

MINUTES - COMMITTEE ON LAW AND LICENSING (Tuesday, December 29, 2015, 2: 30 P.M.) Generated by Kathy Hoffman on Tuesday, December 29, 2015

Members Present:

Chairperson Ald. Jodi VanderWeele, Ald. Roman Draughon, Ald. Mark Hermann, Ald. Todd Wolf Excused:

Vice Chairperson Ald. Susan Lessard Others in Attendance:

Assistant City Attorney Rose I. Simon, Sgt. Scott Reineke, Licensing Clerk Cinda Langhoff, Stefanni L. Butler, Hannah R. Lesperance, Cassandra L. Neese, Mauro Castro, Christina E. Ahrens, Francis W. Kohlmann, Jr., James K. Parisek, Jr., David Repinski

OPENING OF MEETING

1.1

Call meeting to order Chairperson VanderWeele called the meeting to order at 2: 32 p.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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Introduction of Committee members, staff and guests

1.4

Approval of the minutes of the December 15, 2015 meeting A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held December 15, 2015 was made by Ald. Wolf and seconded by Ald. Draughon.

All ayes; motion approved.

2.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2.1

R.O. No. 212 - 15 - 16 (11 - 16 - 15) Submitting various license applications for the period ending December 31, 2015 and June 30, 2017. Various License Applications: Taxicab Driver Lic. [RENEWAL] App. No. 0923 (Devonte L. Thomas) Devonte L. Thomas failed to appear before the committee.

Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to deny the license renewal application based upon Mr. Thomas s failure to accurately reveal all relevant convictions on his application, his record of recent violations in 2015 related to the licensed activity, his record as a repeat law violator, and his failure to cooperate with the committee. All ayes; motion approved.  
2.2

R.O. No. 220 - 15 - 16 (12 - 7 - 15) Submitting various license applications for the period ending December 31, 2016 and June 30, 2017. Various License Applications: Bev. Op. Lic. App. Nos. 8558 (Stefanni L. Butler), 0968 (Hannah R. Lesperance), 9996 (Cassandra L. Neese), 0963 (Jonathan E. Struve); Taxicab Business Lic. [RENEWAL] App. No. 2997 -The Best Taxi (Mauro Castro, Agent); Taxicab Driver Lic. [NEW] App. No. 0972 (Mahmud S. Haleem); Taxicab Driver Lic. [RENEWAL] App. Nos. 7426 (Christina E. Ahrens), 7788 (Shawn DeGroat), 0690 (Francis W. Kohlmann, Jr.), 7666 (James K. Parisek, Jr.), 2744 (Elaine K. Wills) Stefanni L. Butler appeared before the committee to discuss her application.

After discussion of her record, Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to grant the license.

All ayes; motion approved.

Hannah R. Lesperance appeared before the committee to discuss her application.

After discussion of her record and her failure to include violations on her application, Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to grant the license contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications.

All ayes; motion approved.

Cassandra L. Neese appeared before the committee to discuss her application.

After discussion of her record, Ald. Draughon moved, seconded by Ald. Wolf, to grant the license.

All ayes; motion approved.

Jonathan E. Struve failed to appear before the committee.

Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Hermann, to request via certified mailing Mr. Struve's appearance before the committee at its January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

All ayes; motion approved.

Mauro Castro appeared before the committee to discuss the renewal application of The Best Taxi.

After a hearing involving a discussion of his record and his failure to include a violation on his application, Ald. Hermann moved, seconded by Ald. Wolf, to grant the license contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications.

All ayes; motion approved.

Mahmud S. Haleem did not appear, but had contacted the City Attorney's Office to indicate that he was unable to appear.

Mr. Haleem was instructed to appear at the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ald. Draughon moved, seconded by Ald. Wolf, to hold the application until the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and to call in Mr. Haleem by regular mail.

All ayes; motion approved.

Christina E. Ahrens appeared before the committee to discuss her renewal application.

After a hearing involving a discussion of her record, Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to grant the license.

All ayes; motion approved.

Shawn DeGroat failed to appear before the committee.

Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to request via certified mailing Mr. DeGroat's appearance before the committee at its January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

All ayes; motion approved.

Francis W. Kohlmann, Jr. appeared before the committee to discuss his renewal application.

After a hearing involving a discussion of his record and his failure to include a violation on his application, Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to grant the license contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications.

All ayes; motion approved.

James K. Parisek appeared before the committee to discuss his renewal application.

After a hearing involving a discussion of his record and his failure to include a violation on his application, Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to grant the license contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications.

All ayes; motion approved.

Elaine K. Wills failed to appear before the committee.

Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to request via certified mailing Ms. Wills appearance before the committee at its January 12 th meeting.

All ayes; motion approved.

2.3

R.O. No. 232 - 15 - 16 (12 - 21 - 15) Submitting various license applications for the period ending December 31, 2016 and June 30, 2017 Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0977 (Eugene A. Osbahr) to discuss his application with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to grant a license to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0988 (Bryan David Porzadny) with instructions to correct the application.

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Hermann moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0983 (Hanna C. Schwarz).

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Draughon moved, seconded by Ald. Wolf, to grant a license to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 9841 (David E. Thompson).

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0991 (Joseph W. Velier).

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Taxicab Driver Lic. [NEW] App. No. 7423 (Andrew J. Olson).

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Hermann moved to grant a license with a warning to App. No. 0987.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to call in Taxicab Driver Lic. [NEW] App. No. 0987 (Johnathan David Ries) to discuss his application with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to grant a license to Taxicab Driver Lic. [RENEWAL] App. No. 6703 (Lynn M. Kropuenske).

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to grant a license to Taxicab Driver Lic. [RENEWAL] App. No. 8177 (David J. McKenzie).

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to grant the remainder of the license applications for individuals and entities listed on the above-referenced

R.O.

All ayes; motion approved.

2.4

Discussion and possible action regarding law violations that may require future action by the Committee      Brief discussion regarding Brian s Down Under Music Bar and Hacienda Vieja being closed for over six months in violation of the continuation of business ordinance.

Ald. Wolf moved, seconded by Ald. Draughon, to call in Alc. Bev. Lic. No.

3126 -Brian s Down Under Music Bar (Brian A. Zaversnik, Agent) and Alc. Bev. Lic. No. 3045 -Hacienda Vieja I (Ricardo Regalado Mendez, Agent) to discuss the matter with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.

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#### CLOSING OF MEETING

3.1

Set time, date and place of next meeting      The next committee meeting is scheduled to be held on January 12, 2016 at 2: 30 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers located at City Hall, 828 Center Avenue.

3.2

Motion to adjourn      Ald. Wolf made a motion to adjourn.

Ald. Draughon seconded the motion.

All ayes; motion approved.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3: 15 p.m.