

Item 25-0258: Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License Change of Agent for Tandem Wine and Beer LLC d/b/a Tandem Wine and Beer

Item 25-0262: Class "A" Beer and "Class A" Liquor License application for Nusara Yang d/b/a Jai Sung Mah Pool Club, located at 122 W. Wisconsin Ave

Safety and Licensing Committee

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Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:05:03

Okay. We typically take up the balance of the agenda, but I would like to please separate out 25-0258, and request that the committee holds this here at committee based on some new information that has been coming in regarding the current agent. So, if there—

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:05:25

So, I would make a motion to hold for until our next meeting.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:05:29

Yes. Thank you. Motion and a second to hold. Okay, on the motion to hold, Alder Hartzheim.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 1:05:34

Thank you, Chair. If you could add another item to that for another reason, or if we could just have a point of order for another item that I have a question on individually instead of taking up the balance.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:05:45

Oh, okay, so a different item?

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 1:05:47

Correct. The item just above it 25-0362, if that could be separately taken as well.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:05:52

Yes, yep. Okay. So right now we're just on 25-0258, motion to hold until our next safety licensing committee meeting with the intent of hopefully getting some additional information and some clarification from the Appleton legal team and possibly Lieutenant Goodin who is not available tonight. Okay, on the motion to hold any final comments? All right, all those in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed? Okay, four zero. Hold that.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:06:22

Okay, let's take up the one above that, 25-0262, Class A beer and class a liquor license application for Nusara Yang doing business as Jai Sung Mah Pool Club located at 122 West Wisconsin Avenue, contingent on approval from Community Development, inspections, and public works. Is there a motion.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 1:06:42

Vote for denial.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:06:45

Is there a second? We have a motion to deny. Is there a second? I'll second for discussion to get it on the table. Alder Hartzheim.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 1:06:54

Thank you, Chair. I'm not sure this merits denial, but I am very concerned about the questions in Part B on the first page of this application, whether those came through the APD, and whether there were some opinion on that. That—those are—the first one in particular, fraud, it strikes me as quite dangerous for a liquor license holder. Thank you.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:07:26

Okay, anything from Legal or APD on this application, or clerk Lynch? District three? Okay, go ahead. You can start.

Clerk Kami Lynch 1:07:40

Okay, the—so this establishment did previously hold an alcohol license with the City of Appleton, a different type of license, a class B. It was revoked or going to be revoked, and then they may have surrendered their license. That was a few years back, but the applicant was reviewed, and the background check was gone through, and it was signed off this time by the police department. And that sign off was February 21.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:08:14

Okay. Chief Olson, anything you want to add?

Police Chief Polly Olson 1:08:18

I'm just trying to pull it up, right now.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:08:20

Yeah, I don't I don't see any memo or anything from APD in here.

Clerk Kami Lynch 1:08:26

Yeah, it was recommended for approval on the 21st from the police department.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:08:36

Okay, okay. Alder Siebers, go ahead.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 1:08:41

First of all, thanks to Alderson Hartzheim for bringing this up. This is in my district.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:08:47

Yes, it is.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 1:08:51

When they did have their license way back when, it was a huge problem in terms of the neighborhood, and we were able to—I don't know if we—if the license was revoked or they just gave up their license, but it's been very, very peaceful and quiet in that neighborhood for quite some time, and I fear what might happen if they start up again. Thank you.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:09:16

Okay, all right. Any other comments? We have on the table a motion to deny this license application. All right, if there are no other comments, we'll take a vote. Oh Alder Fenton, go ahead.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:09:29

I just—I don't have a comment. I have a question.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:09:31

Sure.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:09:32

And either I am not familiar with the business, and I guess it's to Clerk Lynch, has the business been operating without an alcohol license in the number of years since they surrendered it, or...? You said it's been about five years?

Clerk Kami Lynch 1:09:50

About give or take. My understanding is, yes. When this application came in, I did reach out to our health and inspections department, because they do review these and do on-site inspections, wondering what the nature of the business was because this application is for a class A license, so that's for off premise consumption sales, so not alcohol to be consumed on site. The applicant did indicate that that's what they wanted. Just wanted to make sure that there wasn't any confusion. They don't want drinking at the establishment, and it does, I guess, operate kind of as a restaurant and a little bit of a grocery store, currently, according to the health inspector that inspects there.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:10:37

Okay, thank you. Alder Hartzheim.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 1:10:41

Thank you, Chair. As a follow up to Alder Fenton's question, has it been determined that they're currently selling alcohol without the licensure?

Clerk Kami Lynch 1:10:53

I have not received an indication that they are selling alcohol currently from the various inspectors that have visited it.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 1:11:00

Thank you.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:11:02

Okay. Thank you. Okay, we still have on the floor a motion and a second to deny the license application. Oh, I'm sorry. Attorney Buruin, go ahead. District what? District Four. Go ahead.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 1:11:18

So typically, when there is a recommendation for denial from the police department, the memorandum that Lieutenant Goodin files is something that I review beforehand so I'm familiar with it. Just in candor to the body here, with this being a recommendation for approval, I'm not previously familiar with the situation in terms of the criminal convictions here. So that is a bit of a concern for me in terms of what the—I'm concerned that I would want a better explanation for the record as to the basis for any recommended denial, and I can't say authoritatively, one way or the other, whether these convictions would provide that without being violative of some of the other statutes regarding discrimination that we've talked about previously, ad nauseum. So, I would provide that caution and ask for a fuller explanation as to the reason for the denial. Alder Siebers has provided

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some explanation in terms of piece of the neighborhood, but I think a full record would be advisable before a vote one way or the other is taken, if it's going to be taken tonight.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:12:27

Okay, thank you. Is there value in holding this item for any reason? Attorney Glad's shaking his head, yes.

Darrin Glad (Assistant City Attorney) 1:12:35

I would very much appreciate the opportunity to look into these convictions.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:12:38

Okay, I think that says a lot, right there.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 1:12:41

I move that we hold.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:12:43

Okay, well, we have a motion on the table, so you can either withdraw your motion and I will withdraw my second. Okay. Motion has been withdrawn. Second's been withdrawn.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 1:12:52

Now move to hold.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:12:54

Okay.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:12:55

Second. Motion and a second to hold this item, which is 25-0262, until our next meeting. Any final comments on holding? Not seeing any. Okay, all those in favor of holding, signify by saying aye. All opposed? Four zero. That one's also held.