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## **SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, September 9, 2013 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

### **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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 W. Favicchio  
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina  
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Marissa Campisani, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs  
Major John Schaffran, Police Department  
Deputy Chief, Stephen MacIntosh, Fire Department  
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor  
Patrick Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel  
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 President Lanni, 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:**

*Mulligan's Island.* Alcohol service at Spooky World event in October [[click to view](#)]

**Michael Friedman** appeared to speak.

**Chair** asked if there are any issues with this request.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE: (Cont.)**

*Mulligan's Island*. Alcohol service at Spooky World event in October [[click to view](#)]

**Major Schaffran** stated that typically, this type of request would be reviewed by the Colonel and recommend Police detail. City Clerk indicated that the routing slip had been reviewed by the Colonel and two detail were indicated. The Major also stated that the two Police detail would be just for the event itself. As to the request for alcohol, an additional detail would be needed for the beer tent itself, for total of three.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to approve this request. Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

**CLASS F - 19 HOUR LIQUOR LICENSE - New** (Contd from 8/5/2013)

*Cranston Senior Services – event 10/10/13*

1070 Cranston St.

**Ms. Campisani** stated that this is for the Center's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

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

**V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

None.

**VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Ordinances)**

**SECONHAND LICENSE - NEW**

*Unique Treasures HOURS -*

92 Rolfe Square

**Rhonda Gormley** appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Tuesdays thru Sundays 10 AM to 7 PM. No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Botts, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to approve this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Ordinances) (Cont.)**

**TRANSFER CLASS BVICTUALLING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE**

**FROM: COMIDA ENT INC** 22 Midway Rd.  
**D/B/A CAFÉ LUNA**

**TO: CSGS INC** 22 Midway Rd.  
**D/B/A BISTRO 22**  
**Carlo Slaughter**  
**Gennaro Slaughter**

**Joel Chase, Esq.**, appeared to represent transferor.

**David Dulbashian, Esq.**, appeared to represent transferee and stated that the intent is to keep the same hours of operation. No one appeared to oppose.

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

**CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE – RENEWALS**

***Edgewood Liquors*** 1990 Broad St.  
***JD Cork & Bottle Liquors*** 526 Pontiac Avenue  
***Vipra Inc. d/b/a Morin’s Liquor Store*** 1621 Elmwood Ave.

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

**CLASS AS LIQUOR LICENSE - RENEWAL**

***Tally’s*** 1150 Pontiac 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.

**CLASS A/E LIQUOR LICENSE – RENEWAL**

***Phred’s Drug*** 1300 Oaklawn Ave.

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

**CLASS B LIMITED LIQUOR LICENSE – RENEWAL**

***Hibi Shabu Shabu*** 736 Park Ave.  
***Theatre 82 & Café*** 82 Rolfe Square  
***Nino’s*** 500 Atwood Ave.  
***Hong Kong Buffet*** 1776 Cranston St.  
***Piezoni’s of Cranston*** 40 Sockanossett Crsrd.

**VII. ORDINANCES: (Cont.)**

**8-13-02 Ordinance in amendment of Title 5.64 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Theatrical Performances, Shows and Exhibitions” (Public Entertainment). [\[click to view\]](#)**

**Amadeo DiRocco**, 1180 Central Ave., Johnston, owner of Amadeo’s Restaurant, appeared to speak and asked if this Ordinance is intended to cover all businesses whether they have seating capacity of over 100 or under. Mr. Quinlan stated that this is intended to cover all businesses.

**Marshall D’Ambrosio**, owner of Legion Bowl, appeared to speak and stated that his business has had a capacity of under sixty people for over 35 years. He questioned if this would mean he now would have to apply for an Entertainment License. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated, yes.

**Mr. DiRocco** stated that his business is basically a small restaurant and he has three people who sing Motown music to his customers. He feels he should not be penalized to apply for an Entertainment License.

**Council Vice-President Farina** stated that, per the Department of Business Regulations’ directive, this Committee was directed to come up with standards that affected every business.

**Mr. Quinlan** stated that the standards were to apply to all businesses that have entertainment no matter what size.

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to move the question. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Aceto motioned to amend lines 83-84 by deleting “automatically approved and subsequently issued by the Safety Services and Licenses Committee”. Councilman Archetto seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Councilman Botts** indicated to lines 169-163 and asked if this Ordinance excludes profits or non-profit organizations. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that if an organization or club is ancillary, they do not need an Entertainment License. If they use a jukebox or video game, they do not need a license, but if they use a DJ, they would be required to have a license.

**Councilman Favicchio** asked if this is going to repeal the existing Ordinance, once this is passed. Mr. Quinlan stated, no, it will not.

**Council Vice-President Farina** asked if this would limit acoustic performances. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that this is for any live performance.

**VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Ordinances) (Cont.)**

**CLASS B LIMITED LIQUOR LICENSE – RENEWAL (Cont.)**

*Tommy's Pizza Too*  
*T's Inc.*

870 Oaklawn Ave.  
1059 Park Ave.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilwoman Lee, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license renewal applications. Motion passed unanimously.

**CLASS D ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – RENEWAL**

*Columbian Realty d/b/a Knights of Columbus*

1047 Park Ave.

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

**CLASS J LIQUOR LICENSE – RENEWAL**

*Rhodes on the Pawtuxet*

60 Rhodes Place

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilwoman Lee, it was voted to approve the above license renewal application. Motion passed unanimously.

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**Gregory Piccirilli, Esq.**, appeared to represent 2012 Sports Bar and indicated to the last page of the Ordinance, which states that the sponsor of this Ordinance is the Safety Services Committee. He questioned how the Committee could be the sponsor of this Ordinance when this Ordinance has not been heard yet.

**Solicitor Kirshenbaum** stated pursuant to a ruling from the Department of Business Regulations, directed the City to come up with a standards for issuing Public Entertainment Licenses. The Chair of this Committee, at its August 14<sup>th</sup> Special meeting, directed him and the City Council Attorney to draft an Ordinance which was part of a directive of the Department of Business Regulations. The Safety Services Committee is sponsor because they were directed to put an Ordinance forward.

**Chair** asked if the Department of Business Regulations has reviewed this Ordinance. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that he sent a copy to them indicating that it would be before this Committee this evening.

**Attorney Piccirilli** asked if this Ordinance is intended to apply to all bars and restaurants in the City regardless of their size and regardless of whether they had an Entertainment License in the past. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that this would apply to all.

**VII. ORDINANCES: (Cont.)**

**8-13-02 Ordinance in amendment of Title 5.64 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled “Theatrical Performances, Shows and Exhibitions” (Public Entertainment). [[click to view](#)]**

Councilman Aceto motioned to amend line #30 to add the following after “area”: “including those establishments with the capacity of under 100”. Council Vice-President Farina seconded the motion.

Under Discussion:

**Mr. Quinlan** stated that the reason for this amendment is to clarify that the standards applies to all establishments.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to move the question. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Vice-President Farina motioned to amend line #27 to change “10 ft.” to “20 ft.” Councilman Aceto seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of this Ordinance as amended and motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**

**VICTUALLING LICENSE - NEW**

***Qdoba Mexican Grill hours 10:30AM - 11PM***

4000 Chapel View Blvd.

**Steven DelRose** appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to approve this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

***Village Italian Deli & Meats 10AM - 6PM M-Sat Sun 8-1***

961 Dyer Ave.

**Jessica Sanders** appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

**HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE - NEW**

***Sleepy’s Mon - Sat 10AM - 9PM Sun 11AM - 7PM***

One New London Ave.

**Michael Jennings** appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

**IX. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:**

None.

**X. POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

None.

**XI. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

None.

**XII. LICENSE RENEWALS:**

**AUTO REPAIR LICENSE - RENEWALS**

*Quality Auto Sales*

*Chestnut Hill truck & Auto*

222 Warwick Ave.  
21 Calef Street

**USED CAR LICENSE - RENEWAL**

*Quality Auto Sales*

222 Warwick Ave.

**HAUNTED HOUSE LICENSE - RENEWAL**

*Rejoice in Hope Youth Center*

804 Dyer Ave.

**HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE - RENEWAL**

*7-Eleven*

1394 Plainfield Pike

**ALL NIGHT LICENSE - RENEWAL**

*Legion Bowl*

661 Park Ave.

**PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE - RENEWAL**

*Thomas Giorgio - #324*

780 Reservoir Ave.

**VICTUALLING LICENSE - RENEWALS**

*Hibi Shabu Shabu*

*Theatre 82 & Café*

*Nino's*

*Hong Kong Buffet*

*Piezoni's of Cranston*

*Tommy's Pizza Too*

*T's Inc.*

*Rhodes on the Pawtuxet*

*Sombrero*

736 Park Ave.  
82 Rolfe Square  
500 Atwood Ave.  
1776 Cranston St.  
40 Sockanossett Crsrd.  
870 Oaklawn Ave.  
1059 Park Ave.  
60 Rhodes Place  
716 Reservoir Ave.

**XII. LICENSE RENEWALS: (Cont.)**

**TEMPORARY STRUCTURE - RENEWAL**  
*Leyden Trees - for November 23- December 25*

@1000 New London Ave.

**BINGO LICENSE - RENEWALS**  
*SEE LIST* [[click to view](#)]

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilwoman Lee, it was voted to vote on all the above-listed license renewal applications as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**XIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:**

**RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET:**  
*Schedule of events for July - October 2013* [[click to view](#)]

**TIPICO RESTAURANT & LOUNGE**  
*Schedule of Events (NO LIST AVAILABLE)*

**PARK THEATRE**  
*Updated Schedule of Events for rest of the year submitted in August*

On motion by Councilwoman Lee, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to vote on all the above-listed list of events as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilwoman Lee, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to approve all the above-listed list of events. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees