

PUBLIC UTILITIES & LICENSING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE JULY 24, 2012 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hennessey at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Alderpersons Hennessey, Able, and Sladky. Absent were Alderpersons Braunel and Soeldner. Also present: City Clerk Hudon, Assistant Attorney McDaniel, and Captain Luchterhand.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a hearing on the operator license renewal denial for Gina M. Crowe. Assistant Attorney McDaniel explained the hearing process.

The Clerk swore in Captain Luchterhand. Captain Luchterhand explained the offenses. Alderperson Sladky asked if the license had been granted in the past. Captain Luchterhand said she was granted a license in February, but it must have been an oversight. It was brought out in her records that she was a witness to a theft. Captain Luchterhand said being a witness is a good thing.

Gina Crowe was sworn in by the Clerk. Ms. Crowe stated she was attending classes and brought in letters of recommendation and her school transcript. She indicated she had a baby in April and was trying to turn her life around. She indicated she did disclose her offenses in her application. Ms. Crowe indicated she is in contact with an attorney to try to get her records expunged.

Alderperson Hennessey questioned the work environment. Ms. Crowe indicated it works for her. She works the early shift and then has time to spend with her child. She indicated she does not have a problem with alcohol **and doesn't tolerate it**.

Don Murray, owner of Goldiggers, was sworn in by the Clerk. He advised that she admitted a problem in the past and has been a model employee. He indicated she deserves a second chance. Alderperson Sladky asked if Murray ever had problems with his employees with drugs. Murray indicated he had one problem individual who went to jail.

Captain Luchterhand said Mr. Murray has always been honest with the department and would trust what he says.

There being no more testimony, the committee considered going into closed session, but did not feel it was necessary.

Motion by Alderperson Able to rescind the denial, seconded by Sladky. The motion passed unanimously. Motion by Able, second by Sladky to grant the license. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hennessey, Chair
by Clerk Jennifer Hudon