



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes

### LICENSES COMMITTEE

**ALD. JOCASTA ZAMARRIPA, CHAIR**  
**Ald. Lamont Westmoreland, VICE-CHAIR**  
**Ald. Scott P. Spiker, Ald. Andrea M. Pratt, and Ald. Peter Burgelis**

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Thursday, March 6, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall

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*The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am*

**Present** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, Burgelis

1. [241706](#) Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relating to licenses.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

03 CURRAN, Tyler T, Agent for "EIGHTBIRDS LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Disc Jockey, Bands, Magic Shows, Battle of the Bands, Poetry Readings, Comedy Acts, Dancing by Performers, Patrons Dancing and 6 Concerts/Yr for "PRAIRIE SPRINGS ON PARK" at 1420 E PARK PI.

03 DAREDDY, Chandrakanth R, Agent for "GANESHA VENTURES LLC", Extended Hours Establishments and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting to Close at 3:30AM Everyday for "The Gallery Food Hall" at 2335 N MURRAY Av.

03 GRIFFIN, Tyseria N, Agent for "Girl Power LLC", Class B Tavern and Extended Hours Establishments Licenses Application for "The Seafood Shack Restaurant" at 2336 N Farwell Av.

03 COLE, Jordan Z, Agent for "NORTH 48° MKE CRUST & CRAFT LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting Disc Jockey, Bands, Patrons Dancing and 4 Amusement Machines for "NORTH 48° MKE CRUST & CRAFT" at 1716 N Arlington Pl.

03 DRIES, Donald R, Agent for "DRIES ENTERPRISES, LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Jukebox, Bands, Karaoke, Patron Contests, Patrons Dancing and 5 Amusement Machines for "DONNIE'S BAR" at 1686 N VAN BUREN St.

03 KASTMAN, Mary E, Agent for "Athelas LLC", Class B Tavern and Food Dealer Licenses Application for "Purslane" at 1749-1751 N FARWELL Av.

09 BROWN, Cancer, Agent for "KITCHEN 11 ELEVEN LLC", Class B Tavern and

*Food Dealer Licenses Application for "KITCHEN 11 ELEVEN" at 6800 W Brown Deer Rd.*

*05 HUSSAIN, Kabir, Agent for "USRA FOOD, INC", Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "BURLEIGH CITGO" at 9109 W BURLEIGH St. (Expires 4/11/2025)*

*12 ORTEGA, Carilyn E, Agent for "Los Taqueros LLC", Food Peddler License Renewal Application for "Mexi-Cali Grill" at 1117 W LINCOLN Av. (Expired 1/23/2025)*

*12 ANTONIO PEREZ, Lucia, Agent for "Tacos Guelaguetzza LLC", Food Dealer and Food Peddler Licenses Renewal Application for "Tacos Guelaguetzza LLC" at 1039 W National Av. (Expires 4/19/2025)*

*12 RODRIGUEZ ALVAREZ, Javier, Agent for "JR SCRAP METAL RECYCLING LLC", Recycling, Salvaging, or Towing Premises License Application Requesting Removing and/or Recycling Junk/Valuable Metal as agent for "Jr. Rodriguez" at 717 S 10TH St.*

*14 ZAPOT MENDOZA, Gabriela, Agent for "Karina's Pizza LLC", Class B Tavern and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application with Change of Hours From Opening 12PM Sun, 8AM Mon, Wed - Sat and Closing 9PM Sun, 10PM Mon, Wed and Thu and 11PM Fri - Sat; To Open at 6AM and Close at 12AM Everyday for "Karina's Pizza" at 2952 S 13TH St. (Expires 4/15/2025)*

*14 JIMERSON, Desmond, Agent for "DDJ MGMT LLC", Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "Patty Shack WI" at 2121 S Kinnickinnic Av #8. (Expired 10/15/2024)*

*14 BARNETT, Peter A, Agent for "Dollar Tree Stores Inc", Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "Dollar Tree # 4823" at 3555 S Howell Av. (Expires 3/22/2025)*

*Atty. Wroblewski appeared on behalf of the applicant and indicated that Justin Hampton (District Manager) is here as well.*

*Atty. Wroblewski said that it is unfortunate to have one item on the police report when the goal is to not have anything.*

*Neighbors in objection:*

*Colin Gazinski 3555 S Howell Av – said that he is a resident, taxpayer and business owner in Milwaukee and that this store has been neglected with ongoing building violations and safety hazards for customers and neighbors. He added that it is unacceptable the way this business continues operating and that the corporation does not care about the community. He said that he is tired of seeing all the garbage from his window, that he has had the manager's phone number on speed dial for the same reason. Mr. Gazinski said that he would like to see the store and the building owner working together on issues that affect the community and the property values.*

*Ald. Westmoreland asked the witness what is the response that he gets when he complains about the garbage.*

*Mr. Gazinski said that employees say that they are not being paid enough to do that and that he understands the employees but that the store/corporation makes millions. Ald. Burgelis asked the witness how long it took the store to remove the graffiti that he mentioned.*

*The witness said that it took 6 weeks despite the calls he made to DNS and the alderwoman's office.*

*Atty. Wroblewski asked the witness if he is willing to have direct communication with Mr. Hampton.*

*The witness said that he would love to because it is needed.*

*Linda Villa 3560 S Howell Av – said that she has been a resident for 30 years – she mentioned all the dates (over the last three years) when she sent emails to Ald.*

*Dimitrijevic's office regarding the garbage and poor maintenance. She added that she lives across the street as well and that she does not patronize the store due to the issues that she experiences as a neighbor. She mentioned that the photo on the website looks beautiful with trees at the front and is clearly a different location and that she would like to see it for real.*

*Ald. Dimitrijevic said that this license has been issued with warning letters and that the corporation has failed to comply with the plan of operations presented to committee year after year. She added that she struggles with the managers because they keep on changing at the point that she does not have a contact any more. She added that this store is improperly staffed, that she has asked for the manager's checklist in order to see how the store addresses the neighborhood complaints and that she has gotten nothing.*

*Atty. Wroblewski said that there was a conversation yesterday with Ald. Dimitrijevic's office and that there is a four point agreement that has been added to file. He added that the company is willing to work with the neighbors and alderwoman.*

*Ald. Dimitrijevic said that the store has a management problem and that the attorney has no idea of how many hours her office uses to "manage" a business that she is not responsible for and that none of the plans presented in the previous years have worked.*

*Mr. Hampton said that he is the new district manager, that he is at the location once/wk and that he really wants to get things in order after apologizing for the previous situations.*

*Ald. Burgelis asked if there is a plan for beautification to match the store featured on the website.*

*Mr. Hampton said that the conversation has started for this and other stores in the area.*

*Ald. Westmoreland said that we have spent a lot of time listening to the same promises over and over and that he is tired of it.*

*Ald. Spiker moved renewal with a 15 day suspension based upon the preponderance of the neighborhood, aldermanic and applicant testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public for failure to comply with the approved plan of operation.*

*There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

*01 COTTON, Brandon D, Agent for "B&N TOWING LLC", Recycling, Salvaging or Towing Vehicle License Application Requesting Collecting/Delivering Junk and Valuable Metal and Salvaged Motor Vehicle Parts (including secondhand tires/batteries) for "B&N TOWING LLC" at 3909 W GOOD HOPE Rd.*

*01 SIMMONS, Eric K, Agent for "CRV AUTO GROUP INC.", Secondhand Motor Vehicle Dealer's License Application for "CRV AUTO GROUP" at 5169 N 37TH St.*

*01 EVANS, Angela J, Agent for "Michael Ray Gents Plus LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application for "Gold Diggers Milw" at 4750 N HOPKINS St. (Expired 2/26/2025)*

*13 PETERSON, Carol J, Agent for "THREE BLONDES, INC", Public Entertainment Premises License Transfer Application Adding Patrons Contest as Type of Entertainment for "MAVERICKS" at 2030 W HOWARD Av.*

*13 ARTIGA, Lisa MARIE, Agent for "FUTURO ARTIGA CO.", Tattoo and Body Piercing License Application for "WC TATTOOS AND PIERCINGS" at 3180 S 27TH*

St.

15 SULTAN, Aftab, Agent for "Sultan Enterprises LLC", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "Lisbon BP" at 2624 W Lisbon Av. (Expired 1/31/2025)

The applicant appeared in person and Atty. Maistelman appeared virtually. Atty. Maistelman said that most of the calls on the police report were generated by the store, which shows that his client is cooperative. He added that the police report is extensive but that there was a neighborhood meeting last night with Ald. Stamper where an agreement was made and that his client signed it.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Stamper thanked the residents who attended the lengthy meeting and said that the building owner, the applicant and MPD were present as well. He explained that the agreement is based only on the community needs and that it is a sort of a probationary period for the operator. He also thanked the applicant for understanding the struggle that the community has been through, he read the agreement and asked to make it part of the record.

Ald. Burgelis moved to withdraw the Extended Hours Establishment license application based on the Good Neighbor Agreement between the operator, Washington Park & Midtown Alliance Neighborhoods and Ald. Stamper. There were no objections.

Ms. Lopez stated that the new hours of operation for a gas station are 5am to 12am. The applicant acknowledged the new hours of operation.

Individuals in objection:

Megan Shepard Smith -1935 N 25th St – said that she wants to reiterate that this is the last chance for this business to get it right and that the possibility of getting support from neighbors on getting back the extended hours license could happen only after many years of a clean record.

Adrian Spencer – 2014 W McKinley Av – said that the intention is to held this applicant accountable for what they have done to the community, that the applicant heard emotional testimonies last night and that it was clear that there is no negotiation with the extended hours application. She added that they want to bring businesses back in the area and that they need to get this plan right in order to bring more investments.

Mr. Smith - 1935 N 25th St – said that the police report has more crimes than Mequon, WI and that the applicant signed the agreement at 11:59 pm after the neighbors almost walked out. He added that he would like to have this business closed down after looking at the police report but that he is willing to give the applicant a chance but he still thinks that the applicant does not care about the harm caused to the community. He also asked the applicant to call 911 at all times.

Ald. Stamper said that this business will continue operating only if the neighbors are on board and that is why there is a signed agreement. He recommended approval with a warning letter.

Ald. Burgelis moved approval with a warning letter of the Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

CRAWFORD, Niko J, Agent for "JC Home Improvement and Maintenance LLC", Home Improvement Contractor's License Renewal Application for "JC Home Improvement and Maintenance LLC". (Expires 3/23/2025)

RAUSER, Mark A, Agent for "We Do It All Construction, LLC", Home Improvement

*Contractor's License Renewal Application for "We Do It All Construction, LLC".  
(Expired 2/28/2025)*

*04 SINGH, Gursahib, Agent for "CONTINENTAL A 1 CORP", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application with Removing Stockholder and Transfer of Stock for "PANTRY 41 #12" at 1202 W HIGHLAND Av. (Expires 3/18/2025)*

*06 GIBSON, Latifah L, Class A Fermented Malt License Application for "Tip Sweets" at 3293 N 14TH St.*

*Agenda Only*

*04 RAGAISIS, Chris A, Agent for "WIZARD WORKS BREWING COMPANY", Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining License Renewal Application with Change of Hours From Closing 8PM To Close 10PM on Sun for "Wizard Works Brewing Company" at 231 E BUFFALO St.*

*04 WIEGAND, Richard A, Agent for "AMBASSADOR ENTERPRISE, LLC", Class B Tavern License Renewal Application with Change of Trade Name for "Ramada By Wyndham" at 2301 W WISCONSIN Av.*

*11 MCNAMER, Jessica D, Agent for "AMF BOWLING CENTERS, INC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application with Change of Hours From Opening 4PM To Open 12PM on Fri for "AMF WEST LANES" at 7505 W OKLAHOMA Av.*

*Warning Letter*

*01 SINGH, Gurdev, Agent for "V K Petroleum Inc", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "Villard Food Mart" at 2908 W Villard Av.*