

**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE ON LAW & LICENSING**

**January 25, 2011 - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Common Council Chambers, City Hall**

**Members Present:** Chairperson Ald. Eric Rindfleisch, Ald. Tom Bowers, Ald. Julie Kath, Ald. William Wangemann  
**Excused:** Vice Chairperson Ald. Jodi VanderWeele  
**Others in Attendance:** Assistant City Attorney Charles Adams, Lt. Scott Mittelstadt, Ald. Jim Bohren, Assessor Lee Grosenick, Alec G. Hunter, Clifford D. Ehrenreich, Eric Daun

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 January 11, 2011 was made by Ald. Kath and seconded by Ald. Bowers. **All ayes; motion approved.**

**Discussion and possible action regarding requiring payments in lieu of taxes from non-profit license applicants**

Lengthy discussion regarding requiring payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) from non-profit license applicants. Ald. Bohren suggested adding such a voluntary payment to the list of considerations when giving permission to apply for available licenses. Lee Grosenick indicated that some non-profits are in fact paying property taxes on the portion of their property related to the for-profit business. A motion was made by Ald. Bowers, seconded by Ald. Wangemann, to have ACA Adams revise the committee's policy statement with regard to granting liquor licenses to include examination of the financial impact on the City. **All ayes; motion approved.**

**R.O. No. 339-10-11 (18-56) – Various License Applications: “Class B” Liquor Lic. App. No. 2786 (Joint Ventures)** 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. Bowers moved, seconded by Ald. Kath, to hold “Class B” Liquor Lic. App. No. 2786 (Joint Ventures) until the next meeting. **All ayes; motion approved.**

**R.O. No. 348-10-11 (19-5) – Various License Applications: Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 8928 (Alec G. Hunter); Taxicab Op. Lic. App. No. 8932 (Clifford D. Ehrenreich)**

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

Alec G. Hunter 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. Kath, to grant the license with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications. **All ayes; motion approved.**

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

**R.O. No. 361-10-11 (20-59) – Various License Applications**

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

Ald. Wangemann moved, seconded by Ald. Kath, to grant license (contingent on applicant meeting all requirements) to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 8048 (Jodi L. Reinemann). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Bowers moved, seconded by Ald. Wangemann, to call in Taxicab Op. Lic. App. No. 8936 (Shelly L. King) to discuss her application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Kath moved to call in App. No. 8938 (Sandoval). **Motion died for lack of a second.** Ald. Wangemann moved, seconded by Ald. Bowers, to grant license with warning letter (to include all violations on future applications) to Taxicab Op. Lic. App. No. 8938 (Juan Carlos Sandoval). **Three ayes and one nay (Ald. Kath); motion approved.**

Ald. Wangemann moved, seconded by Ald. Bowers, to grant license with warning letter to App. No. 7308 (Siegl). **Two ayes and two nays (Ald. Kath and Ald. Rindfleisch); motion failed.** Ald. Kath moved, seconded by Ald. Rindfleisch, to call in Taxicab Op. Lic. App. No. 7308 (Andrew W. Siegl) to discuss his application with the committee. **Three ayes and one nay (Ald. Bowers); motion approved.**

Ald. Wangemann 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.**

**Discussion and possible action regarding status of Eric Daun's application for available "Class B" Liquor License**

Eric Daun appeared before the committee and explained that he has an accepted offer to purchase on the Smokehouse Grill property and the offer contains a financing contingency. Mr. Daun's first attempt at financing was unsuccessful, but he is now working with First Financial, and is waiting to hear back from them. Ald. Kath moved, seconded by Ald. Wangemann, to give Eric Daun an additional 21 days to apply for the liquor license, with the right to apply being automatically revoked after 21 days. **All ayes; motion approved.**

**Possible action regarding Alc. Bev. Lic. No. 1222-Marks Fine Food & Cocktails (Mark C. Wickesberg, Agent)**

ACA Adams informed the committee that Mark Wickesberg turned in the license on Monday, January 24, 2011.

**Possible action regarding Alc. Bev. Lic. No. 2698-Coco Fish (Salvador R. Meza, President)**

Salvador Meza failed to appear to update the committee on changes being made at Coco Fish to ensure compliance with the law. Lt. Mittelstadt informed the committee that Enrique Hernandez did meet with the night shift supervisor on December 20th and they had worked on a list of items. Lt. Mittelstadt also indicated that on December 31st Enrique Hernandez did contact the police as soon as a fight between two patrons broke out at the bar. Lt. Mittelstadt feels that the committee should monitor the police calls regarding this establishment for a while longer. Ald. Bowers moved, seconded by Ald. Wangemann, to call in Mr. Meza to the next L&L meeting so that he can explain what changes have been made at Coco Fish. **All ayes; motion approved.**

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

After hearing a brief report from ACA Adams regarding a fight between a bartender and a patron at Ashleys Bar and Grill on December 24, 2010, Ald. Wangemann made a motion, seconded by Ald. Kath, to call in the following license holders to discuss the matter with the committee:

- Alc. Bev. Lic. No. 2351-Ashleys Bar and Grill (Martin Corson, Agent)
- Bev. Op. Lic. No. 8644 (Cruzita L. Kuble)

**All ayes; motion approved.**

ACA Adams informed the committee that there is still an investigation pending with regard to a retailer that might be in violation of liquor licensing rules.

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

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

The next committee meeting is scheduled to be held on February 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers located at City Hall, 828 Center Avenue.