

**Administration and Public Works Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 19, 2018
James C. Lytle Council Chambers – 6:00 p.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center**

MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Suffredin, R. Simmons, A. Rainey, C. Fleming

MEMBERS ABSENT: P. Braithwaite

STAFF PRESENT: A. King, W. Bobkiewicz, M. Hernandez, S. Flax, S. Mangum,
E. Storlie, A. Mackey, K. Jensen, P. Zalmezak, Chief Scott,
Ald. Revelle, Ald. Wynne

PRESIDING OFFICIAL: Ald. Rainey

I. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM: ALDERMAN RAINEY, CHAIR
A quorum being present, Ald. Rainey called the meeting to order at 6:07p.m.

II. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(A1) Resolution 18-R-18, Good to Go Jamaican Cuisine Request for Financial Assistance

Staff recommends City Council consideration of Resolution 18-R-18 for financial assistance in the amount of \$25,000 to Good To Go Jamaican Cuisine LLC to purchase additional equipment needed to open their new location at 711 Howard Street. Funding will be from the Economic Development Business Attraction (Account 215.21.5300.62660), with a budget and current balance of \$50,000.

For Action

Ald. Rue Simmons moved to recommend City Council consideration of Resolution 18-R-18 for financial assistance in the amount of \$25,000 to Good To Go Jamaican Cuisine, LLC to purchase additional equipment needed to open their new location at 711 Howard Street, seconded by Ald. Rainey.

Economic Development Manager Paul Zalmezak explained the need and terms of the funding request from Good to Go Jamaican Cuisine. The owners have purchased and done a gut rehab of the building on Howard Street after relocating from the Chicago side. They have encountered some budget challenges and are in need of an emergency infusion of capital to purchase additional equipment. The terms of this loan mirrors the CDBG loan they currently hold. It is a 10 year loan with no payments during the first year. The total payment amount combined with CDBG loan will be \$450 per month.

Owner Lenice Levy explained that Good to Go has been in business for 16 years. They are completing a total renovation of the new building. They have invested approximately \$1 million including the purchase of the property. They

expect to open in 3 weeks. They have secured 4 private events in the new space after opening and are in need of additional equipment and furniture.

Ald. Rainey noted that the owners purchased a building that was a church and will be added to the tax rolls immediately.

At Ald. Fleming's inquiry, Ms. Levy confirmed that there were structural issues during the interior build out that caused the project to go over budget and over the contingency. She added that Good to Go qualified under the previous Storefront Modernization 50/50 Program.

The Committee voted 3-1 with Ald. Suffredin opposed to approval of the financial assistance.

(A2) Ordinance 33-O-18, Amending City Code Section 3-4-6 By Creating the New Class F-2 Liquor License

Local Liquor Commissioner and staff recommend City Council adopt Ordinance 33-O-18, amending City Code Section 3-4-6 by creating the new Class F-2 Liquor License for a retail liquor dealer/gourmet food and amenity store. This ordinance is returning for consideration following its introduction and hold over to March 19, 2018.

For Introduction

Ald. Rainey moved to recommend City Council adopt Ordinance 33-O-18, amending City Code Section 3-4-6 by creating the new Class F-2 Liquor License for a retail liquor dealer/gourmet food and amenity store, seconded by Ald. Fleming.

Ald. Rainey discussed the recommendation to amend increasing the licensing fee to an initial cost of \$45,000 and a \$15,000 annual renewal.

At Ald. Fleming's inquiry, City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz noted that Evanston First Liquors pays \$25,000 initially and a \$4,100 renewal for their 5,500 square foot facility.

Ald. Wynne discussed the fairness of liquor licensing fees due to the size of the operations. She added that Binny's will be the largest liquor store in the city at 20,000 square feet.

The Committee voted 2-2 with Aids. Suffredin and Fleming opposed to adoption of the ordinance.

Ald. Rainey moved to suspend the rules to create the new Class F-2 Liquor License, seconded by Ald. Fleming. The Committee voted unanimously to suspend the rules and create the license.

(A3) Ordinance 31-O-18, Amending City Code Section 3-4-6 By Creating the New Class X Liquor License

Local Liquor Commissioner recommends City Council to adopt Ordinance 31-O-

18, amending City Code Section 3-4-6 by creating the new Class X Liquor License. Ordinance 31-O-18 was prepared to allow arts and crafts studios the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption. Ordinance 31-O-18 was introduced February 26, 2018; At the City Council meeting of March 12, 2018, the Ordinance was re-referred back to Committee on March 19, 2018 for Action.

For Action

Ald. Suffredin moved to recommend City Council to adopt Ordinance 31-O-18, amending City Code Section 3-4-6 by creating the new Class X Liquor License. Ordinance 31-O-18 was prepared to allow arts and crafts studios the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption, seconded by Ald. Fleming.

Assistant City Attorney Alex Mackey explained that food service is required in all liquor licenses with onsite consumption. Board and Brush worked with the Law Department to amend the ordinance to serve pre-packaged food thereby no longer requiring food service prep sinks.

The Committee voted unanimously 4-0 to adopt the ordinance.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

V. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Ald. Fleming moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Rainey. The Committee voted unanimously 4-0 to adjourn at 6:36pm.