

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

**December 11, 2012 - 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  
**Excused:** Ald. Julie Kath  
**Others in Attendance:** Assistant City Attorney Charles C. Adams, Lt. Douglas Teunissen, Christina Latifi, Avni Latifi, April M. Schwinn, Shawn DeGroat, Angel Noe Rodriguez Correa, Christopher R. Campbell, Angel L. Esteves, Justin J. Molitor, Christos Balassi

Chairperson VanderWeele called the meeting to order at 2:02 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 November 27, 2012 was made by Ald. Lessard and seconded by Ald. Matichek. **All ayes; motion approved.**

**Presentations by potential applicants for available “Class B” alcohol beverage licenses**

There is presently one “Class B” alcohol beverage license available. Avni Latifi appeared before the committee to present his case regarding pre-application for the available license.

Avni Latifi spoke on behalf of Prohibition Bistro. The restaurant will be in the former kayak-rental building on South Pier, will seat up to 80 people, and will specialize in wood fire pizza. The Latifi’s own the two Harry’s Diners in Sheboygan.

**Discussion and action regarding granting opportunity to apply for available “Class B” alcohol beverage licenses**

A motion was made by Ald. Lessard, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to invite Avni Latifi to apply for the available “Class B” alcohol beverage license within two (2) weeks. **All ayes; motion approved.**

**R.O. No. 184-12-13 (11-5-12) – Various License Applications: Bev. Op. Lic. App. Nos. 9676 (Hanna J. Gustafson), 7934 (Eric S. Schroeter), 9780 (April M. Schwinn); Taxicab Op. Lic. App. Nos. 9789 (Chantel C. Bergin), 7788 (Shawn DeGroat), 9491 (Regina R. Ramirez), 9779 (Kara L. Reseburg), 9774 (Angel Noe Rodriguez Correa), 7760 (Brenda J. Villarreal)**

Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2014.

Hanna J. Gustafson failed to appear before the committee. Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to deny the license application based upon Ms. Gustafson’s record of violations related to the licensed activity and her failure to cooperate with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Eric S. Schroeter failed to appear before the committee. Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to deny the license application based upon Mr. Schroeter’s failure to accurately reveal all

relevant convictions on his application, his record of violations related to the licensed activity, and his failure to cooperate with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

April M. Schwinn appeared before the committee to discuss her application. After discussion of her record and her failure to include violations on her 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. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Chantel C. Bergin failed to appear before the committee. Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to deny the license application based upon Ms. Bergin's failure to accurately reveal all relevant convictions on her application, her record of violations related to the licensed activity, and her failure to cooperate with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Shawn DeGroat appeared before the committee to discuss his application. After discussion of his record and his failure to include a violation on his application, Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Lewandoske, 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.**

Regina R. Ramirez failed to appear before the committee. Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to deny the license application based upon Ms. Ramirez' failure to accurately reveal all relevant convictions on her application, her record of violations related to the licensed activity, and her failure to cooperate with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Kara L. Reseburg failed to appear and ACA Adams requested that her application be held. Ms. Reseburg will be called in to a future meeting. Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to hold the application. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Angel Noe Rodriguez Correa appeared before the committee to discuss his application. After 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.**

Brenda J. Villarreal failed to appear before the committee. Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to deny the license application based upon Ms. Villarreal's record of violations related to the licensed activity and her failure to cooperate with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

**R.O. No. 203-12-13 (11-19-12) – Various License Applications: Bev. Op. Lic. App. Nos. 1172 (Christopher R. Campbell), 6744 (Deaven Dodge); Taxicab Op. Lic. App. Nos. 9755 (Sarah A. Bell), 9791 (Angel L. Esteves), 9807 (Justin J. Molitor)**

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Christopher R. Campbell appeared before the committee to discuss his application. After discussion of his record, Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to grant the license. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Deaven Dodge failed to appear before the committee. Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to request via certified mailing Mr. Dodge's appearance before the committee at its January 15th meeting. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Sarah A. Bell failed to appear, but had contacted the City Attorney's Office to indicate that she was unable to appear. Ms. Bell was advised that she would be invited to the next meeting after the date had been determined. Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to hold the application until the January 15th meeting and to call in Ms. Bell by regular mail. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Angel L. Esteves appeared before the committee to discuss his application. After discussion of his record and his failure to include violations on his application, Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Lewandoske, to deny the license application based upon his failure to accurately reveal all relevant violations on his application and his record of violations related to the licensed activity. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Justin J. Molitor appeared before the committee to discuss his application. After discussion of his record and his failure to include a violation 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. **All ayes; motion approved.**

**Quasi-Judicial hearing to determine whether Alc. Bev. Lic. No. 2720-Rehab Bar & Grill (Rufino C. Martinez, Jr., Agent) shall be suspended or revoked**

**Quasi-Judicial hearing to determine whether Bev. Op. Lic. No. 5551 (Amanda K. Martinez) shall be suspended or revoked**

ACA Adams informed the committee that Mr. Martinez had requested that the quasi-judicial hearings be adjourned as he was going to be hiring an attorney and needed more time to do so. The hearings will most likely be rescheduled for the January 15th committee meeting. Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to reschedule the quasi-judicial hearings for the next available date. **All ayes; motion approved.**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the taxicab regulation ordinance**

Christos Balassi spoke regarding the weights and measures fee which he feels is high. ACA Adams explained that anyone using a taximeter in Sheboygan has always been required to pay the fee and have it inspected, just like scales at grocery stores or pumps at gas stations.

**Update regarding voluntary surrender of Bev. Op. Lic. No. 3743 (Toby D. Corson)**

ACA Adams informed the committee that Toby Corson had voluntarily surrendered his license on December 4th for the ten (10) days requested by the committee.

**R.O. No. 211-12-13 (12-3-12) – Various License Applications**

Submitting various license applications for the period ending June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2014.

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to grant a license to Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 9820 (Toni M. Schroeder). **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lewandoske, to call in Bev. Op. Lic. App. No. 9810 (Brittany K. Wright) to discuss her application with the committee. **Three ayes and one abstention (Ald. Lessard); motion approved.**

Ald. Matichek moved, seconded by Ald. Lessard, to call in Taxicab Op. Lic. App. No. 5902 (Amy L. Belekevich) to discuss her application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to call in Taxicab Op. Lic. App. No. 9812 (Vincent E. Kropuenske) to discuss his application with the committee. **All ayes; motion approved.**

Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, 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 law violations that may require future action by the Committee**

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

Lt. Teunissen informed the committee that Victory Games has been cooperating with the police department and the City Clerk's Office had approved the issuance of their secondhand jewelry/article license in December.

Discussion regarding the next regularly scheduled committee meeting falling on Tuesday, December 25th. Ald. Lessard moved, seconded by Ald. Matichek, to address just the new license R.O. at the next committee meeting to be held prior to Christmas. **All ayes; motion approved.**

The committee agreed to meet on Friday, December 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers located at City Hall, 828 Center Avenue.

Ald. Lessard made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Matichek seconded the motion. **All ayes; motion approved.**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.