

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN**LICENSING, HEARINGS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES****JANUARY 26, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Alderperson Barb Felde (remote), Alderperson Dean Dekker, Alderperson Leslie Laster (remote), Alderperson Amanda Salazar (remote)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Vice Chair Alderperson Betty Ackley

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Attorney Charles C. Adams, Police Chief Christopher Domagalski, Fire Chief Eric Montellano, Lt. William Adams, Sgt. Sarah Blodgett, City Clerk Meredith DeBruin, Licensing Clerk Melissa Fassbender, Paralegal Kathy Hoffman

OTHERS PRESENT: Erika Torrison, Jesus Cruz, Armando Cruz, James Kupfer

1. OPENING OF MEETING**1.1 Roll Call****1.2 Call to Order**

Chair Alderperson Barb Felde called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.4 Introduction of Committee members, staff and guests**2. MINUTES****2.1 Approval of Minutes - December 15, 2021**

Motion by Alderperson Dekker, seconded by Alderperson Salazar, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held December 15, 2021. Motion carried 4-0.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**3.1 R.O. No. 118-21-22 (1-17-22) by Fire Chief Eric Montellano submitting the Fire Department's quarterly report of Benchmark Measurements for the period commencing October 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021**

Chief Montellano reviewed the Fire Department's report of Benchmark Measurements for the fourth quarter of 2021.

Motion by Alderperson Dekker, seconded by Alderperson Laster, to recommend the Common Council receive and file R.O. No. 118-21-22. Motion carried 4-0.

3.2 R.O. No. 117-21-22 (1-17-22) by Chief of Police Christopher Domagalski submitting the Police Department's quarterly report of Benchmark Measurements for the period commencing October 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021.

Chief Domagalski reviewed the Police Department's report of Benchmark Measurements for the fourth quarter of 2021.

Motion by Alderperson Laster, seconded by Alderperson Salazar, to recommend the Common Council receive and file R.O. No. 117-21-22. Motion carried 4-0.

3.3 Res. No. 125-21-22 (1-17-22) A Resolution authorizing the appropriate City officials to accept and expend funds received from the Wisconsin Department of Justice as part of the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Program

Sgt. Blodgett informed the committee that the JAG funding is the primary source of outside funding supporting this multi-agency effort. Motion by Alderperson Dekker, seconded by Alderperson Laster, to recommend the Common Council adopt Res. No. 125-21-22. Motion carried 4-0.

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

There is presently one "Class B" alcohol beverage license available. James Kupfer, Jesus Cruz and Armando Cruz, and Erika Torrison all appeared before the committee to present their cases regarding pre-applications for the available license.

James Kupfer of Franklin, Wisconsin stated that construction of the Watershed Hotel at 838 North 15th Street on the river is about one-half completed and they will be opening in June. The hotel will have 25 rooms and an outdoor event space with a capacity of 120. Alcohol would only be served during private events and they are estimating there will be approximately 20 to 30 events per year during the warmer months only.

Jesus Cruz and Armando Cruz spoke on behalf of Fast Taco located at 2139 South Business Drive. They recently opened and are serving approximately 200 people per day. They want to grow their business by serving margaritas, etc. They have indoor seating for 12 people. Their business also includes a Mexican grocery store, including beer for sale.

Erika Torrison spoke on behalf of West Coast Café and Lounge to be located at 1210 Michigan Avenue where she has been renting space since January. They will be open for breakfast and then open up again at 4:00 p.m. for dinner and she wants to operate a full bar. Capacity is 80 upstairs and 80 down. They plan to be open before summer.

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

Motion by Alderperson Dekker to invite West Coast Café and Lounge to apply for the available "Class B" alcohol beverage license within 10 days. Motion died for lack of a second.

Following further discussion, a motion was made by Alderperson Salazar, seconded by Alderperson Dekker, to invite West Coast Café and Lounge to apply for the available "Class B" alcohol beverage license within 10 days. Motion carried 4-0.

3.6 R.O. No. 120-21-22 (1-17-22) by City Clerk submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2022

Motion by Alderperson Salazar, seconded by Alderperson Dekker, to approve all applications on R.O. No. 120-21-22. Motion carried 4-0.

4. NEXT MEETING DATE

4.1 Next meeting date will be February 16, 2022

The next committee meeting is scheduled to be held on February 16, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

5. ADJOURN

5.1 Motion to adjourn

Motion by Alderperson Salazar, seconded by Alderperson Dekker, to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.