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LEGISLATION, LICENSING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting - Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Committee Room #2 – 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Alds. Birschel, Dennik, Herzog, Hanson, Nikcevich, Organ – 6

ALSO PRESENT: A. Kesner, City Atty.; B. Weber, Police Chief; J. Archambo, City Admin.

Ald. Birschel as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Transfer of Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License by Pitch’s Club 113, LLC d/b/a The Baby Grand to Jo-Jo’s Martini Bar LLC, d/b/a Jo-Jo’s Pizza & Pub, 11302 W. Blue Mound Road, Joseph A. Fugarino, agent for the period ending June 30, 2010

Mr. John Picciurro of The Baby Grand and Mr. Joseph Fugarino were present. Mr. Picciurro mentioned how long his business has been in existence. He explained that he would like to transfer the business licenses to Mr. Fugarino and was confident that Jo-Jo’s Pizza and Pub would be an asset to the area. Mr. Kesner and Chief Weber had no objections.

Moved by Ald. Hanson, seconded by Ald. Dennik to
recommend approval of the Class “B” Beer and “Class B”
Liquor License transfer - 6

Operator License application by Sara J. Beam, 7522 W. Sheridan Avenue, Milwaukee, for the period ending June 30, 2010

Ms. Beam was present. Ald. Birschel read the first bullet point on the application for the applicants. Ms. Beam did not disclose anything on her application. Ms. Beam stated that she misunderstood the application. Mr. Kesner and Chief Weber had nothing to add.

Ald. Herzog asked the clerk whether the responsible beverage server training was a certified course. The clerk answered affirmatively. He asked Ms. Beam to explain the offense and if she was trying to hide something by not disclosing the information. Ms. Beam assured the committee that she wasn’t trying to hide anything.

Ald. Organ asked the applicants that were present how to make the form more comprehensible so that they couldn’t say that they didn’t understand the question. She stated that she doesn’t understand why the form is so confusing. The committee concurred that the form is clear.

Ald. Herzog felt that this is a recurring problem but that the committee needs to draw the line individually, taking into consideration the applicant’s individual statements and explanations.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded by Ald. Hanson to
recommend approval of the operator license -6

Operator License application by Michelle R. Carter, 3208 W. Mount Vernon, Milwaukee, for the period ending June 30, 2010

Ms. Carter was present. Ms. Carter explained the nature of her offense and how she took responsibility through community service. Ms. Carter provided receipts to show that all fines were paid in full. Chief Weber confirmed that the warrant was paid.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded by Ald. Hanson to recommend approval of the operator license - 6

Operator License application by Nicole L. Laus, 2210 Booth Street, Apt. #1, Milwaukee, for the period ending June 30, 2010

Ms. Laus was not present. The committee requested that this application be held until the next scheduled meeting.

Operator License application by Matthew J. Mozejewski, 10876 W. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Wauwatosa, for the period ending June 30, 2010

Mr. Mozejewski was present. Ald. Birschel gave Mr. Mozejewski the opportunity to explain the incidents on his police report. Chief Weber asked Mr. Mozejewski about a specific item on the report and Mr. Mozejewski said he didn't recall the incident as it was reported. Mr. Kesner said that sometimes an offense is recorded differently than the actual happening. After more discussion with Mr. Mozejewski, that was the conclusion.

Ald. Herzog stated that he had some concerns regarding the nature of Mr. Mozejewski's offenses. He proceeded to question the applicant regarding some discrepancies between the police report and Mr. Mozejewski's statements. Mr. Kesner explained the differences between the types of offenses on the police report. Chief Weber and Mr. Kesner will contact West Allis Police Department to get clarification on an item in question on the applicant's report.

Ald. Organ stated that she had concerns about granting this license to Mr. Mozejewski. She suggested that he consider seeking employment that doesn't require an operator license.

Moved by Ald. Organ to recommend denial of the operator license --

Ald. Herzog asked the committee to consider approving this license application based on the fact that Mr. Mozejewski did disclose most of the offenses as he recalled them. Ald. Herzog didn't feel that the applicant was trying to hide anything. Ald. Herzog also asked Chief Weber and/or Mr. Kesner to submit the information from the West Allis Police Department to the committee before the next Common Council meeting. They agreed.

Motion failed for lack of second.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded Ald. Hanson to recommend approval of operator license with a six month review -6

Operator License application by Julia M. Figlesthler, 10310 W. Rogers Street, West Allis, for the period ending June 30, 2010

Ms. Figlesthler was not present. The committee requested that this application be held until the next scheduled meeting.

Operator License application by Shamane T. Anderson, 2434 N. 41st Street, Milwaukee, for the period ending June 30, 2010

Ms. Anderson was present. Ms. Anderson was unable to recall the incident dating back 11 years. She did explain that the second offense was dismissed and the other offenses listed separately on the police report were actually part of a single incident.

Ald. Herzog stated that she did disclose the information.

Ms. Anderson asked if she could make a statement to the committee. She stated that she has made serious efforts to change her lifestyle in regard to the choices she makes and will continue to do so.

Moved by Ald. Herzog, seconded by Ald. Nikceovich to
recommend approval of the operator license -6

Operator License application by Sterling D. Paris, 8853 N. Swan Road, Milwaukee, for the period ending June 30, 2010

Mr. Paris was present. Chief Weber stated that Mr. Paris has not had any offenses since 2004. Mr. Paris provided a receipt showing payment of his fine. Chief Weber confirmed that the warrant was paid.

Mr. Kesner explained some of the wording on the police report for the benefit of the committee.

Ald. Organ asked Mr. Paris to explain what direction he has taken to correct his previous pattern of behavior. He gave responses and examples that satisfied the committee.

Moved by Ald. Dennik, seconded by Ald. Hanson to
recommend approval of operator license -6

Licenses forwarded for review

The committee reviewed the following Operator License applications and directed that the applicants be requested to appear at the next meeting: Ariel A. McDonald, 8128 W. Casper Street, Milwaukee; Amanda J. Schaefer, 3272 S. Quincy Avenue, Milwaukee; Michael J. Thelen, 2309 N. 83rd Street, Apt. #2, Wauwatosa; Monica M. Rickey, 8506 S. Melrose Drive, Oak Creek; Randy C. Robinson, 8803 W. Congress, Milwaukee; Aariela M. Steele, 3312 S. 15th Street, Milwaukee;

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk
City of Wauwatosa

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