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Meeting Minutes

LICENSES COMMITTEE

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Monday, January 10, 2022

9:00 AM

Committee Room City Hall

The meeting convened at 9:08 am

[211360](#)

Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relating to licenses.

07 RAY, SR, Michael, Agent for "Michael Ray Gents Plus LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications for "Gold Diggers Milw" at 4750 N HOPKINS St. (Expired 11/23/2021)

Mr. Ray was present in the room along with Atty. Maistelman who appeared virtually and said that his client was fully cooperative with the police regarding the robbery item on the police report.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Coggs said that the reason to have this special meeting was to have the neighbor to provide a context of the videos available.

Atty. Maistelman said that he objected to watch the videos without the neighbor being present and providing the narrative and that under the rules of evidence, technically the person who took the video must be here to provide the narrative.

Atty. McNally said that this was an opportunity for Ms. Cleveland to appear and authenticate those videos herself and that the alderman who also have sent the same videos as apart of the objection has had an opportunity to review them so it is safe to play the videos for the sake of the community and to understand this license application.

Ald. Coggs wanted to clarify that for years we have seen videos without the person who took it being present and that it has not been an issue in the past. Also asked Ald. Rainey how does he want to proceed.

Ald. Rainey said that he wants to watch the videos do they can speak by themselves.

Mr. Ray said that those cars on the video do not come from his establishment and that there are two apartment buildings next to it.

Ald. Coggs asked Mr. Ray if he has cameras on the rear.

Mr. Ray said that he does but they are pointing at the rear door.

Ald. Coggs asked if we have the video that the neighbor mentioned about the gun fire.

Mr. Ray said that it is an open field next to his place and that there were people shooting fireworks but that it was not him and that the police have access to the surveillance videos without him being present. Added that if there were complaints the

police could have come and watch the cameras and that anyone that he knows would not be comfortable shooting a gun in front of a camera and said that the police can come to check his cameras to see if the person shooting is related to his business. Ald. Rainey said that it is hard to come up with a decision without the narrative or the feeling of what was going at the moment because we do not know where this people come from but that there is an issue with a neighbor and said that he will work along with the applicant to see what they can do with city vacant lot and to move forward with this application.

Ald. Perez and Ald. Borkowski agreed that no more videos are necessary.

Ald. Coggs said to the applicant that it is true that we cannot determinate if that people came out or not from his business but that there is a neighbor with an issue and that he has to work on those issues to run a successful business and that he must take these concerns seriously so we are not back here next year with a hundred videos and the neighbor.

Atty. Maistelman said that his client has been open and cooperative and that he was here to address the issues and that we cannot tie what we see on the videos with the business.

Ald. Perez moved renewal with a warning letter and said that it is very important that neighbors come forward and take the time to get involved. (Prevailed 4-0)

AMENDED

Aye 4 - Coggs, Borkowski, Dodd, and Perez

No 0

Excused 1 - Kovac

Ald. Dodd moved approval of the file #211360 as amended. (Prevailed 4-0)

AMENDED

Aye 4 - Coggs, Borkowski, Dodd, and Perez

No 0

Excused 1 - Kovac

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am

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