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Meeting Minutes

LICENSES COMMITTEE

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Monday, June 6, 2022

9:00 AM

Committee Room City Hall

Special

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am

- [220120](#) Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relating to licenses.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

02 ALLEN, Nedra, Agent for "Wireless Vision, LLC", Secondhand Dealer's License Renewal Application with Change of Agent for "Wireless Vision" at 4125 N 56th St. (Expired 12/3/2021)

The applicant was present.

Individuals also present:

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

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

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No 0

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

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02 HARRIS, Donna, Agent for "Aldi, Inc (Wisconsin)", Food Dealer License Renewal Application with Change of Agent for "Aldi #76" at 6700 W Capitol DR. (Expires 6/30/2022)

The applicant was not present.

Mr. Cooney said that the office was contacted and that Aldi requested to hold the application.

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

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

02 BRATTON, Mark H, Recycling, Salvaging or Towing Vehicle License Renewal Application for "Helping Hands Repair & Salvage" at 5140 N 64th St. (Expires 6/15/2022)

The applicant was present and said that he picks up metal and other items on a call basis.

Individuals also present:

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

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

02 MANASSRA, Refaat M, Agent for "JAJ Sharks Fish & Chicken Inc", Food Dealer License Renewal Application Removing Shareholder for "Sharks Fish & Chicken" at 5653 N 76th St. (Expires 6/30/2022)

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Dodd moved to hold the application to the call of the chair for first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

The meeting paused at 9:09 am

Reconvened at 9:16 am

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

02 RAMADAN, Khaleel M, Agent for "KRA Enterprises LLC", Food Dealer License Application for "Kitts Frozen Custard" at 7000 W CAPITOL DR.

The applicant was present and said that he owns another store in the area and, that he liked the business so he bought it to make it better.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Borkowski asked the applicant if he is operating without a valid license. The applicant explained that he has been shot down by the Health Department. Mr. Cooney said that a renewal application was filed by the previous owner and then received this new application.
Ald. Spiker asked if the hours of operation are the same as the previous owner. Mr. Cooney confirmed that they are the same hours.
Ald. Dodd moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

02 RYDZ, Raymond J, Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "Kitts Frozen Custard" at 7000 W Capitol DR. (Expired 6/30/2021)

The applicant was not present.
Ald. Spiker moved denial based on third nonappearance. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

02 ALI, Zakaria M, Agent for "JAD Food LLC", Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "JAD Food" at 5855 W Silver Spring DR. (Expires 7/6/2021)

The applicant was present and said that he does not have nothing to do with the item on the police report.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Spiker said that he does not see a pattern on the police report and moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

The meeting paused at 9:28 am

Reconvened at 9:35 am

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

02 NORVIK, Jennifer C, Agent for "C&C Appleton Ave, LLC", Food Dealer License Renewal Application Removing/Adding Stockholders and Transfer of Stock for "Wong's Wok" at 7424 W Appleton Av. (Expires 6/30/2022)

The applicant was not present. Mr. Michael Chin said that Ms. Norvik was not available.

Mr. Cooney said that Ms. Norvik or an attorney are needed in order to continue with the hearing.

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

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

02 VELARDE, Adam J, Agent for "Cave Enterprises Operations, LLC", Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "Burger King #3456" at 5120 W Capitol DR. (Expires 6/9/2022)

The applicant was not present when the application was called.

The applicant was present physically at 9:41 am

Mr. Velarde said that he talked to the detectives and Todd Miller and that they fully disclosed everything what they asked to hand over and he apologized for giving the impression of not being cooperative.

Individuals also present:

Jacob Cox - Employee - said that he was in contact with the detectives Lopez and (did not remember the last name) and that he was told that this investigation was turned to the crime investigation unit.

Victoria Smart - Employee

James Kirk – District Manager

Individuals also present:

Ald. Spiker questioned the second item on the police report about not contacting the police.

Mr. Cox said that he was not aware that the police was trying to have a conversation with him.

Mr. Velarde said that he called back at police department and left messages and that he was told that he was going to be contacted if anything else was needed. Mr. Velarde also said that when they hire new employees, they must read and sign the acknowledgement of the employee hand book and that it is also discussed verbally that no weapons are allowed in the premises.

Ald. Borkowski said that there was a homicide and that he sees that it does not concern as much as it should and, that he does not have a problem not renewing the license but that he cannot make that motion because he is acting like chair of the committee.

Ald. Hamilton said that there are a couple of things to highlight and, that it is absolutely clear that an employee was involved and, that the leadership of the restaurant tried to hide from the investigation and, that this is the type of situations that we must protect people and residents from. Ald. Hamilton moved not to renew the license.

Mr. Velarde said that he wanted to apologize for not appearing on the previous meeting and said that this business unit was acquired on 2019 because it was already struggling. He added that he has been in the business for 25 years and, that he has never suffered the loss of a life before. Mr. Velarde explained that he reached out to everyone whom he was supposed to and, that there were efforts made that are irrelevant at this point and, that he understands the circumstances if the license is not approved. Mr. Velarde also said that this situation has affected all of them.

Mr. Cox said that he was the one who got the first call and that when he talked to Mr.

Velarde, Mr. Velarde's main concerns were the employees and the family of the person who died.

Mr. Kirk said that they turned this restaurant around and, that he reviewed the videos with the police and, that they are offering the right training to the leaders like how to deescalate situations and how to protect the community. Mr. Kirk added that this loss will be live forever with them.

Ms. Smart said that she took over the store about 5 months ago and, that most of the employees are kids and young adults eager to work and, that she has taught them to be proud of the uniform and about what they do and, that she is there for them.

Ald. Borkowski asked Ald. Hamilton if he wants to hold still the motion not to renew the license.

Ald. Hamilton said that this is not a situation of Burger King in general and, that he learned valuable lessons while working in a Buger King in his younger years and, that he acknowledges that the applicant has recognized that something was wrong and, that they have done something about it but that there has to be a consequence for losing a life in the store. He added that he hopes that they keep the patrons and employees safe at their other stores.

Ald. Hamilton moved non renewal of the license based on the police report and applicant and staff testimony. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

02 FIUMEFREDDO, Peter J, Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Hotel/Motel License Renewal Applications for "FREMO'S" at 6449 W FOND DU LAC Av. (Expires 7/14/2022)

The applicant was present and said that there was a fight outside and that it was as a proactive action to make sure that nothing else was happening regarding the item on the police report.

Individuals also present:

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

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

02 HOLMES, Thomas J, Agent for "Ahdream Entertainment, LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications for "Eve Dining" at 6222 W Fond Du Lac Av. (Expires 7/8/2022)

The applicant was present along with Atty. Obviagele and Atty. Brown

Atty. Obviagele said that item 18 was about a situation where the bar and bartender were being proactive.

Individuals present:

Rose Dabney – 3965 N 70th St – Employee for three years and was cross-examined by Atty. Brown on items 18, 19 and 20 of the police report.

Mr. Holmes was also cross-examined by Atty. Brown

Ald. Spiker asked the applicant if the police report is wrong.

Mr. Holmes said that it is wrong and that he did not see anyone fighting, that it was just a verbal altercation and that it happened within the property but not in the building.

Jason Scott - 4561 N 74th St – employed as security guard at Eve Dining and Mr. Holmes were cross- examined by Atty. Brown for item 21 on the police report and both stated to be present that night.

Individuals in support:

James Ray - 5776 N 70th St – said that he has been a security guard for different owners and that Mr. Holmes always make sure that they are safe at work.

Lester Codwell – 6125 W Spencer Pl – said that safety for customers and employees is always first.

Tangela Johnson – 5263 N 56th St – said that she used to work there and that Mr. Holmes does everything to protect his employees and that he cares for people in need.

Jeremiah Addison – 3331 N 29th St – works with Mr. Holmes for three years now and that he treats employees as family.

Mr. Holmes said that he has been in the business for 20 years and that his business is located in a high crime area within the city and. that he can afford to open business everywhere but that he opens his businesses in the heart of the city because is where is needed the most. He said that he believes it is his mission and that he can be vigilant to protect his business and neighborhood.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Hamilton said that he is very familiar with the way Mr. Holmes handles his businesses and that he thinks that we have an example of what businesses should do when incidents happen and how to handle those situations.

Ald. Hamilton moved approval with a warning letter based on the police report. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

02 AMUNGWAFOR, Binyoti F, Agent for "Hideaway Tavern LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications for "The Hideaway Tavern" at 9000 W KAUL Av. (Expires 7/6/2022)

The applicant was present and said that he is aware of the incidents and that he always notify the police. He added that he does not know who was fighting and who started the fight and, that the police never came back to him to request the name of the employee involved.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Borkowski mentioned that there are 20 incidents on the police report.

Mr. Terri Harmon – 5172 N 108th St - working as security guard said that he called the police.

Ald. Spiker said that there is a pattern of incidents inside the bar.

Mr. Harmon said that he does not hold the door shot and that what happened was, that he separated the groups that were involved because it is their policy to do so.

Mr. Harmon said that they never have a problem before and that he was told that they are doing very good in the neighborhood.

Ald. Dodd moved approval with a warning letter based on the police report. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

03 MARSH, Jeffrey, Agent for "Nashville North, LLC", Temporary Change of Plan Application for Alcohol on the Sidewalk at the Front of the Premises and for Food on the Street at the Front of the Premises for Brady St. Festival (July 30th, 2022) 11AM - 8PM for "Nashville North" at 1216 E BRADY St.

The applicant was present.

Individuals also present:

Amanda Cervantes – assistant 3rd district – said that there are no objections with the application.

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

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

03 PACKEE, Justin, Agent for "Yo Factory LLC", Temporary Change of Plan Application for Food with Extension of Premises on the Sidewalk at the East side of the Premises May - Oct 2022 from 11AM to 10PM for "Yo Factory" at 2203 N Farwell Av.

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Hamilton moved to hold the application to the call of the chair for first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

03 GARCIA MARTINEZ, Shannon M, Agent for "Riverwest Food Coop", Food Dealer License Renewal Application with Change of Hours From Closing Sat & Sun at 9PM To Close at 8PM for "Riverwest Food Co Op" at 733 E Clarke St. (Expires 7/8/2022)

The applicant was present and said that they need the change of hours due short staffing.

Individuals also present:

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

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

03 TIERNEY, John W, Agent for "John Tierney Art, Inc", Tattoo and Body Piercing License Renewal Application Adding Shareholder for "Yesterday's Rose Tattoo" at 1613 N VAN BUREN St. (Expires 6/30/2022)

The applicant was present.

Individuals also present:

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

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

03 KASHOU, Salem J, Agent for "Erth Wellness, LLC", Food Dealer License Renewal Application with Change of Hours From Closed on Mondays To Open Mondays 10AM - 5PM for "Kind Oasis" at 2169 N FARWELL Av. (Expires 6/21/2022)

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Stamper moved to hold the application based on first non appearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

03 OLSON, Donna R, Agent for "HOSED ON BRADY INC", Class B Tavern, Food Dealer, Sidewalk Dining and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications Requesting to Add 1 Dart Board for "HOSED ON BRADY" at 1689 N FRANKLIN Pl. (Expires 7/6/2022)

The applicant was not present.

Mr. Cooney explained that the license can be renewed without the request of adding the dart board.

Ald. Stamper moved renewal and to hold the request to add dart board. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

03 FISCHER, Daniel, Agent for "METRO ENTERPRISES, INC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications for "QUARTERS" at 900 E CENTER St. (Expires 6/30/2022)

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Hamilton moved to hold the application to the call of the chair for first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

03 MEYER, Bradly T, Agent for "MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING", Class B Tavern License Renewal Application with Change of Agent for "MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING" at 1245 N BROADWAY. (Expired 5/19/2022)

The applicant was present.

Individuals also present:

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

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

03 GREENYA, Robert R, Agent for "CHAMPION'S PUB, LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications Requesting to Add Comedy Acts, Dancing by Performers and Patrons Dancing for "CHAMPION'S PUB" at 2417 N BARTLETT Av. (Expires 6/29/2022)

The applicant was present and said that he is a third generation of bar owners in Milwaukee.

The applicant said that they took over the bar few months ago and that they will do a better job with the issue on the police report and that he has paid the fine.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Hamilton moved approval with a warning letter based on the police report. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

03 RASMUSSEN, Allan R, Agent for "GILBERT LIQUOR CO, INC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor and Food Dealer License Renewal Applications with Adding Stockholder and Transfer of Stock for "GILBERT LIQUOR" at 2853-57 N OAKLAND

Av. (Expires 6/30/2022)

The applicant was present and said that the business operations won't change and that his wife actually takes care of the business operations.

Individuals also present:

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

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

03 LEE, Michael D, Agent for "M P ON BRADY, INC", Class B Tavern, Sidewalk Dining and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications for "CLUB BRADY" at 1339 E BRADY St. (Expires 6/30/2022)

The applicant was present and said that the bartender (who was an employee for 19 years) did not hand

out his license immediately to the police.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Spiker said that the longer version of the police report says that the bartender did not shown the video right away.

The applicant said that Shawn Casper (bartender) took a walk with the police and that they verified that there was a blind spot on the camera where the incident happened and that the police checked that no card was kept on the premises.

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

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

03 CATALDO, Patricia A, Agent for "JOEY C'S, INC", Class B Tavern, Sidewalk Dining and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications Requesting to Add Disc Jockey and Patrons Dancing for "JO-CAT'S PUB" at 1311 E BRADY St. (Expires 6/30/2022)

The applicant was present and said that she is being in business for 44 years and requesting disc jockey and patrons dancing.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Borkowski said that there are no objections from the 3rd district's office.

The applicant said that regarding the police report, she does not know who served the underage people because the cameras were not working properly at that moment.

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

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

03 NORD, Mark G, Agent for "KCS WINE & SPIRITS, INC", Class A Malt & Class A Liquor License Renewal Application for "DOWNER WINE & SPIRITS" at 2638 N DOWNER Av. (Expires 7/11/2022)

The applicant was present and said that they tried to card anyone who looks suspicious.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Borkowski said that the 3rd. aldermanic district's office has no objections.

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

Ald. Dodd was excused at 12:41pm

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

Aye 4 - Borkowski, Dodd, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 1 - Coggs

03 SCHAEFER, Scott A, Agent for "Jack's American Pub, LLC", Class B Tavern, Food Dealer, Sidewalk Dining and Public Entertainment Premises License Renewal Applications with Transfer of Stock for "Jack's American Pub" at 1323 E Brady St. (Expires 7/1/2022)

The applicant was present and had no comment on the police report.

Individuals also present:

Ald. Borkowski said that the 3rd. aldermanic district's office has no objections.

Mr. Cooney explained that the applicant was 90% stockholder and that the renewal form was filed with 85%.

The applicant said that it was his mistake and that no stocks were transferred.

Ald. Spiker moved to amend the application Mr. Schaeffer with 90% stockholder.

There were no objections.

Ald. Hamilton moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 3-0)

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 2 - Coggs, and Dodd

03 WALKER, Rose-Marie, Agent for "Little Caesar Enterprises, Inc.", Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "Little Caesars #305" at 2831 N Oakland Av. (Expires 7/6/2022)

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Spiker moved to hold the application to the call of the chair for first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 3-0)

A motion was made by ALD. SPIKER that this Motion be HELD TO CALL OF THE

CHAIR. This motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 2 - Coggs, and Dodd

03 OHLSSON, Aaron, Agent for "ARO Management LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Center for Visual & Performing Arts License Renewal Applications Requesting to Add Patrons Dancing for "The Miramar Theatre" at 2844-46 N Oakland Av. (Expires 6/30/2022)

*The applicant was present along with Atty. Obviagele and Atty. Brown
Atty. Obviagele said that the incidents on the police report are accurate.*

Mr. Ohlsson was cross-examined by Atty. Obviagele for items 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Individuals also present:

Mr. Spiker asked the applicant to corroborate what was reported on item 11.

The applicant said that it is accurate.

Individuals in opposition:

Atty. Halbrooks - Representing Bid 13 – said that they are here to request not to renew the license.

Atty. Obviagele said that he will object to everything that Atty. Halbrooks says unless he is sworn in.

Atty. McNally said that Atty. Halbrooks will need to be sworn in if he, at some point, provide some testimony.

Atty. Halbrooks was sworn in.

Atty. Obviagele said that Atty. Halbrooks cannot cross-examine his client.

Ald. Borkowski moved for a recess while the City Attorney's office responds to Atty. Halbrooks request to cross-examine the applicant.

Recess at 12:25 pm

Reconvened at 12:40 pm

Individuals in opposition:

Atty. Halbrooks said that item 9 on the police report is important to this matter and described what we are about to see in the video that was submitted to the license division and which is the reason why, they don't want Mr. Ohlsson to hold an alcohol license in the city of Milwaukee.

Atty. Obviagele objected to what Atty. Halbrooks said because he is making legal accusations and objected to the video because it violates his client procedure and did not come with the notice.

Ald. Hamilton said that he would like to see the video but wanted to check if there is a chance of going to a closed session.

Atty. McNally said that the closed session was not included on the agenda.

Ald. Hamilton and Ald. Borkowski moved to see the video.

The video was played.

Atty. Obviagele said that he would object to parts of this video.

Atty. Obviagele asked Atty. Halbrooks if he saw any of the incidents.

Atty. Halbrooks said he has not but saw the videos.

Atty. Obviagele asked if the video is from the Buffalo St. location.

Atty. Halbrooks said it was.

Atty. Obviagele asked Atty. Halbrooks if he is aware of any charges for Mr. Ohlsson.

Atty. Halbrooks said that he is not aware.

Atty. Obviagele asked if he represented the previous license holder.

Atty. Halbrooks said that he did represent the previous license holder.

Atty. Obviagele asked if he selected the parts of the video that were shown today.

Atty. Halbrooks said that he did select the parts of the video.

Individuals in opposition:

Michael D'amato - Director Business Improvement District #13 - read the letter that was submitted and attached to the file. Added that Mr. Ohlsson has failed his responsibilities with the license as it is stated on the police report. Also asked the committee to please take a look to the testimonies within the proximity to the business and how lives have changed with this establishment because it is not a popularity contest to see which side brings more people.

Jerry Broderick – 1800 E Newberry St - 45 year resident next to Miramar – read two emails submitted to the license division and said that he is very disappointed about this establishment and wondered why the committee granted another license for this agent based on the Miramar's history. Added that their lives have been affected.

Patricia Broderick - 1800 E Newberry Blvd. – said that she is here to represent her granddaughters who live next door and that their bedroom window is right on the street where the shots were fired and, that she is concerned about her family and people's safety on the street. Ms. Broderick added that tow trucks are too loud to rest at night and that there is a lot of commotion because people is going in and out of the establishment.

Mr. Wolzack - 2767 E Newberry St – said that he is the president of the neighborhood association and that businesses and neighbors have been hurt by Miramar and, that they object to the renewal and that to see police cars lined up in front on the Miramar is not a good thing for the neighborhood. He also acknowledged that Mr. Ohlsson reached out to him to talk to the board but that the meeting won't happen until after this hearing.

Mr. Kovac – talking as a private citizen said that the video what we saw today do not match with what Mr. Ohlsson explained to him when the incident on item 9 happened. He added that there were issues with the previous owner and that since Mr. Ohlsson took over, some things improved but there is a strong indication that the shootings that happened on February, are related to the Miramar and its popular R&B Tuesday's nights. Mr. Kovac said that there is no indication that the incidents happened inside the establishment and that District 1 says that Mr. Ohlsson's plan is working and, that neighbors are objecting because they have the right to be concerned. Mr. Kovac said that he appreciates that they are working with the police.

Individuals in support:

Atty. Obviagele cross-examined Atty. Nolan – who said that she is a criminal attorney and that her client has waived some rights. Added that on December 12th, 2021, his client was originally detained for obstructing a police officer and that he was released later.

Atty. Obviagele asked if the video was modified (zoomed in).

Atty. Nolan said that the video was modified in the sense of being zoomed in and that his client was not charged and released later.

Armando Saafir – 2346 Pasadena Blvd. – DJ in Milwaukee said that Mr. Ohlsson is an independent business owner and that he takes any challenge in order to have culture at the Miramar and the owner puts them in the position to chase their own dreams as well.

Cameron Mond – 2519 N Bartlett Av

Michael Thomas – 1340 E Brady St - said that he knows Mr. Ohlsson for about 15 years and that he has updated his building a ton and, that he keeps the patrons and neighbors safe even if the opposition don't think so.

The meeting paused at 2:21 pm

Reconvened at 2:34 pm

Dustin Fleuter – 1815 E Newberry Blvd. #5 – said that he moved to the neighborhood because of Miramar and that he feels safe going at home at night. He added that Miramar is important to him and to many people because he has found a family there.

Lisa Battiw - 1407 N MLK Dr #203 – said that she has worked there for 7 years and

that they are a not a nightclub but a venue.

Lisa Cook – 145 S 92nd St

Devin Hall – 700 S 55th St, Kenosha, WI 53144

Sean Kaump – 214 E Wright St

Adrian Hund – 1121 N Waverly Pl

Kelly Schmitz – 3555S Rivershire Dr

Katie Veley – 518 W Vine Upper

Brian Ward – 622 N Broadway

McKena Applin – 135 W Wells St #612

Tyler Burgess – 1117 N Wells St

Carly Spotts – 1757 S 58th St

Kate Schmitz – 1652 E Newton Av

Alex Martinelli – 1690 Franklin Pl

There were about 90 persons who were virtually present in support. They were asked to leave their names and addresses on the chat in agreement with the applicant and his attorney.

The applicant apologized to the neighbors who testified today because he thought that nothing was happening and that the parking signs was not his decision. He added that he requested the police presence and that the issue has been curved. He said that he hasn't have a police report in 10 years and that his biggest regret is not knowing what was happening with the community and that the issues will be fixed. Mr. Ohlsson asked the neighbors for another chance or to start the relationship over because he wants the Miramar to be a good model.

Atty. Obviagele said that he heard the neighbors and that it is their true and that he also wants neighbors to think that this is a national problem that is not going to be solved with shooting down places and, that we cannot let gun violence to win over business, churches and schools because the problem goes beyond anyone in this room and asked the committee to renew the licenses.

Ald. Spiker asked Mr. Ohlsson to share his telephone number with his neighbors so he becomes the first contact and recommended to have a better communication with his neighbors.

Ald Spiker moved renewal with a warning letter based on the police report and neighborhood testimony.

Ald. Hamilton said that he agrees with Ald. Spiker but that the Miramar still needs to fit in the nature of the neighborhood and to be sensitive to that. He added that efforts can be made to achieve that and suggested not to expand the license while the applicant addresses current issues.

Ald. Hamilton moved to hold the patrons dancing application. There were no objections.

Ald. Spiker moved renewal as amended with a warning letter based on the police report and neighborhood testimony. There were no objections. (Prevailed 3-0)

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

Aye 3 - Borkowski, Spiker, and Hamilton

No 0

Excused 2 - Coggs, and Dodd

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm

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