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Legislation, Licensing, & Communications Committee

Tuesday, July 12, 2005
Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Aids. Birschel, Grimm, Krill, Sullivan, Treis - 5

ALSO PRESENT: Chief B. Weber, Police; T. Wontorek, City Administrator; A. Kesner, City Atty.

ABSENT: Ald. Subotich

Ald. Treis as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

Operator license renewal application by Herman K. Hadley, 8424 W. Lisbon Avenue, Milwaukee, for the period ending June 30, 2006

The applicant did not appear. Chief Weber advised the committee that Mr. Hadley did not have any pending citations on his record. The Committee members noted that this was a renewal license application.

Moved by Ald. Birschel, seconded by Ald. Grimm
to recommend approval - 5

Class B beer and liquor license application by Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 9400 W. Congress, James Maholias, agent

The Committee verified with Chief Weber that there have not been any problems with the agent James Maholias or Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. Mr. Maholias was present and he advised the Committee that the license would be used for weddings and other social events.

Moved by Ald. Krill, seconded by Ald. Sullivan
to recommend approval – 5

Referred from Common Council the matter of State fiscal controls on property tax increases

Ald. Sullivan stated that he was pleased with the letter drafted by Mr. Wontorek, and that paragraph alternative #2 is his preference. Paragraph #2 explains current policies that allow residents to express their concerns at Public Hearings and the ballot box. He also stated that taking control of property taxes from local municipalities and basing priorities on a formulaic equation concerns him. He believes that representation of the community is an important factor.

Ald. Krill stated that the proposal by the legislature seems misguided because it does not consider increasing personnel, school, healthcare, and cost of living expenses. He also pointed out that rural communities will not have demolition expenses that decrease tax revenues. Ald. Sullivan added that the proposal does not consider examples such as unexpected healthcare increases exceeding 20% or gasoline

increases of \$.20 overnight. Ald. Sullivan said that these issues are better dealt with locally, not by legislature through mathematics. The proposal usurps local control, promotes urban sprawl, and provides development incentives for outlying communities. Mr. Wontorek stated that the legislature provides relief of these concerns via referendum. If a community feels that the annual budget will exceed the amount provided, the community can follow the procedures set forth by the legislature to request additional funding through referendum.

Moved by Ald. Sullivan, seconded by Ald. Krill
to recommend approval of the draft including
paragraph alternative #2 - 5

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
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