

MINUTES - COMMITTEE ON LAW AND LICENSING (Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 2: 00 p.m.) Generated by Kathy Hoffman on Thursday, October 16, 2014

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, Licensing Clerk Cinda Langhoff, Jason Smathers, Aimee N. Orr-Sanchez, Casey A. Vogel, Tania M. Grobman, Amanda M. Drews, Devon Z. Corgard, Steve Schmitt, Jennifer Wise, Robert Moeller

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 September 23, 2014 meeting A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held September 23, 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. 119 - 14 - 15 (9 - 2 - 14) Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2016. Various License Applications: Bev. Op. Lic. App. Nos. 0546 (Kenneth J. Goetsch), 7647 (Aimee N. Orr-Sanchez), 0541 (Casey A. Vogel) Kenneth J. Goetsch failed to appear before the committee.

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to deny the license application

based upon Mr. Goetsch s failure to accurately reveal all relevant convictions on his beverage operator s license application, his record of violations related to the licensed activity, his record as a repeat law violator, and his failure to cooperate with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.

Aimee N. Orr-Sanchez appeared before the committee to discuss her application.

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

All ayes; motion approved.

Casey A. Vogel appeared before the committee to discuss his application.

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

All ayes; motion approved.

2.2

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. Nos. 8330 (Tania M. Grobman), 6733 (Diana V. Ramminger) Tania M. Grobman appeared before the committee to discuss her application.

After discussion of her record and her failure to include violations on her application, Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, 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.

Diana V. Ramminger failed to appear before the committee.

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to request via certified mailing Ms. Ramminger s appearance before the committee at its October 28 th meeting.

All ayes; motion approved.
2.3

R.C. No. 163 - 14 - 15 (9 - 15 - 14) - Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0537 (Amanda M. Drews) Amanda M. Drews appeared before the committee to discuss her application.

Ms. Drews was unable to provide the committee with details regarding her 2011 conviction and Lt. Teunissen was not present at the meeting with further information.

Ald. Lessard moved to deny the license application. Motion died for lack of a second.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to hold the application until the October 28 th 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 failed to appear before the committee.

Steve Schmitt, one of the owners of the Highland House, was present along with a manager, Jill.

The committee was concerned that Mr. DeMarsh has failed to appear at two meetings in a row.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to hold the Highland House item until Thomas DeMarsh is present.

The motion and second were then withdrawn and the committee allowed Mr. Schmitt the opportunity to speak regarding the incident.

Deven Z. Corgard appeared before the committee.

Mr. Corgard indicated that he was bartending on September 5 th along with an unlicensed bartender.

He indicated that he was not directly supervising the unlicensed bartender.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to hold both items until

the next meeting.

All ayes; motion approved.

2.5

Presentations by potential applicants for available "Class B" alcohol beverage licenses There are presently two Class B alcohol beverage licenses available.

Robert Moeller and Jennifer Wise appeared before the committee to present their cases regarding pre-applications for the available licenses.

Robert Moeller was present and indicated that he has not yet had an opportunity to discuss his South Pier parking issues with the Redevelopment Authority and is not ready to proceed with his proposed wine bar until that issue is resolved.

A Redevelopment Authority meeting is scheduled for October 15 th and Mr. Moeller will appear at the next Law & Licensing meeting to update the committee.

Jennifer Wise was present and indicated that she will be leasing space at the EconoLodge and operating the restaurant and two bars.

Eventually they will be open seven days a week for lunch and dinner and will be serving Indian cuisine.

There are plans for a dueling piano show and other live music on weekends.

The small bar will serve wine and martinis.

2.6

Discussion and action regarding granting opportunity to apply for available "Class B" alcohol beverage licenses A motion was made by Ald. Lessard, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to invite Jennifer Wise to apply for one of the available Class B alcohol beverage licenses within 14 days.

All ayes; motion approved.

2.7

R.O. No. 138 - 14 - 15 (10 - 6 - 14) Submitting various license applications for the period ending December 31, 2014 and June 30, 2016 Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to grant a license to Class B Liquor Lic. App. No. 3092 (CJ s Shipwrecked).

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0568 (Brandon T. Bustamante).

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0569 (Kristen M. Franzen).

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

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 8464 (Tracy L. Haygood) to discuss her application with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 0562 (Timothy J. Heinen) to discuss his application with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 9602 (Jazzmin L. McCall) to discuss her application with the committee.

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

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 7214 (Daniel L. Semsch).

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Heidemann, to grant a license to Taxicab Op. Lic. App. No. 0570 (Anthony G. Anderson).

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to call in Taxicab Op. Lic. App. No. 0565 (Nathan J. Krueger) to discuss his application with the committee.

All ayes; motion approved.

Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, 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 law violations that may require future action by the Committee ACA Adams indicated that he 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 October 28, 2014 at 2: 00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers located at City Hall, 828 Center Avenue.

3.2

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

Ald. Heidemann seconded the motion.

All ayes; motion approved.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3: 04 p.m.