



LICENSING, HEARINGS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

May 11, 2022 at 4:00 PM

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Alderperson Barb Felde, Alderperson Joseph Heidemann, Alderperson Amanda Salazar (arrived at 4:12 p.m.), Alderperson Dean Dekker (arrived at 4:40 p.m.)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Vice Chair Alderperson Betty Ackley

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Felde, Irma Valdez, Maria Pavon, Ricardo Pavon, Bailey Kupfer, Nicole Milligan

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

Chair Alderperson Barb Felde called the meeting to order at 4:12 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 APRIL 13, 2022.

Motion made by Alderperson Heidemann, seconded by Alderperson Salazar.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Salazar, Chair Felde, Alderperson Heidemann.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Presentation to the Committee by City Attorney's Office and Sheboygan Police Department

City Attorney Adams discussed the general duties of the committee and the various types of licenses the committee will be dealing with, and also other matters the committee will

handle, including ordinance changes, quasi-judicial hearings on the suspension/revocation of licenses, and matters referred to the City's ethics board. CA Adams pointed out that the State of Wisconsin recently allowed most licenses to be approved by the Clerk rather than coming to the Common Council, so that is why not all license applications appear on the R.O.'s issued by the Clerk.

7. Adoption of the policies and procedures of the Licensing, Hearings, and Public Safety Committee

Copies of the following policies/procedures of the committee were distributed and discussed briefly:

- Guidelines To Be Used For Granting & Denial of Liquor Licenses
- Policy Statement on Issuance of Original "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor Licenses
- Licensing, Hearings, and Public Safety Committee Policy Regarding Treatment of Licenses

MOTION TO ADOPT THE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES OF THE LICENSING, HEARINGS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

Motion made by Alderperson Salazar, seconded by Alderperson Heidemann.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Salazar, Chair Felde, Alderperson Heidemann.

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

There is presently one "Class B" alcohol beverage license available. Maria Pavon and Ricardo Pavon, Bailey Kupfer, Nicole Milligan, and Irma Valdez all appeared before the committee to again present their cases regarding pre-application for the available license. All four businesses had also made presentations at the April 13, 2022 meeting.

Maria Pavon and Ricardo 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. Mr. Pavon indicated that having a liquor license would also allow them to extend their business hours each day.

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. Ms. Kupfer discussed the room tax benefits to the City and stated that without a liquor license they might not be able to book as many weddings because dry weddings are not as popular.

Alderperson Dekker joined the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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 approximately two 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 now ready. The restaurant area is almost ready. 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. Ms. Valdez indicated that Bar 9 purchased the bar with a liquor license but due to a misunderstanding lost that license as a result of the continuation of business ordinance.

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

MOTION TO INVITE BAR 9 TO APPLY FOR THE AVAILABLE "CLASS B" ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE.

Motion made by Alderperson Dekker, seconded by Alderperson Salazar.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Salazar, Chair Felde, Alderperson Dekker, Alderperson Heidemann.

10. R.O. No. 142-21-22 (4-18-22) by Fire Chief pursuant to section 50-564 of the Municipal Code, submitting the quarterly report of Benchmark Measurements for the Fire Department, for the period commencing January 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2022.

Chief Montellano reviewed the Fire Department's report of Benchmark Measurements for the Fire Department for the first quarter of 2022.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE COMMON COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE R.O. NO. 142-21-22.

Motion made by Alderperson Dekker, seconded by Alderperson Heidemann.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Salazar, Chair Felde, Alderperson Dekker, Alderperson Heidemann.

11. R.O. No. 141-21-22 (4-18-22) by Chief of Police Christopher Domagalski submitting the quarterly report showing the Benchmark Measurements for the Police Department for the period commencing January 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2022.

Chief Domagalski reviewed the Police Department's report of Benchmark Measurements for the first quarter of 2022.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE COMMON COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE R.O. NO. 141-21-22.

Motion made by Alderperson Dekker, seconded by Alderperson Salazar.

Voting Yea: Alderperson Salazar, Chair Felde, Alderperson Dekker, Alderperson Heidemann.

12. Res. No. 3-22-23 (5-2-22) A Resolution authorizing the appropriate City officials to enter into agreement with the Sheboygan Area School District relative to providing the public school system with school liaison officers from the Sheboygan Police Department.

Chief Domagalski informed the committee that the current agreement with the Sheboygan Area School District expires on June 30, 2022. This partnership has had a positive impact on the community.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE COMMON COUNCIL ADOPT RES. NO. 3-22-23.
Motion made by Alderperson Dekker, seconded by Alderperson Heidemann.
Voting Yea: Alderperson Salazar, Chair Felde, Alderperson Dekker, Alderperson Heidemann.

13. R.O. No. 2-22-23 (4-18-22) by City Clerk submitting various license applications.

MOTION TO GRANT THE APPLICATIONS ON R.O. NO. 2-22-23.
Motion made by Alderperson Dekker, seconded by Alderperson Salazar.
Voting Yea: Alderperson Salazar, Chair Felde, Alderperson Dekker, Alderperson Heidemann.

14. R.O. No. 9-22-23 (5-2-22) by City Clerk submitting various license applications.

MOTION TO HOLD THE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR APP. NO. 3539-REYNOSO PROPERTIES LLC (GUGU'S BAR AND GRILL) AND GRANT THE REMAINDER OF APPLICATIONS ON R.O. NO. 9-22-23.
Motion made by Alderperson Dekker, seconded by Alderperson Heidemann.
Voting Yea: Alderperson Salazar, Chair Felde, Alderperson Dekker, Alderperson Heidemann.

NEXT MEETING DATE

15. The next committee meeting is scheduled to be held on May 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

16. Motion to adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:21 PM.
Motion made by Alderperson Salazar, seconded by Alderperson Dekker.
Voting Yea: Alderperson Salazar, Chair Felde, Alderperson Dekker, Alderperson Heidemann.