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Police Reports Center of License Discussion as Council Takes Up Ladybug Club, Jerseys *Rental Inspections, Housing Developments also Scheduled for Tuesday Meeting*

Tomorrow the Common Council will consider the recommendations of the Licenses Committee regarding two establishments, Jerseys Sports Pub & Grill, 4014-4024 S. Howell Ave. and the Ladybug Club, 618-622 N. Water St. The committee recommended a renewal with a 45-day suspension for Jerseys, and Ladybug Club was recommended for renewal with a 20-day suspension. This is not the first time the Ladybug Club has received a suspension related to police report findings and some Council members have protested the recommendations of committee.

The meeting will be held tomorrow (Tuesday, December 1, 2009) at 9 a.m. in the third floor Common Council chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. Media coverage is invited.

Ald. Bob Donovan voiced his protest of the issue in a statement last week, arguing for “serious, operation-changing” penalties to be issued for licensed establishments with lengthy police reports and repeated calls for fights, shootings, excessive noise, traffic disruptions, disturbances, and other serious issues requiring frequent responses from Milwaukee police officers.

Other business scheduled for tomorrow’s Council meeting:

- The unfinished business of the Residential Rental Certificate ordinance will also be on the Council’s agenda. The ordinance launches a five year pilot program for rental unit inspections in two primary areas of Milwaukee: the Lindsay Heights neighborhood and portions of the east side bounded by Edgewood Ave. to Newberry Blvd. and Cambridge Ave. to Hackett Ave. The program mandates all units have a special inspection by the Department of Neighborhood Services to bring units up to specific maintenance and zoning specifications.

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- A substitute ordinance changing the zoning on land located west of S. Robinson Ave. and north of E. Ward St. in the 14th District. The new zoning, if approved, would pave the way for the city's first, new 32-unit solar powered apartment complex.
- A substitute resolution relating to the city guaranteeing the loan for the Bookends Project for the property located at 700 E. Kilbourn Ave. in the 4th District. The housing development requires city backing on a \$3.45 million loan guarantee in order to move forward with construction plans.

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