

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON LAW & LICENSING

July 23, 2013 - 2:00 p.m.
Common Council Chambers, City Hall

Members Present: Chairperson Ald. Jodi VanderWeele, Vice Chairperson Ald. Kevin Matichek, Ald. Susan Lessard, Ald. Scott Lewandoske, Ald. Bill Thiel

Others in Attendance: Assistant City Attorney Charles C. Adams, Chief Christopher Domagalski, Captain Stephen Cobb, Attorney Neal Krokosky, Mauro Castro, Elizabeth Gaud, Henry Capetillo, Rufino C. Martinez, Jr., Jaime A. Huerta, Alexis A. Kuehl, James R. Pups, Mariano Olaiz, Christos G. Balassi

Chairperson VanderWeele called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 July 9, 2013 was made by Ald. Matichek and seconded by Ald. Lessard. **All ayes; motion approved.**

R.C. No. 94-13-14 (7-15-13) – Taxicab Business Lic. App. No. 2997-The Best Taxi (Mauro Castro, Agent)

Attorney Neal Krokosky distributed a copy of The Best Taxi, LLC's business plan which had been previously discussed with Chief Domagalski and then revised. Office manager Elizabeth Gaud spoke regarding their employee policies and indicated that the business mailing address is 611 South 15th Street. Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to deny the license application. **Two ayes (Ald. Matichek and Ald. Lessard) and three nays; motion failed.** Ald. Thiel moved, seconded by Ald. Lewandoske, to approve the license application. **Three ayes and two nays (Ald. Lessard and Ald. Matichek); motion approved.**

R.O. No. 80-13-14 (7-15-13) – Various License Applications: Temporary Class "B" Lic. App. No. 2909-Gateway Neighborhood Assoc.

Submitting various license applications.

Henry Capetillo appeared before the committee and responded to questions regarding the license application and vendor fees being charged. A motion was made by Ald. Lessard, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to approve the license application. **All ayes; motion approved.**

R.O. No. 52-13-14 (6-17-13) – Various License Applications: Taxicab Op. Lic. [renewal] App. No. 9812 (Vincent E. Kropuenske)

Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

Vincent E. Kropuenske failed to appear before the committee. Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to deny the license renewal application based upon Mr. Kropuenske's failure to accurately reveal all relevant convictions on his application, his inability to conform to the law, and his failure to cooperate with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

R.O. No. 66-13-14 (7-1-13) – Various License Applications: Bev. Op. Lic. [new] App. No. 0035 (Shannon R. Batteast); Bev. Op. Lic. [renewal] App. Nos. 9346 (Jaime A. Huerta), 9481 (Alexis A. Kuehl), 5750 (James R. Pups); Taxicab Op. Lic. [renewal] App. Nos. 9554 (Joseph P. Champeau), 8673 (Mariano Olaiz)

Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

Shannon R. Batteast failed to appear before the committee. Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to request via certified mailing Ms. Batteast's appearance before the committee at its August 13th meeting. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Jaime A. Huerta appeared before the committee to discuss his renewal application. After a hearing involving a discussion of his record and his failure to include a violation on his application, Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to grant the license contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Alexis A. Kuehl appeared before the committee to discuss her renewal application. After a hearing involving a discussion of her record and her failure to include a violation on her application, Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to grant the license contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lewandoske was excused from the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

James R. Pups appeared before the committee to discuss his renewal application. After a hearing involving a discussion of his record and his failure to include violations on his application, Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to grant the license contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications. **Four ayes; motion approved.**

Joseph P. Champeau appeared before the committee to discuss his renewal application. After a hearing involving a discussion of his record and his failure to include a violation on his application, Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant the license contingent upon the application being corrected, and with a warning to include all relevant information on future applications. **Three ayes and one nay (Ald. Matichek); motion approved.**

Mariano Olaiz appeared before the committee to discuss his renewal application. After a hearing involving a discussion of his record and his failure to include a violation on his application, Ald. Matichek moved to deny the license renewal application. **Motion died for lack of a second.** Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to deny the license renewal application based upon Mr. Olaiz' failure to accurately reveal all relevant convictions on his application and his record of recent violations in 2012 related to the licensed activity. **Four ayes; motion approved.**

Possible action regarding Taxicab Business Lic. No. 2863-Greco Cab Co. (Christos G. Balassi, Agent) and Taxicab Op. Lic. No. 5356 (Christos G. Balassi)

Christos G. Balassi appeared before the committee. Mr. Balassi indicated that he realizes now that he should not have gotten out of his taxi to confront the person on Michigan Avenue. Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to issue warnings to both Greco Cab Co. and Christos G. Balassi regarding the incident on June 23, 2013. **Four ayes; motion approved.**

Discussion and possible action regarding voluntary surrender of Alc. Bev. Lic. No. 2720-Rehab Bar & Grill (Rufino C. Martinez, Jr., Agent)

Rufino C. Martinez, Jr. appeared before the committee to explain that he is not happy with the way his attorney represented him and he feels that his attorney hadn't informed him of the details regarding the voluntary surrender of the license in lieu of the quasi-judicial hearing. The committee informed Mr. Martinez that that is something he would need to discuss with his attorney.

R.O. No. 73-13-14 (7-15-13) – Summary of the 2014 Budget Requests for various funds

Submitting the summary of the 2014 Budget Requests for the Enterprise Funds, the Internal Service Funds, and the Trust Funds. The comparison is to the 2013 original budget.

A motion was made by Ald. Lessard, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to approve the summary of the 2014 Budget Requests for the various funds as contained in R.O. No. 73-13-14. **Four ayes; motion approved.**

R.O. No. 74-13-14 (7-15-13) – Summary of the 2014 Budget Requests for various funds

Submitting the summary of the 2014 Budget Requests for the General Fund, the Special Revenue Funds, the Debt Service Funds and the Capital Project Funds. The comparison is to the 2013 original budget.

A motion was made by Ald. Lessard, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to approve the City Attorney's budget for 2014 as contained in R.O. No. 74-13-14. **Four ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard was excused from the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

R.O. No. 75-13-14 (7-15-13) – Various License Applications

Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to approve the change of premise application of Alc. Bev. Lic. No. 2373 (Duke of Devon), contingent upon issuance of the required street festival permit. **Three ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to "Class B" Liquor Lic. [renewal] App. No. 2758 (Mike's Wilson Ave. Bar & Grill). **Three ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. [new] App. No. 9266 (Megan L. Alsteen) to discuss her application with the committee. **Three ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license to Bev. Op. Lic. [new] App. No. 0042 (Joseph W. Beniger). **Three ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. [new] App. No. 0054 (Abby M. Hinze) to discuss her application with the committee. **Two ayes and one nay (Ald. VanderWeele); motion approved.**

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. [new] App. No. 0044 (Adam J. Koenig). **Three ayes; motion approved.** Following further discussion, Ald. Matichek moved to rescind the prior motion, seconded by Ald. Thiel. **Three ayes; motion approved.** Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in App. No. 0044 to discuss his application with the committee. **Three ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Bev. Op. Lic. [new] App. No. 0052 (Vanessa R. Loomis). **Three ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. [new] App. No. 0041 (Christina M. Mason) to discuss her application with the committee. **Two ayes and one nay (Ald. VanderWeele); motion approved.**

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. [new] App. No. 4449 (Jennifer L. Trostorff) to discuss her application with the committee. **Three ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to call in Taxicab Op. Lic. [new] App. No. 9659 (Luis A. Castro-Sanchez) to discuss his application with the committee. **Three ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Thiel, to grant a license with a warning, contingent upon the application being corrected, to Taxicab Op. Lic. [new] App. No. 0043 (Arthur H. Hackendahl). **Three ayes; motion approved.**

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

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

ACA Adams and Captain Cobb indicated that they had no such violations to report at this time.

Ald. Matichek made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Thiel seconded the motion. **Three ayes; motion approved.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

The next committee meeting is scheduled to be held on August 13, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers located at City Hall, 828 Center Avenue.