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SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, January 14, 2013 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Chair
Councilman Mario Aceto, Vice-Chair
Councilman Paul H. Archetto
Councilwoman Sarah Kales Lee
Councilman Michael V. Favicchio
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Councilman Donald Botts, Jr.
Carlos Lopez, Chief of Staff
Marissa Campisani, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs
Major John Schaffran, Police Department
Deputy Chief, Stephen MacIntosh, Fire Department
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

II. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

IV. OLD BUSINESS: (Cont.)

AUTO REPAIR LICENSE – NEW (Applicant failed to appear)

E & R Auto Repair

26B Field Street

Mr. Mercado appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Mondays thru Saturdays and closed on Sundays and he will have three bays. He can store five cars inside the garage and six outside.

No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to approve this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

8-12-1 Ordinance in amendment of Title 10, of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Motor Vehicles & Traffic” (Stop, Grace Street at Pond Street). (Cont. 12/3/2012). [[click here to view](#)]

Councilman Stycos stated that since there was a strong recommendation not to approve this Ordinance from the Traffic Engineer which he forwarded to his constituent and he has never heard back from them. He is withdrawing this Ordinance.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Orientation/Presentations:

Zoning Code and procedures & enforcement by Stanley Pikul, Inspector of Building and Stephen Marsella, Assistant Solicitor

Assistant Solicitor Steven Marsella and Stan Pikul, Building Official appeared to speak.

Solicitor Marsella stated that he is Solicitor for the Zoning Board of Review and Planning Commission

Councilman Aceto asked if there is any Ordinance or local procedure in place on how the Zoning Board of Review operates. Solicitor Marsella stated that their procedure is set out by State Law.

Councilman Stycos asked if there are any statistics on the number of denials the Zoning Board of Review has issued. Solicitor Marsella stated that he does not believe the department has this information, but he can check with Steve Poulos, Secretary of the Zoning Board. Councilman Stycos

V. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** (Cont.)

Orientation/Presentations: (Cont.)

Councilman Archetto addressed the makeup of the Zoning Board of Review and stated that it should be changed. He stated that looking at the members and their residents', the majority are from the Western side of the City. There is no equal representation on the Board. The Eastern side of the City is not represented. Wards 1 and 3 are not represented. Councilman Aceto agreed that the Zoning Board of Review should have a member from each Ward.

Police Department: Procedure and enforcement of common neighbor community issues ie noise, parking, barking dogs.

Major Schaffran appeared to speak.

Councilwoman Lee asked how fireworks noise complaints are handled. Major Schaffran stated that it depends on the type of fireworks and whether they are legal or not.

Councilman Stycos stated that there is an Ordinance on the books regarding fireworks and hours that they can be discharged.

Councilman Botts asked that the procedure is on complaints of barking dogs. Major Schaffran stated that the Animal Control Officer handles these types of complaints and it is also addressed in the City Code.

Council President Lanni asked how many members in the Police Department are credited in handling noise Ordinance issues. Major Schaffran stated that there are members in the Police Department who have knowledge of using the decibel meter. Complaints go to the Mayor's Office and they get referred to the Police Department. Mr. Lopez stated that the practice has been and the Administration asks that it will continue, where all Council issues or complaints go him and Marissa Campisani and they will forward the issues to the appropriate department.

VI. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

TRANSFER OF CLASS B VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW

From: *McShawn's Pub Inc.*

1336 Cranston Street

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Cont.)

TRANSFER OF CLASS B VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW

From: *Teas and Javas LLC* 2000 Chapel View Blvd.
Carolyn Rafaelian
To: *Teas and Javas LLC* 2000 Chapel View Blvd.
Joseph Ferlise

Attorney for the transferee appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to approve this license transfer application. Motion passed unanimously.

CLASS B VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW * ABOVE THE CAP REQUIRES FULL
COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION # 75**

Della Valle Inc d/b/a Potenza Ristorante 162 Mayfield Ave.
Walter Potenza/Carmela Natale

Carmela Natale appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to recommend approval of the above license application. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. ORDINANCES:

No business.

VIII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE – NEW
Paul Hughes - # 495 7 Eva Lane

Paul Hughes appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to approve this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS: (Cont.)

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – NEW (Cont.)
Corner Store

1382 Plainfield St.

Nabila Saseh and Mohamad Sasa appeared to speak. Mr. Sasa stated hours of operation to be 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. seven days a week. No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to approve this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

FIREARMS DEALER LICENSE – NEW
RI Gunsmith & Reload LLC

796 Atwood Ave.

John Silvia, Esq., appeared to represent the applicant and stated hours of operation to be 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Mondays thru Saturdays. He also indicated that there will be sales of guns at this location. No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to approve this license application pending approval of the federal firearms license. Motion passed unanimously.

VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW
Potenza Ristorante

162 Mayfield Ave.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to approve this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY – NEW
Kelly Services Inc

95 Sockanosset Crsrds.

Chair stated that applicant asked that this license application be continued.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to continue this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

No business.

XI. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

***AAA Gas Station - propane tanks**

717 Park Avenue

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to approve this application. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS:

PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE – RENEWAL

Joseph Matarese

90 Mollie Drive

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to continue this license renewal application. Motion passed unanimously.

USED CAR LICENSE - RENEWAL

Quality Auto Sales

222 Warwick Ave.

Volare Motors

1003 Park Ave.

Mega Wheels

1568 Broad St.

American Auto Sales

448 Dyer Ave.

Cranston Auto Sales

19 Elena St.

Chestnut Hill Truck & Auto

21 Calef St.

Auto Mart

1108 Park Ave.

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license renewal applications. Motion passed unanimously.

AMUSEMENT MACHINE LICENSE - RENEWAL

The Frosted Mug

594 Reservoir Ave.

Nino's Pizza

500 Atwood Ave.

Uncle Tony's Pizza

1255 Oaklawn Ave.

Miller's Crossings

43 Bald Hill Road

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license renewal applications. Motion passed unanimously.

VICTUALLING LICENSE – RENEWAL

Cold Stone Creamery

1000 Chapel View Blvd.

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS: (Cont.)

DANCEHALL LICENSE – RENEWAL

Rhodes on the Pawtuxet

60 Rhodes Place

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to approve the above license renewal application. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE – RENEWAL

Touch Lounge

961 Dyer Avenue

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to approve the above license renewal application. Motion passed unanimously.

SECONDHAND LICENSE – RENEWAL

Eve in Paris

2 Gansett Ave.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to approve the above license renewal application. Motion passed unanimously.

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – RENEWAL

Pippin Apple Orchard

751 Pippin Orchard Rd.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to approve the above license renewal application. Motion passed unanimously.

LEASING OF MOTOR VEHICLE – RENEWAL

Enterprise Rent A Car

225 Niantic Ave.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to approve the above license renewal application. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET:

Schedule of events for January and February 2013

TIPICO RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

Schedule of Events for January 2013

PARK THEATRE

Schedule of Events for January 2013

EL TAPATIO

Events for January 2013

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to approve all the above-listed lists of events. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees