

Item 25-0994: Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License Revocation Hearing for Rivera Restaurants LLC - Vanessa Alvarado, Agent

Common Council

Wed, Sep 03, 2025 7:00PM

Mayor Jake Woodford 10:00

All right, we've got our order of the day, and we're going to get started with the item from Safety and Licensing, 25-0994, this is a Class B beer and reserve Class B liquor license revocation for Rivera Restaurants, LLC. And we have a recommendation for approval of revocation from committee. We have a motion and a second to approve. We'll open the floor for discussion, and Attorney Behrens is going to start us out.

Attorney Christopher Behrens 10:47

To inform the council, shortly before four o'clock this afternoon, the agent surrendered the license to the clerk's office. So there really isn't a need to take action on the committee's recommendation at this point in time, since the license has been surrendered. My recommendation would be to hold the matter until July of 2026. That's a time period when this license would have otherwise expired, just more of a procedural matter than anything else. But there isn't any need to take any action on the report that came from the committee at this point in time recommending the revocation.

Mayor Jake Woodford 11:33

Alder Hartzheim.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 11:34

If mine is the second which I think it is, I would change that if the motioner would change for a hold.

Mayor Jake Woodford 11:44

We can handle it that way if there's no objections. Alder Croatt?

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 11:50

Thank you, Mayor. May I request that we hold it to a date specific in July, the 8th, which is the first regularly scheduled safety licensing committee meeting—

Mayor Jake Woodford 11:59

Okay.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 11:59

—unless something changes with the schedule.

Mayor Jake Woodford 12:01

Yeah, let's check with our mover and seconder, and just see if that's agreeable. All right, so the—your motion is to hold until, what was it July 1, 2026, or July 8 2026. Okay, that is the motion?

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 12:14

Yes.

Mayor Jake Woodford 12:15

Okay, and I'll check with the seconder. Do you still second?

Alderson Adrian Stancil-Martin (District 11) 12:18

I'll second it.

Mayor Jake Woodford 12:19

Okay. So, we have a motion and a second to hold until July 8 of 2026, that will be held here at Council. All right; we've got a motion. Any discussion on that motion? Alder Croatt.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 12:32

Thank you, and maybe, maybe I looked at that wrong the council meeting would be July 1. So, if we're going to hold it at Council, let's hold it until the council meeting.

Mayor Jake Woodford 12:43

So, then that would be—and we typically, we haven't set that schedule yet, but we typically don't have a meeting that first week of July.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 12:52

Because the fourth is on Saturday.

Mayor Jake Woodford 12:54

First scheduled meeting in July? All right, I'll again, check with our mover.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 12:59

Yes.

Mayor Jake Woodford 13:00

All right, and our seconder. All right, any objections to handling this in a slightly messy way? Bob's Rules of Order. Okay. All right, so we've got a motion and a second. Any further discussion on the motion to hold? This is discussion on the motion to hold. Alder Schultz.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 13:19

Just a clarification for my own benefit. So, this license is forfeited, and we're asking to essentially hold it for—until this period that we're voting on. So, would a license typically be available once it's surrendered to other parties, or is this simply the way it works, where we're going to hold it for this duration not allowing anybody else to apply for it?

Mayor Jake Woodford 13:43

Attorney Behrens.

Attorney Christopher Behrens 13:44

The license has been surrendered. So that's going to be available for another applicant. What's being held is the report and recommendation from committee.

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 13:54

I understand. Thanks for the clarification.

Mayor Jake Woodford 13:58

Alder Hartzheim.

Alderpersion Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 14:00

Thank you, Chair. I'm just curious, please, if there could be an explanation of what the disposition will be then in July of this particular item?

Mayor Jake Woodford 14:10

At that point, it would appear on the council's agenda and would just need to be dealt with at that point, either accepted, voted down, or held indefinitely. Any further discussion on the motion to hold. Hearing none, we have a motion and a second. Please cast your votes. This is to hold.

Mayor Jake Woodford 14:41

That motion passes 13 to zero. That item has been held. But again, to be clear, the license was surrendered by the agent today. That license will be made available. All right, and the council will take this up at your first meeting in July. Okay. Wanted that. Be very clear for the record.