

Item 25-0599: Non-renewal of the Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage and “Class B” Liquor License for Tandem Wine & Beer

Safety and Licensing Committee

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Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 01:15

Okay. No scheduled public hearings or appearances. We'll move right into our action items. And there is—there's two listed. One is an action item, and one is a posted closed session. So, we'll start with the first action item. 25-0599, is the non-renewal of the class B fermented malt beverage and Class B liquor license for Tandem Wine and Bar LLC, located at 101 West Edison Street Suite 100 Karter Thompson agent. The packet for tonight's meeting had six attachments. We have the renewal application. We have the memo from the police department. We have a memo from the clerk that was sent to the applicant. We have a memo from attorney Buruin. We have a Wisconsin driving record document. And then we have a certified—a document that is listed as a certified judgment of convictions. And then there was a seventh document distributed before the meeting, which was submitted by the applicants. So, if you haven't had a chance to review that, we can take a minute or two to read that document. I am going to turn it over to Attorney Glad to explain the process for this non-renewal hearing, and why don't we start with that?

Darrin Glad (Assistant City Attorney) 02:46

Thank you, Chair. I'm assistant city attorney Darrin Glad. I represents sa—I'll be providing counsel for safety licensing committee tonight. City staff is recommending that council refuse to renew Tandems alcohol licenses. Assistant City Attorney Zak Buruin's role is to represent city staff on this matter. The licensee is Tandem Beer and Wine LLC. The agent for the licensees is Karter Thompson, and the owner of the LLC is George Koenig. To the best of my knowledge, they're not represented by an attorney. They can let us know shortly.

Darrin Glad (Assistant City Attorney) 03:20

I want to explain the process for the non-renewal hearing, for the benefit of the committee, the parties, and others in attendance. This hearing is recorded. It's imperative that only one person speak at a time, and that they speak clearly and deliberately into the microphone. There will not be an opportunity for public involvement in this. The only people recognized to speak outside of the committee members and the council will be the licensee, assistant city attorney Zak Buruin, and any witnesses called in this matter. Clerk Lynch will be swearing in all witnesses. Rules of Evidence do not apply to this hearing, but evidence having reasonable probative value should be allowed. Immaterial, irrelevant, or unduly repetitious evidence will be excluded. The chair will decide such issues if presented. Committee members are reminded that they are to be impartial and make their determination on the evidence presented at this hearing. After the close of evidence, the committee may deliberate and may do so in closed session and then reconvene. The votes on this will occur in open session.

Darrin Glad (Assistant City Attorney) 04:26

The committee is required to submit a report to Council and the parties. The report must contain findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommendation. I expect two motions at the close of the hearing, a motion as to the recommendation of the committee and a motion to approve a report to council. Regardless of the contents of the report to Council, this item is already scheduled for tonight's council meeting, and if either party desires to attend to object to the report, there'll be an opportunity to be heard at Council. As for the hearing itself, anticipate the chair will have assistant city attorney Zak Buruin begin with his presentation of the case. Then the licensee would have their opportunity to present the relevant information, call witnesses. The chair can allow committee members to ask questions as well.

Alderman Chris Croatt (District 14) 05:18

Okay. Thank you. Before we get started, Alder Schultz, could—we were going to have the applicant and the owner sit in those two seats. Would you mind maybe moving to the back row or down one? Thank you. Okay. Attorney Buruin, would you like to start with your presentation?

Darrin Glad (Assistant City Attorney) 05:40

Do you want to have them come up and sit there?

Alderman Chris Croatt (District 14) 05:42

Yeah, yeah, if, if—yeah. If you two would like to sit in the those two seats and that's microphones eight and nine. We'll turn those on at the appropriate time. District four should be on.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 05:58

Just point of clarification, is the committee at this point just interested in the witness presentation or the full—all the information that I have to present at this point.

Alderman Chris Croatt (District 14) 06:08

I would say all.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 06:09

I think it may make sense to start with essentially directing the committee's attention to the memorandum that I filed, just kind of framing the situation here. I don't know that there's any factual dispute about the fact that there's been a recent third OWI conviction that the owner of the LLC in question has experience. That was from earlier this year. And the reason that's relevant is because, as outlined in the memorandum—and this is specifically...

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 06:55

This is specifically on the second page of the memorandum. It does require that members of the LLC all be subject to the same criminal conviction, criminal behavior, unlawful behavior, requirements that the agent is subject to. So, all those members are required to be part of that. So, the question before here, with Mr. Koenig being the owner of the LLC, the question, as I see it is: is this record in violation of that requirement? And for the reasons I've set forth, it is. This is a third OWI conviction, two of which are criminal, which violates, I think, two sections of the eligibility requirements, specifically the unlawful conviction and arrest record, and then also the habitual law offender prohibition. And being a member of the LLC, regardless of who the agent is, that is still an issue, and that is still something that renders him ineligible, and therefore his entire LLC ineligible, assuming it meets the non-discrimination criteria, which essentially boils down to whether or not the OWIs are substantially related to the license activity, which, of course, is the retail sale of alcohol. We'll come back to this at some point, I assume, but the—obviously, the contention is, and I think it's pretty self-evident that it does, but I'll have Lieutenant Goodin momentarily provide some testimony—brief testimony—with respect to that.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 08:30

But once we get past that hurdle, then the question is—and I think this is the main question—this is not an exempt offense, or these are not exempt offenses. So there is the opportunity for the LLC, for the applicant, to show rehabilitation, and it really is going to come down to what information he's got to be able to provide to the committee, subsequently to the Council, to indicate that he has been rehabilitated with respect to these matters, the OWI offenses; and they are laid out in terms of when they occurred in the memorandum here—case from 2017, 2019, and then conviction earlier this year. My review of what—my review of the available

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information with respect to the cases, indicates there aren't going to be likely any of the mandatory criteria met for which the committee would be required to find him to be rehabilitated, but that does not deprive him of the opportunity to show other relevant information to convince the committee and the Council of his rehabilitation. I think, ultimately, that's the crux of the matter—is that piece right there. I think it's pretty self-evident up to that point, but we'll—I'll explain that a little bit better through some brief information from Lieutenant Goodin. But ultimately that is kind of framing the issue as I see it. It really comes down to that question of rehabilitation.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 09:56

So, with all of that in mind, I would just ask. For some brief testimony from Lieutenant Goodin basically with respect to the issue of the substantial relationship, to shore up any questions there may be about that.

[Clerk Lynch swore Lieutenant Goodin in off microphone.]

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 10:37

Thank you. Thank you, clerk Lynch. Lieutenant Goodin, go ahead.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 10:42

I'll start with some questions just as background here. Lieutenant Goodin, how are you employed?

[The podium microphone was not turned on so none of Lieutenant Goodin's answers could be heard well. The questions are straightforward and the answers one infers are most likely the answers that were given.]

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 10:51

What's your current duty assignment?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 10:57

Beyond your duties as a patrol lieutenant, do you have any other special assignments that you're assigned?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 11:02

You said you're a patrol lieutenant as well, right?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 11:22

Have you been a patrol officer?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 11:26

Currently, you supervise patrol officers?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 11:29

Does that include the supervision of OWI investigations?

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 11:33

Attorney Buruin, I don't mean to interrupt you, but—yeah, thanks.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 11:36

My apologies. Does that include the supervision of OWI investigations?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 11:42

In your career as a patrol officer, have you conducted OWI investigations?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 11:53

And you have all the necessary training to be able to professionally act in that capacity, correct?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 12:00

Just a couple questions, and this is kind of a broad set of questions here, but if you could provide me some of this information I'd appreciate it. Based on your training and experience, is it uncommon for people engaging in impaired driving to be traveling to or from a bar or tavern?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 12:25

Based on your training and experience, the activity of the retail sale of alcohol beverages, that includes the control and supervision of significant quantities of alcohol. Is that fair to say?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 12:42

Based on your training and experience, retail alcohol sales also involves the responsible service of alcohol. Is that right?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 12:52

Part of the reasons for that is to prevent overconsumption?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 12:56

Unsafe results from that over consumption?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 13:00

That would include intoxicated driving as well. Correct?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 13:14

That's all I wanted to ask. Thank you.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 13:16

Thank you. One additional?

Darrin Glad (Assistant City Attorney) 13:21

No, I just wanted to make sure he stayed up so they could ask questions if they wanted.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 13:23

Okay, okay. Thanks. All right. Anything else, Attorney Buruin at this point?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 13:28

Not as far as testimony.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 13:30

Okay, all right. The applicants will now have their opportunity to present—

Darrin Glad (Assistant City Attorney) 13:35

They can question.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 13:36

—or question the Lieutenant.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 13:42

Okay. No questions for the lieutenant. Okay. Thank you, Lieutenant. Attorney Buruin.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 13:49

There's just one other thing that I want to highlight, and it comes down to that substantial relation, which is the stuff I asked Lieutenant Goodin about. (Make sure I find the right stuff here.) I think it's important to point out that with regard to the question of substantial relationship, the question before the committee and before the council is not a question of whether or not Mr. Koenig or his LLC can perform the job. Okay? That's not the issue. The issue is whether or not the licensed activity presents the opportunity for the unlawful or criminal behavior to be engaged in again. How he's handled that in the past—want to find the other piece so I can make sure I give the full...

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 15:10

My apologies. The opportunity for the behavior, the reaction to the responsibility, and the character traits of the applicant are the proper considerations for a substantial relationship. Doesn't matter or not whether or not he was working at his establishment before, during, or after any of the prior OWIs. The issue is the opportunity, largely, and how he's handled that. And the fact of the matter is, like I've indicated, and like I think is common sense to people engage in this business, is there is substantial access to alcohol, and that is hugest part of the opportunity. And as we know, just from common sense, as I indicated in here, access to vehicles is basically ubiquitous in Wisconsin. So those are the two combinations. Those are the two circumstances that are relevant in terms of substantial relationship. And we know that on at least three occasions that we know of, Mr. Koenig has failed to live up to even the lower responsibility of just responsible personal consumption.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 16:20

It is entirely possible that he could engage in this licensed activity and do so successfully, but that's frankly not the issue. The statute is very clear this is an eligibility issue. The questions before the committee, therefore are, is there a substantial relationship here? And if so, it is essentially the question of rehabilitation. So, with that in mind, and having summed that up and probably gone over it in a little bit more—to a little bit more level of redundancy that I necessarily needed to, but I wanted to be clear that that is the—those are the questions.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 16:57

And I've seen the letter that Mr. Koenig has submitted, and there's a lot of nice, wonderful things in there, but frankly, just reviewing it, there's one paragraph in there that is arguably relevant to the questions before the committee and the council tonight (it's the first paragraph on the second page), but I don't think it addresses the actual issues, doesn't address the substantial relationship, doesn't address the rehabilitation. I don't think it comes close to overcoming of what needs to be shown here in order for the committee and the Council to approve the renewal of the license. That's all I have. Thank you.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 17:36

Okay. Thank you, Attorney Buruin. Okay, the applicants, Miss Thompson and Mr. Koenig, you now have your opportunity to present and call witnesses. So, the microphones eight and nine will be turned on for you, and if you call a witness, they need to do the same thing, go to the podium. Okay?

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 18:02

Can you hear?

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 18:03

Okay, good, good. Well, I wanted to thank everybody for the opportunity to speak to your concerns. They're well understood and appreciated. I'm hoping everybody had a chance to review the letter I submitted today, which speaks to the quality of purpose and presence of Tandem as a business in this community, and it's well recognized that in my personal life, I have made some bad choices, but that has never been represented in the business context. I have—there's plenty of people who would speak to that. And since this time, Karter and I have been married, and she took a leap of faith joining me with the business, and now all this is occurring, and I'm hoping that you all can understand that we are safe when it comes to our bartending practice.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 18:03

I have substantially removed myself from that practice at Tandem, working on two separate projects, and I no longer even hold a bartender license, so in order for me to even, you know, help serve Karter would need to be there as the agent and operator of the license. And, frankly, this—your concerns have leveraged me to do some things that I've always wanted to do, which was break away from that. It's no longer my interest to be behind the bar, and now I'm working on our water project and our Timeless Rescue project.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 18:03

Yes, we can.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 19:42

I do think that there is a distinction between what has occurred with me in my personal life and who I am as a business owner and being eligible for licensure. However, if that's the concern, I would ask for an opportunity for us to review how we can restructure the business and put it in entirely in Karter's name. That would—I would hope that that would alleviate your concerns and would remove me from the barriers that we're experiencing and restricting us from continuing to operate our business. I mean, this is like our life. This is what we do in order to generate income for ourselves and our future. And it was unanticipated but well understood that there's some things that I need to address and some changes that we may need to make in terms of the structure of ownership in the business, and we're more than happy to do that.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 20:40

I'm sorry. Are you planning on calling any witnesses?

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 20:44

There are some people here who are regular customers of Tandem. I don't know if they are eligible for testimony.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 20:52

You would have to call them as a witness, and they would have to be sworn in.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 20:55

Okay, okay.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 20:56

And if you like to do that, we can do that now.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 20:59

Yeah, I'd like to first call Peter Beckley, please to the stand.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 21:06

Yeah, I'm sorry I didn't have it on before. My apologies. So, the podium mic is on. If you're going to speak as a witness, come to the podium and Clerk Lynch will swear you in.

[Clerk Lynch says something that is not picked up by the microphone.]

Peter Beckley (Tandem Witness) 21:23

Yes. Peter Beckley, B, E, C, K, L, E, Y.

Clerk Kami Lynch 21:27

Raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you shall give in this matter now shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Peter Beckley (Tandem Witness) 21:37

I do.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 21:39

Thank you. Okay, Mr. Koenig.

Peter Beckley (Tandem Witness) 21:43

Good evening, and—

Darrin Glad (Assistant City Attorney) 21:46

I think just a little bit if you wanted to just ask him a question that would prompt the response you're looking for.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 21:51

Yeah. Start with Mr. Koenig. Yep.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 21:54

Thank you for being present, Peter.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 21:56

Mr. Koenig, could use the microphone, please?

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 21:58

Oh, yes. Peter, thank you for being present and willing to be an advocate on our behalf. I would just like to ask you what your quality of experience has been at Tandem, and if you've ever witnessed any of the concerns that have been brought up by these folks.

Peter Beckley (Tandem Witness) 22:17

Thank you, committee members for this opportunity. Benn a long time since I was on the city council in the 1970-78. I've known George Koenig for over 10 years, when he had his first Tandem establishment on West College Avenue. And just would like to say that in the over 10 years that I've known George Koenig, I have never, ever seen him intoxicated.

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Peter Beckley (Tandem Witness) 23:04

I think he does a very good job at his business, because I have witnessed him carding students, those that looked like they might be underage. He has a variety of—a variety of customers, and some are Lawrence students. I've seen—on a rare occasion, I've seen the President of Lawrence University there with her husband. He has a number of customers that are chief executive officers of major corporations here in the Valley. I don't know for sure, but I doubt that the police have ever been called to his establishment because of the client base and the nature of his customers.

Peter Beckley (Tandem Witness) 24:14

I think this could be a win/win situation for both, because if he loses his license, those are two people then that would not have employment, and they do occasionally hire a third person. I think a small entrepreneurship, a husband and wife, are very much of a value to our community. The win/win situation could possibly be (and I'm not an attorney. I'm just a real estate broker), but I—it could be that if it could be held in the committee until maybe George could transfer the license to his wife who has a perfect record. And maybe that would be a solution, and it would be a win for all parties, I think. Any questions for me?

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 25:26

No.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 25:28

No, Peter. No. Thank you for—thank you for your testimony.

Peter Beckley (Tandem Witness) 25:31

Okay.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 25:32

Okay. Peter, stay there. No more—any more questions, Mr. Koenig for—

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 25:36

No more questions.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 25:37

—for your witness? Okay. Attorney Buruin, would you like to question the witness?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 25:40

No.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 25:41

Okay. All right.

Peter Beckley (Tandem Witness) 25:43

I thank you all

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 25:44

Thank you, and thank you for your past service to Appleton. Any other witnesses?

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 25:50

Yes, I'd like to call Rob Bellin.

Clerk Kami Lynch 26:02

[...] spell your last name for the record.

Rob Bellin (Tandem Witness) 26:03

Rob Bellin, B, E, L, L, I, N.

Clerk Kami Lynch 26:10

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you shall give in this matter now on hearing shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Rob Bellin (Tandem Witness) 26:16

I do.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 26:20

Okay, go ahead.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 26:21

Well, thanks for being here, Rob. I know you had to go and take care of your mother in Pewaukee today, so I appreciate you making an effort to be here and speak on our behalf as a, you know, true friend and good advocate of Tandem. I guess I'll ask the same, you know, style of question for you, if you have any remarks about your quality of experience at Tandem, and have you ever observed me practicing outside of what would be considered, you know, a licensed practice. Am I ever intoxicated? You know, those kinds of things that that are of high concern to the committee.

Rob Bellin (Tandem Witness) 27:02

I have never witnessed anything that would have caused me any concern, and like the previous witness, I patronized Tandem back on West College Avenue, now downtown across from the old Union Jack. And I am also here, not only because I like George a lot and the business, but I think losing this would actually really be harmful in the sense that Tandem is one of those places where an older person or someone who doesn't want to deal with the disorderly, the mess, potentially the younger people causing problems. This is a place where people can go and actually feel very safe. And I've—I know for a fact that if people—there's one incident where people got a little disorderly and there—they were—there were older people, business people, and George made sure that they were got out of there, and then they were banned. And so, then they ended up going to Union Jack. But the—so I think that clients I've brought there, family I've brought there, friends, people my age and older. It's just a great place to go if you want to try new types of wine or some imports that he can get, that sort of thing.

Rob Bellin (Tandem Witness) 28:31

And now I understand that a personal OWI is alcohol-related, and running a business like Tandem—which I really wouldn't call bar—but that is alcohol related. However, if I look—if you look at the statute and the whole purpose of like 125.12, it seems to me that you don't want establishments that are going to—in the city of Appleton. I've been a resident here for 25 years. Love Appleton. Raised my family here, trying to keep all my kids here, my grandchild here. And I think having a place where the police don't get calls, a place where people do feel safe, a place where the owner—and I know George isn't that involved anymore, but he certainly made sure that these types of illegal activities didn't occur. I would think that's what we would want. So, I think you can separate—just like a divorce attorney can get divorced himself, but then he can also mediate divorces for other people. I think there is a separation there. So, is it substantially related? Maybe if alcohol is involved. But if the

individual who has a personal life problem and gets this OWI can run an establishment that is ideal and is exactly the type of establishment we want, it's the type of establishment that the statute is trying to put in place. It's not disorderly; it's not riotous. There are underage people. There aren't police calls. I think to give George the opportunity to keep that going would make sense for the city, for the community, for him as well, and his family.

Rob Bellin (Tandem Witness) 30:20

So, I think—I mean, my whole purpose here is to help and support George as a patron, and I can honestly say that if Tandem goes away, there's going to be a lot of people that are going to be very upset about that. And so, I understand that the police department probably have had an obligation under these circumstances to bring this to the attention of the committee; however, this is still—this is a place that I think you can trust. It's a place that we want to keep in Appleton. And I'm not—I don't know municipal law that well, but if there is some opportunity to give George this chance, or maybe to change ownership of the LLC, or whatever, I think you could give it.

Rob Bellin (Tandem Witness) 31:08

I actually think it's potential—you could potentially say that under these circumstances, even though alcohol is a common factor, it's not substantially related, because it sounds to me like there's zero evidence of any kind of violation that would fall under any of the provisions of the statute under 125.12. And if you got—this has been running for 10 years or so, and there's—there aren't police calls, they haven't caused any problems, sounds like a place that Appleton would want to keep around. So that's all I have to say, unless you have any questions.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 31:46

Thank you, Rob. Really appreciate your statements, and thank you for bringing up that, you know, Tandem has been established now for 10 years, and we've remained demerit free for that entirety. And there's no mistake, why that, why that is. It's because the quality of the people that arrive at Tandem and the experience that they are offered by me, by Karter. We embrace the community. We embrace, you know, local arts, local economy. But I guess I would have to ask you, you're probably pretty familiar with our structure of ours, right?

Rob Bellin (Tandem Witness) 32:23

Yeah, yeah.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 32:24

So, if you could maybe make some remarks about that period of time and why, you know, why, maybe we practice that.

Rob Bellin (Tandem Witness) 32:32

It's it's—you're not going to have the late-night issues. You're not going to have the rowdiness and the disorderly and that type of thing. And that's, I think, another reason why—I mean, for Tandem, I don't know if any of you have ever been there, but it's probably going to be, you know, a daytime thing, and often, maybe even a Sunday matinee type thing if, you know, a weekend or—but it's not going to be a late-night thing. It's not going to be where you have people stumbling around or walking out to their cars. And I think you can, you can divorce—I'm not here to talk about mitigating factors or rehabilitation. I can let George do that himself. Like, did a prior OWI get caused because he was going through a divorce himself? I mean, I don't know, but you—this isn't the situation where you're going to have people stumbling out of tandem and causing issues. It's just—it's never happened. It's never been a problem. It won't be a problem. And even though George admits he's got some personal stuff to deal with, obviously, they've been able to run this business to keep it safe. So that's all I got, unless you have questions.

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George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 33:50

Thank you for those remarks, Rob. I really appreciate it. Yes, we—I mean, our hours are from two to eight typically. You don't need a metal detector to come into Tandem. We've never been cited for serving underage people, and again, our license has been demerit free for over 10 years now, since we opened. And that should really speak to something I would think, in this context, right? So, thank you, Rob.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 34:16

Any other questions for mis—for the witness?

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 34:18

No more questions.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 34:18

Okay.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 34:18

Thank you.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 34:19

Okay. Attorney Buruin, would—it's your opportunity to question the witness?

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 34:24

No, thank you.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 34:24

Okay, all right. Thank you, Mr. Bellin. Any other witnesses, Miss Thompson or Mr...?

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 34:31

Yes, I'd like to call Gary Robinson, please.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 34:34

Okay.

Gary Robinson (Tandem Witness) 34:45

Gary Robinson, R, O, B, I N, S, O, N.

Gary Robinson (Tandem Witness) 34:51

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you shall give in this matter now on hearing shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Gary Robinson (Tandem Witness) 34:58

Yes.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 35:01

Okay. Mr. Koenig.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 35:02

Gary, thanks for making some time to be present here today and speak to the quality that you have, quality of presence and embrace that you have at Tandem. My question would be similar to the first two people who spoke, and that would be, have you ever witnessed any thing of concern when it comes to my practice at Tandem as it relates to the anticipation that something might happen with you know who I am and how I run my business.

Gary Robinson (Tandem Witness) 35:38

I've known George for about four years now, and I stumbled upon his business because I didn't even know it was there. You can walk right by; you think it's a warehouse. And I went in, and we met, and we became somewhat friends over the years. And I go there myself, because it's a quiet place. So my wife and myself we bring family members and friends there because it's quiet, and it's one—one thing that we know we have to be there before probably six, because he closes at seven. So usually he's done by then. And I certainly understand the seriousness of DWIs, and I understand how serious it is for these officers who have to deal with that all the time, since—and I can only speak to the business and what I've seen there, and I've never seen—I don't think I've ever seen George take a drink there. He's always been sober when I was there. I've never seen people intoxicated there. It's really like a—you see older people there, a lot. You will see some young people, but he employs some college students that play music there. But it's really a place for older people. We come there, we relax, and we're usually out by seven, because that's what time he closes usually, and we have to go somewhere else, or if it's close to seven, we know we're not going to George's.

Gary Robinson (Tandem Witness) 37:04

But what I can say is that as far as I know what I've seen. I've never seen him take a drink there. If I, if I have, I would certainly say it, because I do appreciate what DWIs are. But running a business, I've never seen him intoxicated, and I've never seen really anybody, police come there with and take anybody out of there intoxicated. And I've never seen young people drinking there under age. I don't think he would stand for it. I wouldn't stand for it. And I don't think anybody that goes there would stand for it. So that's what I'd like to say

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 37:42

Thank you, Gary. Appreciate your you being here and helping us out.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 37:47

Attorney Buruin?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 37:48

No, thank you.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 37:49

No? Okay, thank you. Any other witnesses?

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 37:53

I'd like to call Andy and/or Nicole. Maybe just one of you would like to speak?

Nicole Burant (Tandem Witness) 38:08

Nicole Burant, and it's b, u, r, a, n t.

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Clerk Kami Lynch 38:13

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you shall give in this matter now on hearing shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God?

Nicole Burant (Tandem Witness) 38:20

I do.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 38:24

Hi, Nicole.

Nicole Burant (Tandem Witness) 38:24

Hello.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 38:25

Thank you for taking time out today to come and provide some testimony about the experience that you have at Tandem, my character, and your hope that we can work something out with the city to maintain our licensure.

Nicole Burant (Tandem Witness) 38:39

Absolutely.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 38:40

I guess I'll just use sort of the same platform of question, which is, have you ever observed anything of concern when it comes to your practice at Tandem, your presence there, and who I am in my capacity at Tandem?

Nicole Burant (Tandem Witness) 39:00

So, thank you for the opportunity to come and speak. My husband and I have been going to Tandem for about a year now, so we—and I did prepare a statement, so I'm going to just read it for you. So, thank you for again, for this opportunity to speak. We are here in support of Tandem and want to explain how important we feel that this business is that it needs to remain in our community. We first discovered Tandem during the Mile of Music event that Downtown Appleton has hosted for the past 10 plus years. We were at a different venue, but Tandem caught our eye as we walked past that establishment. The laid back, eclectic decor of the place was a refreshing alternative to other places, but what we discovered over the past year is that the vibe of the place comes in second to the wonderful atmosphere that Tandem offers. It is a community of kind-hearted, welcoming, and just overall good people, like George and Karter. The attitude of Tandem begins with the owners, George and Karter. Since day one of them welcoming us into their business, we have had—we have been nothing but sort of fabulous going there. For example, whenever we go there, we are greeted with a hearty "Welcome friends" or "Welcome family" and with a big smile. We have lived in the Fox Valley for years. We've raised our children here. No other business has ever welcomed us like that and made us feel like home like they have.

Nicole Burant (Tandem Witness) 40:31

It is not just who are—it's not just us that who are welcome like that. Everyone is personally greeted and sincerely thanked for stopping in, and I have witnessed that. The sense of community they have built at Tandem is second to none. They have Saturday share days. I'm not sure if anybody's been frequented that, but you can bring in a dish to pass, which always sparks conversations, creates opportunities to meet new friends. Tandem offers a sense of belonging with no judgment. Tandem also works well with local businesses, which we find very admirable. They invite local food trucks to share in building a good community experience. And isn't that what we all want? We all want to live in a community where people are valued and where we can enjoy a relaxing

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afternoon or early evening with work colleagues, with friends, with family, as Tandem does close at 8pm like was previously mentioned. We all need to continue to support local businesses within our community, and that is what keeps Appleton such a desirable place to live. Tandem offers this—a place to share stories and experiences where all are welcome. Chad am is a gem within our community, and we need to keep it that way.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 41:44

Thank you, Nicole. Appreciate you.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 41:48

Any other questions, Mr. Koenig?

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 41:50

No more questions.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 41:51

Okay. Attorney Buruin, any questions for the witness?

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 41:54

Okay, thank you. All right. Any other witnesses?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 41:54

No. Thank you.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 42:00

I know it's getting late, so maybe just one more person who would like to speak. Todd, would you like to come up?

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 42:13

And the dog.

Todd Fleming (Tandem Witness) 42:15

My name is Todd Fleming. Last name is F, L, E, M, I, N, G.

Clerk Kami Lynch 42:21

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you shall give in this matter now on hearing shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God?

Todd Fleming (Tandem Witness) 42:28

I do.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 42:32

Thanks. Thanks Todd and Milo for being here. Appreciate you taking time out of your day.

Todd Fleming (Tandem Witness) 42:38

Oh, absolutely.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 42:40

So, Mr. Koenig will ask you a question, and then you can respond.

Todd Fleming (Tandem Witness) 42:44

Sure.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 42:44

I'll just use the same platform. Todd, have you ever had any concerns about my character and my practice in my workplace environment setting at Tandem or any other concerns about what may be occurring in that space?

Todd Fleming (Tandem Witness) 43:04

I do not, absolutely not. As you can see, I have a small service animal with me that I keep with me for PTSD and anxiety issues. As most people that have frequented Tandem can attest to is this little guy will actually lay down at Tandem and take a nap. It's that comfortable of a space. I notice you have the pride flag here. It is an all-encompassing facility. It's a place that I have yet to witness animosity, stress. It is honestly a gem for Appleton.

Todd Fleming (Tandem Witness) 43:44

I've been a lifelong resident of the Fox Valley, frequent Appleton a lot, and I've been to so many facilities where you look at the patrons and it's like this guy's sleeping on the bar; he shouldn't even be here. You know, they have the tavern league to call Uber or a taxi to get people out of an establishment, as in my experience never happened at tandem.

Todd Fleming (Tandem Witness) 44:11

I would like to say that, you know, I've watched George make himself tea. I've watched him interact with his customers. He's very professional. He's very aware. And we all make human mistakes. I get that. I'm no—I'm not—I'm not one that hasn't either. So, losing Tandem to pick up a liquor license for another sports bar or dance club. We've all seen him. I've seen them over serve. I've seen police presence so many venues. I have limited the number of venues I go to. Tandem is one of my mains, and I would really be, uh, disheartened to see that go away.

Todd Fleming (Tandem Witness) 45:04

As George had alluded to, he is working towards other incubators in his space, which is very, very exciting. You know, there's so many people that are just trying to make something of themselves, and George is taking those steps. He's in the preliminaries. I am the previous CEO of Timeless Rescue, and we have sold that business to George for his other endeavors. I am the current owner operator of Tinker Todd studio on Main—or right off College Avenue on 119 South Maple suite H. George has generously allowed me to bring product in to sell. I've seen him put artwork on his walls for up-and-coming artists that want to just make a name for themselves. He's got a new water system initiative that he's putting together. I've seen him talking to the engineers. I've seen him working with—sorry, he's looking for George. Again, he's very comfortable around him. But I've seen him actively put effort into these new initiatives for himself. Karter has been the mainstay behind the bar for the last probably six, seven months as I've been going down there, and I've been able to interact with George on all of the side projects, all of his initiatives, things he's trying to do. And again, I speak not for anything other than the space itself, George's character, Karter's character, and you know, the dynamic duo that they are. I really think that taking away his main source of security would be—it would be disheartening.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 47:08

Thanks for being here, Todd. I really appreciate you.

Todd Fleming (Tandem Witness) 47:10

Sure.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 47:13

Any other questions, Mr. Koenig, for the witness?

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 47:15

No more questions.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 47:16

Okay? Attorney Buruin, any questions for the witness?

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 47:19

No. Thank you.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 47:20

Okay. Thank you.

Todd Fleming (Tandem Witness) 47:21

Thank you.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 47:21

All right, any other witnesses?

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 47:23

No more witnesses.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 47:24

Okay, we will bring it back to Attorney Buruin for comments.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 47:29

Briefly, we've heard a lot about how nice of a place this is, and not to put too fine a point on it, but that's not the issue here. The issue here is not how great of a business this is, how welcoming of a place it is, and I don't doubt anybody who shared anything about that stuff, and I'm not trying to diminish the point of that. The problem is that we have an issue with baseline eligibility under Chapter 125.04(5). This isn't about violations. This is a basic eligibility, and these matters are, by law, substantial—substantially related, based on the established criteria for that.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 48:13

And I don't think we've heard anything about rehabilitation whatsoever this evening. And I think that's the dispositive issue. So based on the information here, I think the committee needs to find that the license should not be renewed because the LLC, the owner, are not eligible for licensure at this point. And that's not to say they can't apply for a new license at some point later on when they get their ownership structure figured out, but at this point, there is an application before the committee, before the council, and that application needs to be addressed.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 48:46

Okay. Thank you. Mr. Koenig or Miss Thompson, your opportunity to comment, and it's also your opportunity to talk about rehabilitation, if you are so choose.

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George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 48:55

Yes. Thank you for providing a little more clarity around the legalities. That was a little confusing to me initially. If it's the case that we may remain in a renewal status while we figure out the structure of, you know, the ownership of the LLC or turn it into a sole proprietorship, we would hope that we wouldn't have to reapply for a new license that potentially wouldn't be available. We have so much inventory right now, and to lose that license by the end of the month would be devastating.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 49:31

In terms of rehabilitation, after my second OWI I went through a program and had some intensive outpatient treatment as well as one on one counseling and therapy, and I completed both of those programs. This latest OWI happened, I don't know, maybe five years later, six years later, and this wasn't a situation where, you know, I was weaving all over the road or anything. I was pulled over in Fond du Lac, for—I had just purchased a new car from a dealership, a used car dealership, and it had these tinted windows, and they pulled that car over. And for whatever reason, it seemed like they thought I was like a courier or something, and eventually they asked me to use the breathalyzer, and I had a PAC. And if it's the case that I could demonstrate to you with some sort of rehabilitative enrollment in something like that, I would certainly do it. But anecdotally, I have not been drinking. I don't practice that anymore. I recognize what's going on. I have forgiven my driver's license. I am not interested in driving anymore, and I'm hoping that the committee will find in favor of us working together to restructure the business if that's what's necessary in order to maintain this license. Thank you.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 51:12

Okay, thank you. All right, we'll go to Attorney Buruin one more time, and then we're going to bring it to the committee.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 51:20

The only thing I would point out is that the notice letter—

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 51:23

Microphone, please.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 51:24

Apologies. Only thing I would point out is that the notice letter specifically invoked the statutes and the language about evidence of rehabilitation. And there is, unfortunately, a bit of a ticking clock here in terms of when this needs to be addressed. So, I think there needs to be a decision, and this isn't something that I think can be kicked down the road. So, we're essentially stuck with the information that we have at the moment and the situation as it is now. So that's all.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 51:56

Okay. Thank you. Mr. Koenig, one last opportunity.

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 51:59

Yes. Thank you for bringing up the time frame. We were just notified of this this past Thursday, and we really had to scurry to put some things together and create a response to that and contemplate, well, what can we do to satisfy the concerns of the committee, which we ultimately want to do. And we would hope that this isn't an arbitrary decision that is offered to the Tandem license in that if there's—there are plenty of bars in this area and restaurants in this area with ownership who may have the same, the same things going on, the same circumstances, and I guess I would ask, is this practice being offered to them? Right? So, I'm hoping that this isn't an arbitrary practice, and that we can find a solution and understand that I'm, you know, we—we just want to

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be we just want to maintain our presence in the community, continue to offer what we do, and if you would please give us an opportunity to do that, we'd really appreciate it.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 53:09

Okay, thank you. All right, let's bring it—we do have a council meeting at seven. We don't have to be finished at seven, but ideally, we would keep things moving along here. I'm going to bring it back to the committee. We do also have on our agenda a posted closed session opportunity. Alder Van Zeeland, are you wishing to speak?

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 53:31

Yes, I just wanted to ask the city attorney or representative from the police department to address Mr. Koenig's question about if this is something we do for all establishment owners during the licensing process. It seems there might be some question about that.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 53:56

I can address that. District four. It's a fair question. The background checks are run with respect to any other renewals, and if something like this comes up, it would be addressed with any ineligibility issue. It's a very clear statutory criteria that's being looked at, and nobody's being singled out for it. It just, frankly, doesn't come up very often.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 54:20

Okay. Thank you for clarifying. Sure. Go ahead.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 54:22

Thank you. This—and this question may be for the clerk. If the license were to be denied for renewal today, how long is the current license good for? Is it through June, or would it be denied immediately?

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 54:41

Director three. Should be on.

Clerk Kami Lynch 54:44

So, the license period would end on June 30, and since this is treated as a non-renewal, their license would continue through June 30.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 54:52

Okay. Thank you.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 54:53

Okay. Alder Fenton.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 54:54

Thank you, Chair. My question might also be for the clerk, if I may. Um, so I noticed the date on the applic—on the renewal application is March 13, and so the applicant stated that they didn't hear about the issue until, I guess, last Thursday was May 29? Um, we—I believe that they were aware of a problem with the license, because we granted the change of agent. Can you give me some information about the delay between the application date and the and the notification that it was to be denied?

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Clerk Kami Lynch 55:40

That's when the information was received from the police department and attorney's office after doing their review, which includes the background check and review of that. So as soon as it was received, it was it was [...].

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 55:53

Okay, all right. Thank you.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 55:56

Okay, anyone else on committee? All right,

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 56:01

May I—

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 56:01

Entertain a motion?

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 56:02

—ask another question.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 56:03

Alderson Van Zeeland, go ahead.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 56:04

So just to follow up on that, is that, because all of the applications that we are looking at for renewal are being looked at the same time? So, if they applied in March, we would be looking at them all together. I guess we're just wondering why there is such a time—a long time frame, if that doesn't happen, until we are reviewing the applications, or how that works. If you could just expand on that, please.

Clerk Kami Lynch 56:37

That's in part is that the renewals are, you know, hundreds of licenses coming in. We start the process as soon as we can. We do even a little bit of it prematurely. But other than that, I can't speak to the operations of other departments.

Zak Buru (Assistant City Attorney) 56:51

I can speak a little bit to that as well. And I think this was alluded to in prior meetings when the trade of agent came up, but there was some concern and some research that I was doing to make sure that I was confident, and that as a city, we were confident about what role the attenuation of the LLC played in eligibility. So as soon as that was shored up, that's when the ball started rolling more quickly.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 57:13

Okay, thank you.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 57:16

Alderson Fenton.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 57:17

Thank you Chair, and may I address the applicant?

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Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 57:21

Yes, you may.

Aldersonperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 57:22

Okay. So—and first thing, we've had a couple pronunciations of your name. What's the correct pronunciation of your name? Sir? Koenig? Okay, thank you. So, Mr. Koenig, obviously we—there was a change of agent—

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 57:39

Correct.

Aldersonperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 57:39

—submitted some weeks ago which was granted after some review by this committee and the council. At that time—and you also mentioned in your testimony here that you voluntarily surrendered your bartender's license. So, were you not aware at that time, that there would be an issue with you as a member of the LLC having a license for the establishment, given all of the change of agent, the surrendering of your own bartender's license?

George Koenig (Tandem Wine and Beer) 58:11

Right. Thank you for that. Yeah, I think I can put some clarity around that. Prior to that latest OWI in September, past this past September, Karter had progressively taking over the operations of ordering product at the bar and managing the bartending and managing events and things like that. And we had anticipated that she would become the agent operator, as I was. You know, these projects that I've been that I'm putting together currently have been sort of, you know, evolving over time, and it was anticipated that this was going to be what I was doing, and we were going to have a separation of responsibilities at Tandem. And yes, so when so when that agent operator identity and her role in that changed, then my bartending license was null and void. I had a bartender license because I was agent, and then I did not apply for a new one. So that's—that explains why I don't have that.

Aldersonperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 59:24

I have one more question, and this is either for Attorney Buruin or—it's a legal question.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 59:32

Okay, we'll see which attorney wants to take.

Aldersonperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 59:34

My question is so the so the applicant has indicated a desire to separate the businesses and become a non-member of the LLC. Legally speaking, is there any sort of conflict with Ms. Thompson being the sole owner but still being married to the—is there any entanglement problem with the LLC there?

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:00:01

Attorney Glad is going to take that.

Aldersonperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:00:03

Thank you.

Darrin Glad (Assistant City Attorney) 1:00:03

I was able to research that a little bit ahead of this hearing. There's nothing I found about arm's length transactions and such in this type of circumstance. So, from my research thus far, I did not find anything that would disqualify the LLC if he were to be removed, despite them having the marital relationship.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:00:25

Thank you.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:00:26

Okay. Thank you. Other comments, questions? What would the committee like to do? Alder Van Zeeland.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 1:00:35

Thank you. So just to clarify, we don't need to deliberate in closed session if we, if we feel that we could have this vote.

Darrin Glad (Assistant City Attorney) 1:00:45

That's correct. You don't have to go into closed session, but it's available if you desire.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 1:00:49

I guess I'll just state that I don't think it's necessary to go to closed session, that I think that there's a substantial relationship between Mr. Koenig's record and the sale of alcohol, and we have denied licenses for people with less of a record, and I don't believe he's provided evidence of rehabilitation. So, I'm going to vote to deny the license and encourage my colleagues to do the same. Thank you.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:01:21

Okay, are you making a motion?

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 1:01:24

I make a motion to deny.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 1:01:26

Second.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:01:27

Okay, we have a motion and a second.

Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 1:01:29

For clarity's sake, I think it would be a motion to not renew.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:01:31

Okay. So, a motion to not renew or a motion to approve a non-renewal. What would be the appropriate way to—?

Darrin Glad (Assistant City Attorney) 1:01:40

I'll take this one. The language using the statute is "renew" or "refuse to renew".

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 1:01:47

So, I'll make a motion to refuse to renew Mr. Koenig's license.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 1:01:51

Second.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:01:52

Okay, just so everybody's clear, we have a motion and a second to not renew the license. Refuse to renew for the business at 101 West Edison Street, which is listed as Tandem Wine and Beer LLC. Other comments, questions? Alder Fenton.

Aldersonperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 1:02:07

Thank you, Chair. I'm also going to vote to refuse to renew this license. I feel like, legally, we have no other option, but I do hope that you're able to transfer the business and so that it can—clearly your customers are find it a good place to go to, and so I wish you success with splitting that up and applying for a new license. But I can't vote to renew this license. Thank you.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:02:40

Okay, thank you. And I'm going to vote the same way for all the same reasons. And additionally, the thing that I wrote down was one of the earlier comments about showing rehabilitation. One of the things that I would like to see, and I didn't see it tonight, was evidence of rehabilitation. I appreciate the efforts that you've been making, but evidence of rehabilitation was not present for me, so I'm going to vote to not renew the license as well. So, any other comments questions?

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:03:11

Okay. We do have a motion and a second to refuse renewal of the license. All those in favor of the renew—refusal signify by saying, aye. All opposed? Okay. Five zero. That will go on a recommendation to the council to not renew the license.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:03:29

And we need a second motion for the report that is being sent to Council, which was drafted by Attorney Glad.

Darrin Glad (Assistant City Attorney) 1:03:37

Okay, so I three versions. If you want to review them, updating them. I'll get two more done, right now.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:03:43

These are all the same? Okay.

Darrin Glad (Assistant City Attorney) 1:03:45

Yeah.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:03:46

And this—I'm sorry, this document has to be signed by the chair of the committee, correct?

Darrin Glad (Assistant City Attorney) 1:03:51

Yeah.

Aldersonperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:03:52

Okay.

Darrin Glad (Assistant City Attorney) 1:03:52

I think once you guys had a chance to review it, then take a vote on it, and then it will be signed and go to council. Give me one second. I apologize.

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Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 1:04:15

Chair, my apologies. Someone needs to make a motion to file the report with council? What was the terminology?

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:04:21

To submit the report of its findings of fact and conclusions of law—

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 1:04:28

I'll make the motion—

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:04:29

—and the recommendation—

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 1:04:29

—to submit the findings of fact and the conclusions of law to the council.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:04:37

Okay, we have a motion a second, but let's give everyone a chance to review it. Make sure...so

[There's crosstalk and the microphones don't pick everything up clearly as they sort through the paperwork and confer.]

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 1:05:51

Okay, all right. We'll do the final procedural paperwork things here in a minute, but we do need to take a final vote on submitting the report that we just reviewed the findings of fact and the conclusions of law to the Common Council, which is meeting immediately after this meeting. So, any comments on that? We'll take a vote. All those in favor of submitting that report to council signify by saying, aye. All opposed? All right, five zero. Send that to Council along with the recommendation to refuse renewal.