the pandemic (last year or so) and that the neighbors are bearing the cost of these negative effects and that only one person is taking advantage of this. Individuals also present: Ald. Perez said that he was very clear on the conversation held last Friday on coming here to talk about the changes made after the shooting. He said that he cannot control what happens inside the establishment and that he is not going to tell the applicant how to manage his business but that it is very serious having people being

shot inside the premises and that he does not support the renewal of the license. Atty. Gimbel said that they held a very clear conversation with Ald. Perez last Friday, and that they were expecting some progressive discipline actions in order to get the applicant on the right direction to correct those issues. Ald. Perez moved nonrenewal based upon the preponderance of the evidence in the police report which was included in the notice, resident and applicant testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety or welfare of the public. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

Ald. Coggs was excused at 3:28 pm.

A motion was made by ALD. PEREZ that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

Agenda Only

03 KASHOU, Salem J, Agent for "Erth Wellness, LLC", Class B Tavern and Sidewalk Dining License Renewal Applications with Change of Hours To Open Mondays 10AM - 5PM for "Kind Oasis" at 2169 N FARWELL Av.

08 PEREZ, Antonio S, Agent for "RTSP, LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications Removing Stockholder and Transfer of Stock for "JUST ONE MORE" at 3209 W LINCOLN Av.

12 ZADRA, Terry M, Agent for "ZAD'S, INC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining License Renewal Applications Adding 2 Amusement Machines for a Total of 5 for "ZAD'S" at 436-38 S 2ND St.

13 MILLAN, Marisol, Recycling, Salvaging or Towing Vehicle License Renewal Application Adding Non-Consensual Towing - Repossession Only for "MM Towing" at 2820 S 15th Pl.

Ald. Borkowski moved approval of the "Agenda Only" items. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. BORKOWSKI that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

Warning Letter

03 PAKROO, Nader H, Agent for "HENRY'S TAVERN, LLC", Class B Tavern, Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining License Renewal Applications for "HENRY'S TAVERN" at 2523 E BELLEVIEW PI.

03 RASMUSSEN, Eric A, Agent for "AXELS, INC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications as agent for "AXELS" at 2859 N OAKLAND Av.

Ald. Chambers moved approval of the "Warning Letter" items. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS, JR. that this Motion be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote: Aye 5 - Coggs, Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

Ald. Perez moved approval of the file 221531 as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0-1).

A motion was made by ALD. PEREZ that this Motion be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Perez, Brostoff, and Chambers Jr.

**No** 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm

Yadira Melendez Staff Assistant

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