



Staff Report:

Issue: Consider the revocation of Q & S Massage License

BACKGROUND:

Q & S Massage operates under a license issued to Juan Shao. On Friday, May 24th investigators from the Central MN Human Trafficking Task Force (including Investigator Jason Thompson from the Waite Park Police Department) developed information about illicit sexual contact being performed at Q&S Massage 619 2nd Street South in Waite Park. This information included a statement by a male customer who was stopped by law enforcement after he was seen leaving Q&S Massage who admitted to paying \$70 for a massage and an additional \$40 tip for a sexual act by the massage provider.

Task Force Investigators did an inspection visit on Q&S as authorized by City Ordinance 77. When investigators entered the massage parlor, the owner/operator Juan Shao was not present although she did arrive later. Also present was Xing Xuemei who is a licensed massage therapist and Hu Xiachang whose massage license application was denied by Police Chief Benrud because the Waite Park police were unable to verify her academic training in California. Also present was Yang Hongsu who is an unlicensed person working as a massage therapist inside Q&S.

It is the recommendation of the police chief that the license for Q & S be revoked which includes the revocation to the license holder Juan Shao.

A copy of the police report is attached to agenda item detailing the police investigation.

The council has the choice of doing nothing which will allow the operation of the massage facility to continue, to suspend the license up to a year (or less) or to revoke the license. In the event of revocation the license holder may not reapply for five years.

HEARING:

Councilmember _____ moved to open the hearing.

Councilmember _____ seconded the motion.

The hearing opened at _____ P.M.



Councilmember _____ moved to close the hearing.

Councilmember _____ seconded the motion.

The hearing closed at _____ P.M.

REQUIRED ACTION:

Approve or Deny the revocation (or suspension of a period not to exceed one year) of the massage license for Juan Shao operating the massage business Q & S Massage.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Police Chief Bentrud recommends the license be revoked because of serious and multiple ordinance violations.

If the motion is to revoke, the basis should be stated which may include the prohibited conduct of engaging in sexual acts and having unlicensed massage employees work at the facility.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Council member _____ moved to approve OR deny revocation of the massage license of Juan Shao dba Q & S Massage, as presented OR with the following revisions (suspension of the license of a period of time not to exceed one year)

Council member _____ seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

- Councilmember Michael Linquist _____
- Councilmember Ken Schmitt _____
- Councilmember Vic Schulz _____
- Councilmember Frank Theisen _____
- Mayor Richard Miller _____

Motion (Approved) (Denied)