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January 21, 2009

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON LICENSES AND PERMITS

The Committee on Licenses and Permits convened on January 21, 2009, with Chairman Bruce Desmond presiding and Committee Member Alderman Robert Trane also present and voting. Also present were Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz, Administrative Assistant Jessie Baker, Police Chief Anthony Holloway, Captain John O'Connor, George Landers from ISD representatives of the Golden Light Restaurant and interested members of the public.

A Public Hearing was held on the petition for Extended Operating Hours for the Golden Light Restaurant.

Bruce Lam, owner of the Golden Light restaurant, address the members and presented a history of the business and outlined his plans to minimize noise and to keep the neighbors happy. Several members of the public spoke in favor of the petition.

There were no speakers in opposition and the public hearing was closed.

Chief Holloway informed the members that the Police Department does not have a position on this matter but he stressed that the applicant must comply with the rules set forth by the Board of Aldermen, regardless of what time the business is allowed to be open to. Captain O'Connor stated that violations consume valuable assets of the department and he expressed his desire to see the applicant fined for violations.

Mr. Landers stated that he has never had a complaint about this business and Alderman Gewirtz spoke in favor of the petition, noting her constituents' support for the applicant. Alderman Trane stated his concerns over the recent violations. Mr. Lam told the members that he would post signs in the restaurant and print menus making it clear when the restaurant is open.

Alderman Trane's motion **that the petition for extended hours be approved for a period of 60 days, as follows: Sunday – Thursday until 1:00 AM; Friday and Saturday until 2:00 AM and that the matter be reviewed again at the expiration of the 60 day period,** was approved.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following item:

186642: Amendment of Extended Hours License - Golden Light Restaurant, 24 College Ave., Su-Th to 1:30AM, Fr-Sa to 2AM.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved as amended (see text above)

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

186670: New Automatic Amusement Device License - 381 Summer St. Restaurant Inc. dba RoseBud, 381 Summer St., 3 devices.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

186671: Renewal of Automatic Amusement Device – Northeast Motel Assoc. dba Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

Alderman Bruce M. Desmond, Chairman
Committee on Licenses and Permits

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