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SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, November 4, 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
Councilman Michael W. Favicchio
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Absent: Councilwoman Sarah Kales Lee

Also Present: Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs
Deputy Chief, Stephen MacIntosh, Fire Department
David Igliazzi, Assistant City Solicitor (left meeting at 8:15 P.M.)
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: ABCGAS1 - Request to lift restriction in regards to Sunday hours

Chair stated that the City Clerk has advised him that the abutters were not notified.

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

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE - RENEWALS (CONT'D FROM 10/7)

<i>Basta on Broad</i>	Broad St.
<i>Mulligan's Island</i>	1000 New London Ave.
<i>Thirsty Beaver</i>	288 Atwood Ave.
<i>848 Associates</i>	848 Park Ave.
<i>Chapel Grille</i>	3000 Chapel View Blvd.
<i>Chelo's</i>	1275 Reservoir Ave.
<i>39 West</i>	39 Phenix Ave.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to take the above items as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

CLASS B VICTUALLING LIQUOR LICENSE - RENEWAL (cont'd from 10/7/13)

<i>Café Itri</i>	1686 Cranston St.
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On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to approve this license renewal application. Motion passed unanimously.

John DiBona, Esq., appeared to represent applicant and stated that the application for Expansion of Premises has been filed and will be heard next month.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

None.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS (including Ordinances) :

**TRANSFER OF CLASS LIQUOR LICENSE - NEW
FROM CLASS B LIMITED - TO CLASS BV FULL - (NEEDS FULL COUNCIL)**

<i>Tommy's Pizza</i>	870 Oaklawn Ave.
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Thomas Sacco, Jr., 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 transfer application. Motion passed unanimously.

SECONDHAND LICENSE - NEW

<i>Manhattan Gold Buyers – hours of operation</i>	166 Atwood Ave.
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Frank Lombardi appeared to speak in favor as Senator for this District. No one appeared to oppose.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS (including Ordinances) : (Cont.)

SECONDHAND LICENSE - NEW

Manhattan Gold Buyers – hours of operation

166 Atwood Ave.

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

Under Discussion:

Chair stated that since there is no representative from the Police Department, he asked that the motion be subject to Police approval.

Ramon Harris appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Mondays thru Fridays 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturdays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to approve this license application pending Police approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Sunshine Consignment –hours of operation

828 Atwood Ave.

Grady Goudey appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Mondays thru Saturdays 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. No one appeared to oppose.

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

CLASS B VICTUALLING LICENSE - NEW (NEEDS FULL COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION)

The Attic

2204 Broad St.

John DiBona, Esq., appeared to represent applicant.

Richard Nicholson, Esq., appeared to represent Marie Stanlon of L'Atitudes in opposition. He stated that one of the concerns is parking. This is a congested area already. If this business and Fellini Pizzeria are allowed to go at these two locations, L'Atitudes will go out of business because of the competition and the congestion.

Marie Stanlon appeared to speak and stated that parking is an issue at L'Atitudes and always has been.

Joseph Fazlowski, Esq., appeared to represent Betty's Candies and stated that there is significant parking shortage in this area. Since moving to this location, this has significantly interfered with his client's business. Pawtuxet Village has been saturated with restaurants that hold liquor licenses and businesses that sell liquor.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS (including Ordinances) : (Cont.)

CLASS B VICTUALLING LICENSE - NEW (NEEDS FULL COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION) (Cont.)

The Attic

2204 Broad St.

Donald Centracchio, owner of 23 Aborn St., appeared to speak and expressed concern for his tenants who have to live near this proposed business with other businesses already there, such as Powers Pub and with the noise late at night. He is present to get assurance for his tenants that this won't turn into another watering hole in the area.

Attorney DiBona stated that this is not proposed to be a night club, it will be a restaurant. As to Pawtuxet Village being saturated with liquor license holders, he pointed out Knightsville, which has quite a few restaurants with liquor licenses in a small area.

Anthony Albanese, applicant of The Attic, appeared to speak.

The Committee agreed to discuss Fellini Pizzeria together with The Attic, since they have the same attorney and they are in the same vicinity.

Fellini Pizzeria

2190 Broad St.

John DiBona, Esq., appeared to represent applicant and stated that the original plan was for 40-45 seats, application has changed to 30 seats. He submitted a revised plan. Attorney DiBona stated hours of operation to be Sundays thru Thursdays 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM and Fridays and Saturdays 11:00 AM to Midnight.

Richard Nicholson, Esq., appeared to represent L'Atitudes and expressed same concerns he stated for The Attic.

Joseph Fazlowski, Esq., appeared to represent Betty's Candies and stated same concerns he stated for The Attic.

Christine Knoedley, applicant, appeared to speak.

Council President Lanni stated that there are five liquor establishments in the area on the Cranston side and two on the Warwick side. By adding two more, there would be seven establishments sharing 40 parking spaces. He feels there needs to be a traffic study to start with in the area.

Councilman Favicchio asked Attorney DiBona if he has looked to lease space for parking or have valet parking. Attorney DiBona stated that most of the businesses in the area are open during the day.

Chair asked what the capacity for both restaurants is. Attorney DiBona stated 30 people per business. He indicated that they have 40 or so spaces at 2200 Broad St. and the spaces available at 2190 Broad St., in addition to on-street parking.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS (including Ordinances) : (Cont.)

CLASS B VICTUALLING LICENSE - NEW (NEEDS FULL COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION) (Cont.)

Fellini Pizzeria

2190 Broad St.

Councilman Aceto stated that the Council Member from this Ward is not present this evening and he asked that these two license applications be tabled and he would like to hear the Council Member's input or concerns he may have.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to deny the license application for "The Attic".

Under Discussion:

Council President Lanni stated that there is a parking problem in this area and also noise. There needs to be a traffic study one.

Chair agreed with Council President Lanni.

Councilman Favicchio stated that he agrees to a traffic study and also Police review. He asked if the applicant would be able to re-apply if this application was denied this evening. City Clerk stated that there is no prohibition, they can re-apply.

Roll call was taken on motion to deny the application for "The Attic" and motion passed on a vote of 4-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Archetto, Favicchio, Santamaria and Council President Lanni -4. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Aceto and Council Vice-President Farina -2.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to approve a Beer and Wine License for "Fellini Pizzeria".

Under Discussion:

Councilman Archetto stated that he will vote "nay" on this motion only because the Council Member from this Ward is not present this evening.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve a Beer and Wine License for "Fellini Pizzeria" and motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Santamaria, Aceto, Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Archetto -1.

CLASS A RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE - RENEWALS

Gagnier Associates d/b/a another Liquor Store
Capital Liquors

311 Warwick Ave.
811 Park Ave.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to take the above license renewal applications as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

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

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS (including Ordinances) : (Cont.)

LIQUOR LICENSE CLASS BV- RENEWALS

<i>Tommy's Pizza</i>	870 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Café Itri</i>	1686 Cranston St.
<i>Texas Roadhouse</i>	99 Garfield Ave.
<i>641 Food & Spirits d/b/a the Arena</i>	641 Atwood Ave.
<i>Miller's Crossings</i>	43 Bald Hill Road
<i>Carol & Mario's Catering</i>	20 Haven Ave.
<i>Applebee's</i>	24 Midway Rd.
<i>Neo Pizza</i>	2244 Plainfield Pike
<i>VFW Post</i>	170 Randall St.
<i>King's Garden</i>	90 Rolfe Square
<i>El Tipico Restaurant</i>	16 Gansett Ave.
<i>Lang's</i>	225 Niantic Ave.
<i>Royal Buffet & Grill</i>	292 Garfield Ave.
<i>Chipotle Mexican Grill</i>	83 Hillside Rd.
<i>Cilantro Mexican Grill</i>	1255 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Macera's Italian Restaurant</i>	1500 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Ichiban Restaurant</i>	146 Gansett Ave.
<i>L'Attitude</i>	2190 Broad St.
<i>Legion Pub</i>	661 Park Ave.
<i>Red Lounge</i>	355 Dyer Ave.
<i>1150 Oak Bar & Grill</i>	1150 Oaklawn Ave.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to take the above license renewal applications as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

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

EXPANSION OF PREMISES LICENSE - RENEWAL

<i>Nino's Pizza</i>	500 Atwood Ave.
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On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Favicchio, it was voted to approve this license renewal application. Motion passed unanimously.

CLASS D ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE - RENEWAL

<i>Edgewood Yacht Club</i>	3 Shaw Ave.
<i>RI Ceilhide Club</i>	50 America St.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to take the above license renewal applications as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

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

VII. ORDINANCES:

08-13-4 Ordinance in amendment of Title 5.54 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, Entitled Business License and Regulations (Itinerant Food Vendors. (Cont. 10/7/2013). [click to view Corrected Link]

Councilman Favicchio stated that he and Solicitor Kirshenbaum will be amending this Ordinance.

Chair stated that this Ordinance will be continued.

VIII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

VICTUALLING LICENSE - NEW (RATIFY THE ACTION)

Taco Bell HOURS 10 AM - 2AM

1102 Cranston St.

Steve Perrone appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

Councilman Archetto stated that he has a concern with the 2:00 AM closing. He recommended amending the hours to 10:00 AM to 1:00 AM.

On motion by Councilman Archetto, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to approve this license application with hours of operation from 10:00 AM to 1:00 AM. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Perrone stated that there is a coffee shop across the street that is open until 2:00 AM with, he believes, a drive-thru. Chair asked City Clerk if she is aware that this coffee shop is open until 2:00 AM. City Clerk stated that she will have to check into this.

Honey Dew Donuts 5AM - 11PM

1334 Park Ave.

Charles Tsoumakos appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

VICTUALLING LICENSE - NEW

Crugnale Bakery - Hours M - Sat 7AM - 7PM Sun 7 - 2PM

48 B Rolfe St.

Rich Macera appeared to speak in favor. No one appeared to oppose.

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

The Attic

2204 Broad St.

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

VIII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS: (Cont.)

Fellini Pizzeria

2190 Broad St.

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

Taqueria El Tocanazo 7AM - 11PM

879 Dyer Ave.

Angelina Villanueva appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

***2 Tomatoes Pizza, Bakery & Subs M - Th 11-9 Fri/Sat 11-11
Sun 11-8***

889 Dyer Ave.

Megan Martin, appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

ITINERANT FOOD VENDOR LICENSE - NEW

Effendi Mediterranean Grill

68 Nichols St.

Effendi Atma appeared to speak and presented a letter of permission from Mardi Gras to sell on their property.

Chair stated that this violates an Ordinance recently passed with regards to radius. To sell from this location cannot be approved because of this violation. If this license application is approved, applicant cannot serve within 1,000 ft. of an established restaurant.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

IX. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

No business.

X. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

No business.

XI. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No business.

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS:

VICTUALLING LICENSE - RENEWALS

<i>Napolitano's</i>	100 East Street
<i>J & K Subway</i>	2244 Plainfield Pike
<i>J & k Subway</i>	962 Cranston St.
<i>J & K Subway</i>	1776 Plainfield Pike
<i>J & k Subway</i>	475 Atwood Ave.
<i>Vital Health & Nutrition</i>	1675 Cranston St.
<i>Wai Wai House</i>	1850 Broad St.
<i>Taco Bell</i>	1076 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Bestway</i>	280 Atwood Ave.
<i>Subway</i>	300 Park Ave.
<i>Wein - O - Rama</i>	1009 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Baskets from Heaven</i>	1000 Chapel View Blvd.
<i>Tony's Pizza</i>	548 Pontiac Ave.
<i>NE Slush Company</i>	174 Gansett Ave.
<i>The Elephant Room</i>	2170 Broad St.
<i>YO - Mix</i>	1875 Park Avenue
<i>Tomasell, Inc.</i>	693 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Walt's Roast Beef</i>	680 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Thai Orchid</i>	800 Park Ave.
<i>Weinerman</i>	1012 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Vivaldi's Pizza</i>	1826 Broad St.
<i>Rhim Nahm Thai Cuisine</i>	2212 Broad St
<i>Café Itri</i>	1686 Cranston St.
<i>Texas Roadhouse</i>	99 Garfield Ave.
<i>641 Food & Spirits d/b/a the Arena</i>	641 Atwood Ave.
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<i>Ichiban Restaurant</i>	146 Gansett Ave.
<i>L'Attitude</i>	2190 Broad St.

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS: (Cont.)

VICTUALLING LICENSE – RENEWALS (Cont.)

<i>Legion Pub</i>	661 Park Ave.
<i>Red Lounge</i>	355 Dyer Ave.
<i>1150 Oak Bar & Grill</i>	1150 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Sundaes</i>	775 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>ABCGASI</i>	1036 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Twins Pizzeria</i>	152 Ganset Ave.
<i>Styles NY System</i>	1617 Elmwood Ave.

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

ALL NIGHT LICENSE - RENEWAL

<i>CVS #1414</i>	1195 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Alex and Ani - for black Friday</i>	2000 Chapel View

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

BAZAAR LICENSE - RENEWAL

<i>Annunciation Ladies Society - event 11/9</i>	175 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Armenian Evangelica Church - Event 11/23</i>	180 Oaklawn Ave.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to take the above license renewal applications as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

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

XIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET:

Schedule of events for November and December submitted in October [[click to view](#)]

No action taken.

TIPICO RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

Schedule of Events for October and November and updated September list [[click to view](#)]

No action taken.

XIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES: (Cont.)

PARK THEATRE

Updated Schedule of Events for rest of the year submitted in August

No action taken.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Maureen Sullivan, 62 Tucker Ave., appeared to question the process of notification of the abutters for businesses on Broad St. City Clerk stated that the abutters are notified within 200' radius and the abutters list is obtained from the Tax Assessor's Office. The notice is also advertised in the Cranston Herald.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees