

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
LICENSING, HEARINGS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, July 13, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Alderperson Barb Felde, Vice Chair Alderperson Betty Ackley, Alderperson Dean Dekker, Alderperson Joseph Heidemann

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Alderperson Amanda Salazar

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Attorney Charles Adams, Police Chief Chris Domagalski, Lt. William Adams, Licensing Clerk Melissa Fassbender, Mayor's Assistant Veronica Valdez, Paralegal Marie Foss

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Felde, Joseph Bonelli, Bailey Kupfer, Hope Miller, Maria Pavon, Ricardo Pavon

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

Chair Alderperson Barb Felde called the meeting to order at 4:15 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 JUNE 29, 2022.

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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Res. No. 35-22-23 (7-5-22) A Resolution authorizing application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Fiscal Year 2022 Local Solicitation and entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Sheboygan County.

Police Chief Domagalski gave an overview of the grant request. This is being shared with Sheboygan County for a total of \$18,499, with Sheboygan Police Department's share

being \$9,224.50. This will be used to replace tasers and/or replace equipment for the emergency response team.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE COMMON COUNCIL ADOPT RES. NO. 35-22-23.

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

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

7. Presentations by potential applicants for available “Class B” alcohol beverage licenses.

There are presently two “Class B” alcohol beverage licenses available. Hope Miller, Joseph Bonelli, Bailey Kupfer, Maria Pavon, and Ricardo Pavon all appeared before the committee to present their cases regarding pre-application for the available licenses.

Hope Miller spoke on behalf of Harbor Bar and Grill, 905 Indiana Avenue. A bar and restaurant will be located on the other side of the gas station. They would like to stay competitive with the surrounding businesses by being able to offer liquor. Discussed that there is clear separation by doors and walls between Class “A” premise and proposed “Class B” premise. There will also be gambling machines.

Joseph Bonelli spoke on behalf of On My Way LLC (Mojo), 1235 Pennsylvania Avenue. Has owned the building since 2004. There has been an extensive remodel and the building is a historical landmark. The business has previously won numerous awards including Best Tavern, Best Fish Fry and Culinary star awards. The plan is to eventually be open 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Bailey Kupfer spoke on behalf of the Watershed Hotel, 838 N 15th Street. Their new open date has been pushed back to August 1st due to elevator construction. Bailey said that is the last item they are waiting on. They just received their “Class A” license, but would also like “Class B” for their bar and events. Addressed separation of licensed premises – Bailey said that the “Class A” is behind the desk locked with a chain cord and the “Class B” would cover the bar and their venue space. Attorney Adams asked if Watershed Hotel would be willing to give up their “Class A” as the “Class B” would cover their entire premise. Bailey stated they were advised by the State to have both to cover liability but that they would prefer to have the “Class B” to serve at their bar and events.

Maria Pavon and Ricardo Pavon spoke on behalf of La Cucina La Familia, 1423 Union Avenue. Maria said that with a “Class B” license they would be able to extend their hours and would look into increasing their current restaurant capacity of 48. La Cucina maintained being open during the pandemic and had continued to bring delicious fresh to order Mexican food. Ricardo added that due to high demand from the community, they have had to add staff. They are a family oriented business and wish to be able to continue to serve their community great food and great drinks with a “Class B” license.

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

MOTION TO INVITE LA CUCINA LA FAMILIA TO APPLY FOR ONE OF THE AVAILABLE "CLASS B" ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES.

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

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

MOTION TO INVITE ON MY WAY LLC (MOJO) TO APPLY FOR ONE OF THE AVAILABLE "CLASS B" ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES.

Motion made by Alderperson Heidemann. Motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION TO RETAIN ONE "CLASS B" ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE.

Motion made by Alderperson Heidemann, seconded by Alderperson Dekker.

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

9. R. O. No. 36-22-23 (7-5-22) by City Clerk submitting various license applications.

MOTION TO GRANT THE APPLICATIONS ON R.O. NO. 36-22-23.

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

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

10. R. C. No. 291-21-22 (4-18-22) [see also R. C. 322-20-21 (4-19-21) and R. O. No. 76-20-21 (9-21-20)] by City Clerk submitting various license applications: Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 3355 (John Koubaroulis)

MOTION TO FILE R. C. No. 291-21-22 (4-18-22).

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

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

NEXT MEETING DATE

11. The next committee meeting is scheduled to be held on July 27, 2022 at 4:15 p.m.

ADJOURN

12. Motion to adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 4:57 PM.

Motion made by Alderperson Dekker, seconded by Alderperson Ackley.

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