

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON LAW & LICENSING

January 11, 2011 - 5:00 p.m.
Common Council Chambers, City Hall

Members Present: Chairperson Ald. Eric Rindfleisch, Vice Chairperson Ald. Jodi VanderWeele, Ald. Tom Bowers, Ald. Julie Kath
Excused: Ald. William Wangemann
Others in Attendance: Assistant City Attorney Charles Adams, Licensing Clerk Cinda Langhoff, Leah S. Knepfel, Randall L. Graham, Krysta Lee Koppelman, Annette C. Capetillo, Manuel O. Alvarez

Chairperson Rindfleisch called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introduction of committee members, staff and guests.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held December 28, 2010 was made by Ald. VanderWeele and seconded by Ald. Kath. **All ayes; motion approved.**

R.O. No. 302-10-11 (16-65) – Various License Applications: Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 8903 (Leah S. Knepfel)

Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

Leah S. Knepfel appeared before the committee to discuss her application. After discussion of her record, Ald. Bowers moved, seconded by Ald. VanderWeele, to grant the license with a warning to avoid all future law violations. **All ayes; motion approved.**

R.O. No. 314-10-11 (17-52) – Various License Applications: Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 8908 (Leah L. Kraemer)

Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

Leah L. Kraemer failed to appear before the committee. Ald. VanderWeele moved, seconded by Ald. Bowers, to deny the license application based upon Ms. Kraemer's failure to accurately reveal all relevant convictions on her application and her failure to cooperate with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

R.O. No. 339-10-11 (18-56) – Various License Applications: “Class B” Liquor Lic. App. No. 2786 (Joint Ventures); Taxicab Op. Lic. App. Nos. 8924 (Randall L. Graham) and 8189 (Krysta Lee Koppelman)

Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

The release of license issue regarding Joint Ventures has not been cleared up yet. Ald. VanderWeele moved, seconded by Ald. Kath, to hold “Class B” Liquor Lic. App. No. 2786 (Joint Ventures) until the next meeting. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Randall L. Graham appeared before the committee to discuss his application. After discussion of his record and his failure to include violations on his application, Ald. Bowers moved, seconded by Ald. VanderWeele, to deny the license application based upon Mr. Graham's failure to accurately reveal all relevant convictions on his application, his record of violations, and public safety concerns. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Krysta Lee Koppelman was not present when R.O. No. 339-10-11 was first discussed. A motion was made by Ald. VanderWeele, seconded by Ald. Kath, to request via certified mailing Ms. Koppelman's appearance at the next meeting. **All ayes; motion approved.** However, Ms. Koppelman then did appear later during the meeting to discuss her application with the committee. Ald. VanderWeele moved, seconded by Ald. Kath, to rescind the prior motion. **All ayes; motion approved.** After discussion of her record and her failure to include violations on her application, Ald. Bowers moved, seconded by Ald. VanderWeele, to grant the license with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications. **All ayes; motion approved.**

R.O. No. 348-10-11 (19-5) – Various License Applications

Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

Ald. VanderWeele moved, seconded by Ald. Bowers, to grant change of premise request to Alc. Bev. Lic. No. 1005 (Al & Al's) contingent on their getting a street festival permit and obtaining permission to use city street right of way to sell alcohol. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. VanderWeele moved, seconded by Ald. Kath, to grant license with warning letter (to include all violations on future applications) to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 8933 (Dylan D. Brunette). **Three ayes and one nay (Ald. Rindfleisch); motion approved.**

Ald. Bowers moved, seconded by Ald. VanderWeele, to grant license with warning letter (to include all violations on future applications) to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 8930 (Dzemaal Crnovrsanin). **Three ayes and one nay (Ald. Kath); motion approved.**

Ald. VanderWeele moved, seconded by Ald. Bowers, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 8928 (Alec G. Hunter) to discuss his application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. VanderWeele moved, seconded by Ald. Kath, to call in Taxicab Op. Lic. App. No. 8932 (Clifford D. Ehrenreich) to discuss his application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. VanderWeele moved, seconded by Ald. Kath, to grant the remainder of the license applications for individuals and entities listed on the above-referenced R.O. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Possible action regarding Alc. Bev. Lic. No. 2556-The Spot Bar & Grill (Annette C. Capetillo, Agent) and Bev. Op. Lic. No. 7972 (Manuel O. Alvarez)

Annette C. Capetillo and Manuel O. Alvarez appeared before the committee to discuss the December 28, 2010 incident. Ms. Capetillo indicated that one of the two bartenders on duty that night had gone home sick. The underage person came in with a large group of people and went directly to the back room unnoticed. The underage person had not been carded because she never

approached Mr. Alvarez at the bar. A motion was made by Ald. VanderWeele, seconded by Ald. Bowers, to issue warnings to The Spot Bar & Grill and Manuel O. Alvarez regarding the incident. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Discussion and possible action regarding law violations that may require future action by the Committee

ACA Adams informed the committee that Eric Daun still hasn't come in to apply for the "Class B" Liquor License which on November 9, 2010 he was granted permission to apply for. Ald. VanderWeele made a motion, seconded by Ald. Kath, to call in Eric Daun to discuss the matter. **All ayes; motion approved.**

ACA Adams informed the committee that Marks Fine Food & Cocktails is now in violation of the continuation of business ordinance. Ald. VanderWeele made a motion, seconded by Ald. Kath, to call in Alc. Bev. Lic. No. 1222-Marks Fine Food & Cocktails (Mark Wickesberg, Agent) to discuss the matter. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Rindfleisch mentioned a recent bar fight at Ashley's Bar & Grill on Christmas Eve involving a bartender there. ACA Adams indicated that he was not aware of this incident, but will check into it.

Ald. VanderWeele made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Kath seconded the motion. **All ayes; motion approved.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

The next committee meeting is scheduled to be held on January 25, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers located at City Hall, 828 Center Avenue.