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Common Council Pres. Hines Announces New Task Force To Analyze Licensing Procedures

Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr. today announced that the City of Milwaukee Common Council will create an **Alcohol Beverage Licensing Task Force (ABLTF)** to recommend potential improvements for the licensing process, in light of recent events.

“I do not believe that an entirely new system of licensing is necessary for the City of Milwaukee,” said President Hines. “However, I realize that the criminal acts of the former alderman for the 6th District have created a sense of distrust or skepticism on the part of some residents. It is paramount that the licensing process be above reproach, without even a hint of wrongdoing. This newly created body will go a long way in helping the City of Milwaukee completely restore its image for fair and impartial public hearings.”

The selection process for ABLTF is already underway, and members – potentially to include representatives from the Milwaukee Police Department, the City Attorney’s Office and citizens from the community – are expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

“We will be open to any and all recommendations that the ABLTF submits – even to go so far as to overhaul the system completely, if necessary,” said President Hines. “Once again, I believe that it would be misguided and reactionary to do away with local representation completely, but I will not rule out anything that the body might recommend.”

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