

City of West Allis Meeting Minutes

7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214

License & Health Committee

Alderperson Michael J. Czaplewski, Chair Alderperson James W. Sengstock, Vice-Chair Alderpersons: Gary T. Barczak, Daniel J. Roadt, Martin J. Weigel

Tuesday, July 1, 2008

6:00 PM

West Allis City Hall Room 128

SPECIAL MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Czaplewski at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Ald. Czaplewski, Ald. Sengstock, Ald. Barczak, Ald. Roadt and Ald. Weigel Excused: 0

Others present: Attorney Barry Book, Special Counsel for the City of West Allis, Steven T. Robinson, Joshua J. Knapp, Michele L. Campbell, Susan M. Domena, Angela M. Robinson, Tina R. Siepe, James L. Bultynck, Jr., Dennis J. Sweeney, John R. Monty, Dorene R. Monty, Attorney Dennis P. Coffey, Inderjit Dhindsa, Attorney Vincent J. Bobot, Joseph A. Jeffords, Jacqueline A. George, Constantine George, Suzanne Ball, Mark S. Anderson, Jenna Merten, Assistant City Attorney and Ann Marie Neff, Secretary to the Committee.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was not made to approve the minutes.

D. CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was not held.

E. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

45. 2008-0438 Summons and Complaint in the matter of the complaint against Steven T. Robinson 2008-2010 Tayern Operator License renewal application no. 10-110.

Appearance by Steven T. Robinson. A tentative date of July 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. was set for the Hearing regarding the Summons & Complaint in the matter of the complaint against Steven T. Robinson. Attorney Book stated he would confirm with Attorney Pyzyk.

Held

46. 2008-0368 2008-2010 Tavern Operator License renewal application no. 10-110 of Steven T.

Robinson.

See legislative file no. 2008-0438.

Held

51. 2008-0462 2008-2009 Tayern Operator License application no. 9-531 of Joshua J. Knapp.

Appearance by Joshua J. Knapp. Ald. Czaplewski and Ald. Sengstock stated that they were not in support of granting this license based on the police report. Mr. Knapp said he works full time at Crawdaddy's. Ald. Barczak said that the Committee has a responsibility to the community. He informed Mr. Knapp that he could still tend bar with a licensed bartender. Recommend denial based on the police report.

A motion was made by Ald. Sengstock, seconded by Ald. Weigel, that this matter be Recommended for Denial. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: 5 - Ald. Czaplewski, Ald. Sengstock, Ald. Barczak, Ald. Roadt and Ald. Weigel No: 0

52. 2008-2009 Tavern Operator License application no. 9-515 of Michele L. Campbell.

Appearance by Michele L. Campbell. Ald. Sengstock commented on Ms. Campbell's background. Ald. Czaplewski noted that she did not list her traffic offenses. Recommend denial based on the police report.

A motion was made by Ald. Sengstock, seconded by Ald. Weigel, that this matter be Recommended for Denial. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: 5 - Ald. Czaplewski, Ald. Sengstock, Ald. Barczak, Ald. Roadt and Ald. Weigel No: 0

47. <u>2008-0430</u>

2008-2009 Class B Tavern license application no. 1424, Dance Hall license application no. 1425 and Instrumental Music license application no. 1426, of Susan M. Domena, d/b/a Top Gun Saloon for premises located at 1100 S. 60 St. (new-existing)

Appearance by Susan M. Domena. Ald. Czaplewski suggested Ms. Domena change the doing business as name to give a new and better impression of the business. Ald. Sengstock stated the area has a history of problems somewhat related to the bar and would like to see the trouble alleviated. Ald. Czaplewski cautioned Ms. Domena regarding noise complaints and asked what her plans for music were. Ald. Weigel questioned if she was leasing or buying, if she had experience as a tavern operator and if she was hiring new staff. Ms. Domena replied she was only going to have bands on special occasions. She said she was leasing the building, and informed the Committee about her business background. She said she was keeping Mr. Robinson on to show her how the business runs. Ald. Weigel advised her to not keep the same staff because she would be keeping the same problems. Ald. Barczak commented he hoped Ms. Domena was sincere in opening a new business, starting from scratch, and that she was not just a front for the current owners. Ms. Domena said she was sincere and she appreciated all the advice from the Alderpersons.

A motion was made by Ald. Sengstock, seconded by Ald. Weigel, that this matter be Recommended for Approval subject to the necessary requirement(s). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: 5 - Ald. Czaplewski, Ald. Sengstock, Ald. Barczak, Ald. Roadt and Ald. Weigel No: 0

48. <u>2008-0206</u>

Summons and Complaint in the matter of the complaint against Top Gun Saloon, Inc., Angela M. Robinson, Agent for the premises located at 1100 S. 60 St., d/b/a Top Gun Saloon (2007-2008 Class B Tavern License no. 88).

Appearance by Steven T. Robinson. Mr. Robinson informed the Committee that Top Gun Saloon, Inc. was willing to surrender their 2007-2008 license and withdraw their application for the 2008-2009 license year.

This Matter was Recommended to be Placed on File on a Block Vote.

49. 2008-0102

Police Department Report involving Top Gun Saloon, 1100 S. 60 St. (2007-2008 Class B Tavern License no. 729, Dance Hall License no. 731 and Instrumental Music License no. 730 of Top Gun Saloon, Inc., Angela M. Robinson, Agent, Incident Date: February 3, 2008).

See legislative file no. 2008-0206.

This Matter was Recommended to be Placed on File on a Block Vote.

50. 2008-0393

2008-2009 Class B Tavern license renewal application no. 729, Dance Hall license renewal application no. 731 and Instrumental Music license renewal application no. 730, of Top Gun Saloon, Inc., Angela M. Robinson, Agent, d/b/a Top Gun Saloon for premises located at 1100 S. 60 St.

See legislative file no. 2008-0206.

This Matter was Recommended to be Placed on File on a Block Vote.

Passed The Block Vote

A motion was made by Ald. Sengstock, seconded by Ald. Barczak, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on a Block Vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: 5 - Ald. Czaplewski, Ald. Sengstock, Ald. Barczak, Ald. Roadt and Ald. Weigel No: 0

2008-0449 53.

2008-2010 Tavern Operator License application no. 10-201 of Tina R. Siepe.

Appearance by Tina R. Siepe. Ald. Sengstock commented that Ms. Siepe was not completely candid on her application and asked where she would be working. Ald. Barczak asked for clarification of the OWI. Ald. Weigel inquired if Ms. Siepe had any bartender experience. Ms. Siepe replied she would be working at Smokin' Joe's and has had a Milwaukee license for 2 years. Ald. Czaplewski cautioned Ms. Siepe about the noise level. He advised her to keep the doors closed and the volume of the music down, especially being located next to a residential house. Ald. Sengstock informed Ms. Siepe about the compliance check program and to check all identification carefully.

A motion was made by Ald. Sengstock, seconded by Ald. Barczak, that this matter be Recommended For Approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: 5 - Ald. Czaplewski, Ald. Sengstock, Ald. Barczak, Ald. Roadt and Ald. Weigel No: 0

2008-0480 54.

2008-2009 Tavern Operator License appl. no. 10-540 of James L. Bultynck, Jr.

Appearance by James L. Bultynck, Jr. Ald. Weigel commented on Mr. Bultynick not being thorough on his application. Mr. Bultynck told the Committee he has worked part time for several years at Thirst Aid Station. He was applying for his license now to help out his mother, the manager of the bar, after her surgery. Ald. Barczak stated that the Committee has a responsibility to the community. Mr. Bultynck's license would allow him to tend bar at any West Allis establishment. Ald. Roadt said he had concerns about the police report. Ald. Czaplewski commented that Mr. Bultynck's background was questionable. A discussion ensued. Recommend denial based on the police report.

A motion was made by Ald. Weigel, seconded by Ald. Roadt, that this matter be Recommended for Denial. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: 5 - Ald. Czaplewski, Ald. Sengstock, Ald. Barczak, Ald. Roadt and Ald. Weigel No: 0

55. 2008-0298

2008-2010 Tavern Operator License renewal application no. 10-36 of Dennis J. Sweeney.

Appearance by Dennis J. Sweeney.

A motion was made by Ald. Sengstock, seconded by Ald. Barczak, that this matter be Recommended For Approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: 5 - Ald. Czaplewski, Ald. Sengstock, Ald. Barczak, Ald. Roadt and Ald. Weigel No: 0

56. 2008-0236

2008-2009 Tavern Operator License application no. 9-492 of John R. Monty.

Appearance by John R. Monty, Dorene Monty and Attorney Dennis P. Coffey, representing the Pec Mon Corporation. Attorney Coffey informed the Committee that Pec Mon Corporation owns the business and the property. They are looking to sell the business but still own the property. Attorney Coffey asked the Committee to consider letting the business operate until the next meeting. Ald. Czaplewski said they would discuss this further at the next scheduled meeting. Ald. Weigel told Mr. Monty he can still operate the business until a decision is made.

Held

57. 2008-0324

Police Department Report involving PM Pub & Grub, 6533 W. Mitchell St., (2007-2008 Class B Tavern License no. 622, Dance Hall License no. 624 and Cigarette License no. 623 of Pec Mon Corp., Dorene R. Monty, Agent, Incident Date: March 31, 2008).

See legislative file no. 2008-0236.

Held

58. <u>2008-0311</u>

2008-2009 Class B Tavern License renewal application no. 622 and Dance Hall License renewal application no. 624 of PEC Mon Corp., Dorene Monty, Agent, d/b/a PM Pub & Grub, premises located at 6533 W. Mitchell St.

See legislative file no. 2008-0236.

Held

59. 2008-0408

2008-2009 Combination Class A Liquor License renewal appl. no. 1080 of Dilneet, Corp., Rupinder K. Randhawa, Agent, d/b/a West Allis Liquor & Tobacco, premises located at 7218 W. Greenfield Ave.

Appearance by Inderjit Dhindsa and Attorney Vincent J. Bobot, representing Dilneet, Corporation. Attorney Bobot informed the Committee that Ms. Randhawa was out of the country due to a family medical issue and that he handled the Municipal Court charges regarding this incident. He told the Committee that he is conferring with Ms. Randhawa and recommending more positive steps to alleviate this problem in the future. He felt this incident was totally out of character for this establishment. Ald. Barczak stated he would still like the applicant to appear regarding this incident.

A motion was made by Ald. Barczak, seconded by Ald. Sengstock, that this matter be Recommended for Approval subject to the necessary requirement(s). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: 5 - Ald. Czaplewski, Ald. Sengstock, Ald. Barczak, Ald. Roadt and Ald. Weigel No: 0

60. <u>2008-0465</u>

2008-2009 Class B Tavern License appl. no. 1421, Dance Hall License appl. no. 1422, DNA of Sheboygan Falls, Inc., Demetri Itsines, Agent, d/b/a Koozy's Bar & Grille, premises located at 1657 S. 108 St. (new-existing).

Nonappearance of Demetri Itsines. Mr. Itsines did not contact the Clerk's Office. The Committee requested he be ordered to appear at the next scheduled License & Health meeting. Held

61. 2008-0466

2008-2009 Class B Tayern License appl. no. 1427, Dance Hall License appl. no. 1428 and Instrumental Music License appl. no. 1430 of Smokin' Joe's Pub, LLC, Joseph A. Jeffords, Agent, d/b/a Smokin' Joe's Pub premises located at 6139 W. Beloit Rd. (new-existing).

Appearance by Joseph A. Jeffords. Mr. Jeffords was reminded to keep the noise level down. Mr. Jeffords informed the Committee about some changes he plans on making to help with the noise.

A motion was made by Ald. Sengstock, seconded by Ald. Barczak, that this matter be Recommended for Approval subject to the necessary requirement(s). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: 5 - Ald. Czaplewski, Ald. Sengstock, Ald. Barczak, Ald. Roadt and Ald. Weigel No: 0

Ald. Barczak excused himself from the discussion of Agenda Item nos. 62 & 63.

2008-0306 62.

2008-2009 Class B Tavern License application no. 1389 of Jacqueline A. George, d/b/a Gyro Grill & Pub for premises located at 10722 W. Oklahoma Avenue (new-nonexisting).

Appearance by Jacqueline A. and Constantine George. Ald. Czaplewski commented on the lack of parking and landscaping at this location. Mr. George said they plan to transform from a fast food establishment to upscale dining. He stated they are working with Steve Schaer, Planning Manager, regarding landscaping and signage. Mr. George said the owner of the property would like to wait until late September, when the weather is friendlier for landscaping. Ald. Sengstock stated he would like to see a more set schedule and plans. A suggestion was made to speak with Mr. Schaer regarding this project.

Held

63. 2008-0305

2008-2009 Class B Tavern License application no. 1388, Instrumental Music License application no. 1307, and Dance Hall License application no. 1386 of Barmann, LLC., Gregory S. Barczak, Agent, d/b/a 88 Keys Martini & Piano Lounge for premises located at 7105 W. Greenfield Avenue (new-nonexisting).

Appearance by Suzanne Ball. Ald. Czaplewski asked Ms. Ball if they had an offer to purchase on a location. Ms. Ball replied they had looked at two locations, but doesn't believe either will work.

A motion was made by Ald. Sengstock, seconded by Ald. Weigel, that this matter be Recommended to be Placed on File. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: 4 - Ald. Czaplewski, Ald. Sengstock, Ald. Roadt and Ald. Weigel No: 0

Present: 1 - Ald. Barczak

Ald. Barczak was now present for the remaining portion of the Agenda.

64. <u>2008-0383</u>

2008-2009 Combination Class A Liquor License appl. no. 1410 of Catering Specialties, Inc., Mark S. Anderson, Agent, d/b/a All Occasions Catering/ Bubbs BBQ, for premises at 7905 W. Lincoln Ave. (new-nonexisting location).

Appearance by Mark S. Anderson. Ald. Barczak stated that if a Class A Liquor License was granted for this business and location, it could potentially turn into a liquor store. This could also hold true for other catering businesses needing a liquor license. Assistant City Attorney Merten informed the Committee that the City Attorney was looking into a policy specifically for catering business. Mr. Anderson told the Committee he is an existing business and is looking to relocate to West Allis. He never serves over the counter. He was buying a vacant building and would employ extra help.

Held

F. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ald. Sengstock, seconded by Ald. Barczak, to adjourned at 7:07 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Neff
Secretary to the Committee