



## CITY OF WAUWATOSA

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### LEGISLATION, LICENSING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting – Tuesday, January 5, 2010

Committee Room #2

PRESENT: Alds. Birschel, Dennik, Hanson, Herzog, Nikcevich - 5

ABSENT: Ald. Organ

ALSO PRESENT: A. Kesner, City Attorney; Police Chief B. Weber

Ald. Birschel as chair called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

#### **Ordinance creating Section 6.08.095 of the city code prohibiting the issuance of Class A Beer / Class A Liquor licenses to establishments also selling gasoline**

Ald. Nikcevich brought this item before the committee because she was concerned about the number of Class A Liquor Licenses that have been approved in Wauwatosa. She also was concerned by an apparent increase in the number of drunken driving arrests.

Chief Weber noted that with regard to any increase in drunken driving arrests, they have had an increased number of OWI Task Force officers out patrolling in overtime. This program was paid for by a grant. He emphasized that Wauwatosa police officers are very diligent. He didn't think there were more incidents than in the past rather that there are more officers acting as more eyes on the road.

Ald. Nikcevich would like to see if there was a correlation between an increase in locations selling alcohol in Wauwatosa and an increase in OWI arrests.

Moved by Ald. Nikcevich, seconded by Ald. Birschel to recommend approval to prohibit the issuance of Class A Beer / Class A Liquor licenses to gas stations and to limit the number of Class A Beer / Class A Liquor licenses issued citywide --

After some committee members expressed concern regarding limiting the number of licenses, the motion the motioner and seconder withdrew the motion.

Moved by Ald. Nikcevich, seconded by Ald. Birschel to recommend approval to prohibit the issuance of Class A Beer / Class A Liquor licenses to gas stations. Vote on the motion was Ayes: 2, Noes: 3 (Dennik, Hanson, Herzog)

The motion failed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM

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Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
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