

MINUTES - COMMITTEE ON LAW AND LICENSING

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Members Present:

Chairperson Ald. Jodi VanderWeele, Vice Chairperson Ald. Bill Thiel, Ald. Joe Heidemann, Ald. Susan Lessard, Ald. Kevin Matichek Others in Attendance:  
Assistant City Attorney Charles C. Adams, Lt. Doug Teunissen, City Clerk Susan Richards, Mayor Michael Vandersteen, Jason Smathers, Tracy L. Haygood, Timothy J. Heinen, Jazzmin L. McCall, Thomas R. DeMarsh, Deven Z. Corgard, Paul Weaver, Steve Schmitt, Jill Atwood, Jeff Goetsch, Wendy Vera, John Stange, Jane Stange, Wayne Vang

1. OPENING OF MEETING

1.1

Call meeting to order      Chairperson VanderWeele called the meeting to order at 2: 00 p.m.

1.2

Pledge of Allegiance      The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.3

Introduction of Committee members, staff and guests

1.4

Approval of the minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting      A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held October 14, 2014 was made by Ald. Thiel and seconded by Ald. Lessard. All ayes; motion approved.

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2.1

R.O. No. 126 - 14 - 15 (9 - 15 - 14) Submitting various license applications for the period ending December 31, 2014 and June 30, 2016. Various License Applications: Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 6733 (Diana V. Ramminger)      Diana V. Ramminger failed to appear before the committee.

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to deny the license application based upon Ms. Ramminger s failure to accurately reveal all relevant convictions

on her beverage operator s license application, her record of violations related to the licensed activity, her record as a repeat law violator, and her failure to cooperate with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.  
2.2

R.C. No. 163 - 14 - 15 (9 - 15 - 14) - Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0537 (Amanda M. Drews) Amanda M. Drews failed to appear before the committee.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to deny the license application based upon Ms. Drews failure to accurately reveal all relevant convictions on her beverage operator s license application, her record of violations related to the licensed activity, and her failure to cooperate with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.  
2.3

R.O. No. 138 - 14 - 15 (10 - 6 - 14) Submitting various license applications for the period ending December 31, 2014 and June 30, 2016. Various License Applications: Bev. Op. Lic. App. Nos. 8464 (Tracy L. Haygood), 0562 (Timothy J. Heinen), 9602 (Jazzmin L. McCall); Taxicab Op. Lic. App. No. 0565 (Nathan J. Krueger) Tracy L. Haygood appeared before the committee to discuss her application.

After discussion of Ms. Haygood s record and her failure to include violations on her application, Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to deny the license application based upon Ms. Haygood s failure to accurately reveal all relevant convictions on her beverage operator s license application, her record of violations related to the licensed activity, and her record as a repeat law violator.

Four ayes and one abstention (Ald. Heidemann); motion approved.

Timothy J. Heinen appeared before the committee to discuss his application.

After discussion of his record, Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to grant the license.

Three ayes and two nays (Ald. Heidemann and Ald. VanderWeele); motion approved.

Jazzmin L. McCall appeared before the committee to discuss her application.

After discussion of her record, Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant the license.

Four ayes and one abstention (Ald. VanderWeele); motion approved.

Nathan J. Krueger failed to appear before the committee.

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to request via certified mailing Mr. Krueger's appearance before the committee at its November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

All ayes; motion approved.  
2.4

Discussion and possible action regarding Alc. Bev. Lic. No. 2428 -Highland House (Thomas R. DeMarsh, Agent) and Bev. Op. Lic. No. 9983 (Deven Z. Corgard) Thomas R. DeMarsh and Deven Z. Corgard appeared before the committee.

Mr. DeMarsh indicated that they are in the process of completing paperwork to make Jill Atwood the Agent.

Jill Atwood, Manager, spoke and informed the committee that all bartenders at Highland House will be licensed from now on and they are going to be more careful about open bar tabs at private parties.

Deven Z. Corgard indicated to the committee that he thought Jeff Goetsch had a license and that is why he was not directly supervising him.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to issue warnings to both Highland House and Deven Z. Corgard regarding the over-serving incident at Highland House on September 5, 2014.

All ayes; motion approved.  
2.5

Presentations by potential applicants for available "Class B" alcohol beverage licenses

There is presently one Class B alcohol beverage license available.

Wendy Vera and Wayne Vang appeared before the committee to present their cases regarding pre-application for the available license.

Wendy Vera spoke on behalf of Pier 17 LLC.

They will be opening a restaurant and bar at the former Brisco County Grill building on the riverfront.

They are presently working on renovations inside and out.

Wendy Vera is the owner of Randall's on Superior Avenue.

They plan to be open by the beginning of February 2015.

Wayne Vang spoke on behalf of the Hmong Cultural Service Center and their project at the former Sunnyside Mall.

The mixed-Asian cuisine restaurant would seat 100 people and the banquet hall would seat 300 - 400.

They are planning to open in March 2015.

2.6

Discussion and action regarding granting opportunity to apply for available "Class B" alcohol beverage licenses

A motion was made by Ald. Heidemann, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to invite Pier 17 LLC to apply for the available Class B alcohol beverage license within 14 days.

Four ayes and one nay (Ald. Matichek); motion approved.

Mayor Vandersteen informed the committee that he had just learned that Robert Moeller was out of town and unable to attend the meeting today to discuss his proposed wine bar on South Pier.

Wayne Vang indicated that he will get in touch with ACA Adams to try and determine whether or not they would be eligible for one of the non-quota licenses.

2.7

R.O. No. 154 - 14 - 15 (10 - 20 - 14) Submitting various license applications for the period ending December 31, 2014, December 31, 2015 and June 30, 2016

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0589 (Jensen N. Bartels) to discuss her application with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0585 (Alicia K. Bullock) to discuss her application with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 8679 (Juan C. De

Cruz) to discuss his application with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to grant a license to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0582 (Jeff D. Goetsch).

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 6916 (Rebecca M. Gruenke).

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0587 (Kendra J. Marre).

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0575 (Ian D. Temby).

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0588 (Kasey M. Widder) to discuss his application with the committee.

Three ayes and two nays (Ald. Thiel and Ald. VanderWeele); motion approved.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to call in Taxicab Op. Lic. [NEW] App. No. 9522 (Tyler M. Metzner) to discuss his application with the committee.

Ald. Lessard was excused from the meeting prior to the vote in order to make a phone call.

Three ayes and one abstention (Ald. VanderWeele); motion approved.

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to call in Taxicab Op. Lic. [RENEW] App. No. 9554 (Joseph P. Champeau) to discuss his application with the committee.

Three ayes and one nay (Ald. VanderWeele); motion approved.

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to grant a license to Taxicab Op. Lic. [RENEW] App. No. 7788 (Shawn DeGroat).

Four ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Lessard returned to the meeting.

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to call in Taxicab Op. Lic. [RENEW] App. No. 5224 (Michael B. Gaumer) to discuss his application with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in Taxicab Op. Lic. [RENEW] App. No. 8112 (Trevor M. Gohr) to discuss his application with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to call in Taxicab Op. Lic. [RENEW] App. No. 0321 (Asher DR James) to discuss his application with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to call in Taxicab Op. Lic. [RENEW] App. No. 7666 (James K. Parisek, Jr.) to discuss his application with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to grant a license to Taxicab Op. Lic. [RENEW] App. No. 9044 (Tammy L. Ringel) with instructions to correct the application.

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to call in Taxicab Op. Lic. [RENEW] App. No. 6948 (Gordon J. Schneider) to discuss his application with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant the remainder of the license applications for individuals and entities listed on the above-referenced R.O. All ayes; motion approved.

2.8

Discussion and possible action regarding procedures followed by the City Clerk's Office in issuing provisional licenses Brief discussion regarding provisional licenses which are issued by the City Clerk s Office. These licenses expire after 60 days.

At the present time, the Clerk s Office does not run a background check before issuing a provisional license and they also are not checking on whether or not monies are owed to the City by the applicant.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to hold this item until the next meeting and invite Judge Delahunt to attend in order to get her input regarding monies owed to the Municipal Court by applicants.

All ayes; motion approved.

2.9

Discussion and possible action regarding law violations that may require future action by the Committee ACA Adams and Lt. Teunissen indicated that they had no such violations to report at this time.

3. CLOSING OF MEETING

3.1

Set time, date and place of next meeting The next committee meeting is scheduled to be held on November 11, 2014 at 2: 00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers located at City Hall, 828 Center Avenue.

3.2

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

Ald. Thiel 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.