



# **LICENSING, HEARINGS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - MINUTES**

**April 13, 2022 at 5:00 PM**

**City Hall - Third Floor - Common Council Chambers, 828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan WI**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Alderperson Barb Felde, Vice Chair Alderperson Betty Ackley, Alderperson Dean Dekker, Alderperson Amanda Salazar

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Alderperson Leslie Laster

**STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT:** City Attorney Charles Adams, Mayor Ryan Sorenson, City Clerk Meredith DeBruin, Police Chief Christopher Domagalski, Fire Chief Eric Montellano, Licensing Clerk Melissa Fassbender, Paralegal Marie Foss

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dave Felde, Irma Valdez, Maria Pavon, Bailey Kupfer, Kia Yang, Yeng Yang, Nicole Milligan

## **OPENING OF MEETING**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Introduction of Committee members, staff and guests

## **MINUTES**

5. Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD MARCH 30, 2022.

Motion made by Alderperson Dekker, seconded by Vice Chair Ackley.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Salazar, Chair Felde, Vice Chair Ackley, Alderperson Dekker.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

6. Presentations by potential applicants for available "Class A" alcohol beverage licenses

There are presently two "Class A" alcohol beverage licenses available. Kia Yang and Yeng Yang appeared before the committee on behalf of Union Asian Market, 2022 South 17th Street, to present their case regarding pre-application for one of the available

licenses. Union Asian Market is a specialty ethnic grocery store which was established in 1982 and they recently took over ownership in January 2022. They carry Asian specific products and want to include alcohol and Asian specific liquors.

7. Discussion and action regarding granting opportunity to apply for available "Class A" alcohol beverage licenses

MOTION TO INVITE UNION ASIAN MARKET TO APPLY FOR AN AVAILABLE "CLASS A" ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE.

Motion made by Alderperson Dekker, seconded by Vice Chair Ackley.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Salazar, Chair Felde, Vice Chair Ackley, Alderperson Dekker.

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

There is presently one "Class B" alcohol beverage license available. Maria Pavon, Bailey Kupfer, Nicole Milligan, and Irma Valdez all appeared before the committee to present their cases regarding pre-application for the available license.

Maria Pavon spoke on behalf of Cocina Mi Familia located at 1423 Union Avenue (formerly El Durango). They have owned the business since August 2021 and serve authentic Mexican food. They feel a liquor license would enhance the dining experience. Capacity is presently 80. They are actively renovating and transitioning to the new name. An outdoor dining patio may be added in the future.

Bailey Kupfer spoke on behalf of the Watershed Hotel at 838 North 15th Street on the river. They plan to open on July 1st. This boutique hotel will have 25 rooms and an outdoor event space with a capacity of 200. They estimate 20 to 30 weddings per year during the warmer months. The inside bar has a capacity of 39 and will be open 5-11 p.m. seven days a week.

Nicole Milligan spoke on behalf of Harbor Petroleum, 905 Indiana Avenue. A bar and restaurant will be located on the other side of the gas station. Capacity will be around 50 and they should be ready to open in two to three months. The majority of income will come from the food served which will include Indian food. There will also be gambling machines.

Irma Valdez spoke on behalf of Bar 9 located at 1034 Michigan Avenue. They have been renovating since February 2021 and the bar area is ready, but they need about six more weeks in order to be able to serve food. The bar is primary and the restaurant is secondary. Occupancy is currently 50 and that will increase to 75 when food is served. It will be primarily Mexican food and also bar food.

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

MOTION TO INVITE THE WATERSHED HOTEL TO APPLY FOR THE AVAILABLE "CLASS B" ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE.

Motion made by Alderperson Dekker, seconded by Chair Felde.

Voting Yea: Chair Felde, Alderperson Dekker.

Noting Nay: Alderperson Salazar, Vice Chair Ackley.

MOTION FAILED 2-2.

MOTION TO INVITE COCINA MI FAMILIA TO APPLY FOR THE AVAILABLE "CLASS B" ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE.

Motion made by Alderperson Salazar, seconded by Vice Chair Ackley.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Salazar, Vice Chair Ackley.

Voting Nay: Chair Felde, Alderperson Dekker.

MOTION FAILED 2-2.

MOTION TO REFER THE MATTER OF THE AVAILABLE "CLASS B" ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE TO THE LICENSING, HEARINGS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE NEW COUNCIL.

Motion made by Alderperson Salazar, seconded by Vice Chair Ackley.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Salazar, Chair Felde, Vice Chair Ackley, Alderperson Dekker.

10. Discussion regarding the Capital Improvements Projects for the Police Department for the years 2023-2027 (discussion only)

Chief Domagalski discussed the Police Department's capital improvement projects for the years 2023-2027. Projects for 2023 include replacement of four marked vehicles that are on a 4-year replacement cycle and one patrol wagon that is 21 years old.

11. Discussion regarding the Capital Improvements Projects for the Fire Department for the years 2023-2027 (discussion only)

Chief Montellano discussed the Fire Department's capital improvement projects for the years 2023-2027. Projects for 2023 include a multi-phase land acquisition and construction plan for Station #3 Headquarters, scheduled ambulance replacement, and Station 4 window and door replacement.

12. R. C. No. 322-20-21 (4-19-21) [see also R.O. No. 76-20-21 (9-21-20)] submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2022. Bev. Op. Lic. [NEW] App. No. 3355 (John Koubaroulis)

MOTION TO REFER R.O. NO. 76-20-21 TO THE LICENSING, HEARINGS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE NEW COUNCIL.

Motion made by Alderperson Dekker, seconded by Vice Chair Ackley.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Salazar, Chair Felde, Vice Chair Ackley, Alderperson Dekker.

13. R. O. No. 139-21-22 (4-6-22) by City Clerk submitting various license applications.

MOTION TO GRANT ALL APPLICATIONS ON R.O. NO. 139-21-22, WITH THE CHANGE OF AGENT FOR SPEEDUP 7 LLC AND SPEEDUP 11 LLC GRANTED CONTINGENT UPON PAYMENT OF MONIES OWED BY THE PROPOSED AGENT TO THE CITY, AND THE LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR APP. NO. 3531 (HARBOR PETROLEUM LLC) AND NO. 3517 (UNION ASIAN MARKET LLC) GRANTED CONTINGENT UPON FIXING THE PREMISES DESCRIPTIONS.

Motion made by Alderperson Dekker, seconded by Vice Chair Ackley.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Salazar, Chair Felde, Vice Chair Ackley, Alderperson Dekker.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

14. The next committee meeting date is to be determined.

## **ADJOURN**

15. Motion to adjourn sine die

MOTION TO ADJOURN SINE DIE AT 6:19 PM.

Motion made by Alderperson Dekker, seconded by Vice Chair Ackley.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Salazar, Chair Felde, Vice Chair Ackley, Alderperson Dekker.