Minutes of the Liquor Licensing Review Subcommittee of the Public Services & Safety Committee Tuesday, June 11, 2019 – Noon Council Chambers

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>: Police Chief Olson, Assistant Fire Chief Green, City Attorney Godlewski, Director of Community Development & Assessment Haese, City Clerk Sturn and Ald. Bates and Stevenson.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Kaufert.

Chairman Bates called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

APPEARANCES: None.

MINUTES: The Committee asked that approval of the minutes of August 28, 2018 be moved to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Original Alcohol Beverage Retail License Application for Ballroom at the Reserve: The Committee reviewed the Original Alcohol Beverage Retail License Application by Ballroom at the Reserve, LLC d/b/a Ballroom at the Reserve, 116 S. Commercial Street, Justun Hart, agent. Clerk Sturn advised that Justun & Julie Hart (Ballroom at the Reserve, LLC) are purchasing the business from the Reserve, LLC, Umer Sheikh and hope to take over July 1. Umer has surrendered his license. Clerk Sturn further clarified that there is one "Class B" license remaining in the City's (38) quota for licenses plus ten Reserve licenses and this action will not affect that quota. The committee discussed Policy 2018-01 and directed City Atty. Godlewski to amend the policy to include the wording in Code Sec. 4-100(6) Abandonment of premises. Any licensee holding a license to sell alcohol beverages under this article that abandons such business shall forfeit any right or preference the licensee may have to the holding of or renewal of such license. Abandonment shall be sufficient grounds for revocation or nonrenewal of any alcohol beverage license. In this section "abandon" and "abandonment" shall mean a continuing refusal or failure of the licensee to use the license for the purpose or purposes for which the Common Council granted the license for a period of six months and Code Sec. 4-97 (a) As to ownership, In the event the "Class B" quota has been met and an existing "Class B" licensee goes out of business or relocates out of the City of Neenah, the new owner or tenant holds the right to that regular "Class B" license provided the new owner applies for that license within 60 days. If a new owner or tenant has not applied for said license within 60 days, that license will be added back into the quota for regular "Class B" licenses. That policy will be changed and brought back for approval. MSC Haese/Stevenson to recommend the Public Services & Safety Committee approve the regular liquor license application for Ballroom at the Reserve, LLC, d/b/a Ballroom at the Reserve, 116 S. Commercial Street, all voting aye.

MSC Godlewski/Stevenson to adjourn at 12:16 p.m., all voting aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Sturn, WCPC, MMC

City Clerk