

(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting, but rather a summarization intended for general informational purposes. All motions and votes are the official records).

SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, February 3, 2014 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the Chair.

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

Also Present: Councilman Steven Stycos
Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs
Major Robert Ryan, Police Department
Deputy Chief, Stephen MacIntosh, Fire Department
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

II. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Councilman Aceto, 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:

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Letter from Sunshine Consignment in regards to extension of Hours from 10 - 6 to 8AM- 8PM
(Cont'd from 1/6/2014 -applicant did not appear) abutters notified and applicant
828 Atwood Ave.

No one appeared.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: (Cont.)

VICTUALLING LICENSE - NEW (TABLED 1/6/14 - NO SHOW)

Pizza Hut - hours 11AM - 11PM

1112 Reservoir Ave.

No one appeared. Remains Tabled.

Bader Market (NO SHOW 12/2 and 1/6) HOURS 7AM - 11PM

120 East Street

No one appeared. Remains Tabled.

EXPANSION OF PREMISE - NEW (Cont'd from 12/2/2013 and 1/6/2014)

Café Itri

1686 Cranston St.

Greg Spremulli 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.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING REVIEW - (Cont'd from 12/2/2013 – for review)

Guayacan Lounge

349 Dyer Ave.

Alberto Ponte Carlon, Esq. appeared to represent applicant.

Major Ryan stated that this establishment has had Police detail every weekend since the last meeting and have had no issues to date.

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, it was voted to remove the restriction of requiring Police detail. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT –Review of Entertainment Restriction of 11 pm

2012 Sports bar

1785 Cranston St.

Gregory Piccirilli, Esq., appeared to represent the applicant.

Lisa Bessette, applicant, appeared to speak.

Attorney Piccirilli stated that there have been no issues at this establishment and asked that the restriction of no Entertainment after 11 PM be lifted.

Solicitor Kirshenbaum asked what type of Entertainment has been held at this establishment from December 4th to the present and what has been done to monitor the activity. Ms. Bessette stated that there have been a few fundraisers and a two-piece band that played, a Karaoke and a Christmas Party, which all ended at 11 PM. Every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, the Entertainment went to 11 PM. As to the policing, they have constantly policed the area making sure no one parked where they were not supposed to.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: (Cont.)

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT –Review of Entertainment Restriction of 11 pm

2012 Sports bar (Cont.)

1785 Cranston St.

Councilwoman Lee motioned to remove the restriction completely and allow Entertainment till 1:00 AM. Council President Lanni amended this motion to: Friday, Saturday and Sunday allow Entertainment to 12:00 PM and 11:00 PM for the rest of the week and if there are no problems, in 60 days grant a full Entertainment License. Council Majority Leader Archetto seconded this motion.

Under Discussion:

Attorney Piccirilli stated that the Department of Business Regulations' decision did not contemplate further restrictions. This Committee continues to use the need for restrictions because of the proximity of residents. This establishment is not being treated like other establishments in the City. He indicated that Powers Pub has people living right above the establishment and they have entertainment every night with no restrictions. 39 West is very close to residents, they have entertainment with no restrictions. If restrictions are placed on his client again, they will appeal this again to the Department of Business Regulations.

Council President Lanni stated that as to 39 West, they have sound proof. Powers Pub, Attorney Piccirilli is correct and there have been complaints every year and something will be done eventually with Powers Pub.

Council Minority Leader Favicchio recommended 30 days trial period instead of 60 days.

Gavel was handed to Vice-Chair.

Councilman Santamaria stated that a neighbor on Bolton St. has indicated to him that this establishment is never open. If they are not open, there is no noise coming from the establishment and that is the reason there have been no recent complaints. He suggested that the establishment provide the Committee with a list of what Entertainment has been held there in the 60 days trial period.

Attorney Piccirilli stated that it is very difficult to get a band to play from 9:00 PM to 12:00 PM on a weekend when they can go to another establishment in the City that has no restrictions and play until 1:00 AM. If these restrictions are continued, this Committee will be putting this establishment out of business.

Gavel was handed back to the Chair.

Council President Lanni withdrew his motion and Council Majority Leader Archetto withdrew his second to the motion.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Majority Leader Archetto, it was voted to place restriction for Entertainment as follows: Friday, Saturday and Sunday until 12:00 PM and 11:00 PM for the rest of the week for 30 days and if there are no problems after the 30 days, a full Entertainment License will be granted. Motion passed on a vote of 5-2. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Aceto, Council Majority Leader Archetto, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilman Santamaria and Councilwoman Lee -2.

V. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

None.

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

TRANSFER OF CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE - NEW

From: Hot Tamale LLC d/b/a l'Attitude

2190 Broad St.

***To: Revolution Restaurant & Consultation LLC
d/b/a L'Attitude***

2190 Broad St.

Dean Scanlon appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

TRANSFER OF CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE - NEW

From: First Shot LLC

1669 Cranston St.

d/b/a Knightsville Pub - Paul Troia

To: First Shot LLC

d/b/a Knightsville Pub - Paul Troia - David Troia

Paul and David Troia 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 transfer. Motion passed unanimously.

TRANSFER OF CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE - NEW

From: Nati, Inc.

16 Gansett Ave.

d/b/a El Tipico

From: Cigar World LLC

1300 Park Ave.

d/b/a Cigar World

Mark Gertskov, Esq., appeared to represent Nati, Inc. and **Robert Perretti, Esq.**, appeared to represent Cigar Word.

Council Vice-President Farina questioned why Cigar World needs a full liquor license. Attorney Perretti stated that the clientele have asked for alcoholic beverages and this will enhance the business. This will be a very low key operation.

Council Majority Leader Archetto asked what the hours of operation will be. Attorney Perretti stated, Monday thru Saturday 11:30 AM to midnight.

Chair asked if there is a kitchen at this business at this time. Attorney Perretti stated, no.

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

TRANSFER OF CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE – NEW (Cont.)

From: Nati, Inc. 16 Gansett Ave.
d/b/a El Tipico

From: Cigar World LLC 1300 Park Ave.
d/b/a Cigar World

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that the Committee can approve this license subject to completion of kitchen and approval from Health Department.

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 subject to kitchen being completed and approval from Health Department before liquor license is issued. Motion passed unanimously.

SECONDHAND LICENSE - NEW

Sunshine Consignment - hours 8 AM - 8 PM 700 Atwood Ave.

No one appeared to speak.

Chair stated that there are still complaints with this establishment at its current location and asked that the Clerk make the applicant aware of this.

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

Ana Lia's Consignment - hours not listed 981-991 Oaklawn Ave.

Karen Calabro appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Tuesdays thru Saturdays 1:30 to 6:00. No one appeared to oppose.

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

VII. ORDINANCES:

1-14-02 Ordinance in amendment of Title 5, Chapter 68 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Tobacco Dealers" (Cigar Sales Regulated).
[\[click to view\]](#)

Dana Deverna appeared to represent Substance Abuse Task Force and to speak in favor of this proposed Ordinance.

VII. ORDINANCES: (Cont.)

**1-14-02 Ordinance in amendment of Title 5, Chapter 68 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Tobacco Dealers" (Cigar Sales Regulated).
[\[click to view\]](#) (Cont.)**

Sam Nifel, 10 Phillips Ct., owner of a business at 770 Park Ave., appeared to oppose to this proposed Ordinance and stated that cigarette sales is 40% of his business.

Khaliq Uzzaman, small business owner in the City, appeared to oppose to this proposed Ordinance.

Mr. Unanas, owner of business at 1260 Pontiac Ave., appeared to oppose to this proposed Ordinance.

Grace Swinski, 30 Sumner Ave., appeared to speak in favor of this proposed Ordinance and stated that she appreciates the businesses in the City, but tobacco products are a health issues.

Mr. Abkarian, 40 Tweed St., owner of 7/11 on Plainfield St., appeared to speak in favor of this proposed Ordinance, but questioned the reason for this Ordinance. Councilman Stycos stated that the requirement of four cigars being sold in a pack versus single is to reduce youth smoking. The purpose for the blunt wrap Ordinance is to reduce the consumption of marijuana, since the blunt wraps are used for that. Mr. Abkarian stated that as to the advertising of warnings of these products, he would be happy to display that in his store. He would encourage the City Council to work with the businesses instead of hurting the businesses. He wants to encourage responsible use of these products and he would be happy to help.

Ramos Kattan, owner of business at 150 East St., appeared to oppose to this proposed Ordinance.

On motion by Councilwoman Lee, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Aceto stated that he received approximately two dozen phone calls from people who are opposed or concerned if this Ordinance and Ordinance 1-14-3 is passed. He stated that we need to look at this and see how it affects anyone.

Council Majority Leader Archetto asked if there is a penalty in this Ordinance, because he does not see one.

Councilman Stycos stated that there is none. A violation of this Ordinance would be addressed through the tobacco license issued to the business.

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that the Code has monetary fine where revocation could be done.

Council Majority Leader Archetto suggested that Councilman Stycos sponsor a Resolution to the General Assembly creating a uniform policy through the State.

VII. ORDINANCES: (Cont.)

1-14-02 Ordinance in amendment of Title 5, Chapter 68 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Tobacco Dealers” (Cigar Sales Regulated).
[click to view] (Cont.)

Councilman Santamaria stated that by raising fees, it would not deter people from purchasing tobacco.

Council Majority Leader Archetto stated that he feels this should be addressed at the State level and there should be a uniform policy throughout the State.

Council Minority Leader Favicchio stated that he agrees that tobacco use among adults should be addressed at the State level.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of this Ordinance and motion failed on a unanimous vote.

1-14-03 Ordinance in amendment of Title 5, Chapter 68 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled “Tobacco Dealers” (Tobacco – Prohibition on Sale of Blunt Wraps). [click to view]

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, it was voted to deny this Ordinance. Motion passed on a vote of 5-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilman Santamaria, Councilwoman Lee, Council Minority Leader Favicchio, Council Vice-President Farina and Council President Lanni -5. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilman Aceto and Council Majority Leader Archetto -2.

VIII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

VICTUALLING LICENSE - NEW
Talaat Market - hours 8AM- 8PM

1375 Park Ave.

No one appeared.

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

Cigar World - hours not listed

1300 Park Ave.

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

VIII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS: (Cont.)

VICTUALLING LICENSE - NEW

Northeast Restaurants hours 6AM -200AM (Ratification) 140 Hillside Rd.
d/b/a Corner Bakery Café -

Glenn Biettie appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 6:30 to 9:-00.

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

Great Wall - Hours M- Th 11-11:30 Fri./Sat. 11-11 Sun. 12-10 1480 Park Ave.

Xiayan Chai appeared to speak.

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

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE – NEW

Guayacan Lounge 349 Dyer Ave.

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Council Vice-President Farina, 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:

ALL NIGHT LICENSE - RENEWAL

7- Eleven 1394 Plainfield Pike

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

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS: (Cont.)

SECONDHAND LICENSE - RENEWAL

Unicom, Inc.

881 Dyer Ave.

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

VICTUALLING LICENSE – RENEWAL

<i>McDonald's</i>	923 Cranston St.
<i>Moon House</i>	741 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Donut Bazar</i>	823 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Calvitto's</i>	285 Park Ave.
<i>Calvitto's</i>	1401 Park Ave.
<i>Honey Dew Donuts</i>	300 Atwood Ave.
<i>Deluise's Bakery</i>	701 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Albanese's Delizioso</i>	1288 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Dunkin Donuts</i>	630 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Dunkin Donuts</i>	1111 Park Ave.
<i>Honey Dew Donuts</i>	690 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>7 - Eleven</i>	535 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Countryside Restaurant</i>	243 Phenix Ave.
<i>Dunkin Donuts</i>	480 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Dunkin Donuts</i>	1288 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Del's</i>	1260 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Dyer Mart & Deli</i>	500 Dyer Ave.
<i>Bejing Restaurant</i>	1500 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Edgewood Market</i>	1043 Narragansett Blvd.
<i>Deli Express</i>	995 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Mangia Mangia</i>	1606 Cranston St.
<i>Great Wall</i>	1480 Park Ave.
<i>Ronzio Pizza</i>	1464 Park Ave.
<i>China Star</i>	636 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Al-Mall Daily Mart</i>	1816 Broad St.
<i>Al-Mall Mini Mart</i>	41 Warwick Ave.
<i>Oriental Taste</i>	2244 Plainfield Pike
<i>The Cone Zone d/b/a Just Chillin</i>	1424 Park Ave.
<i>A & J Bakery</i>	1458 Park Ave.
<i>Genji Sushi</i>	151 Sock Crsrds.
<i>Café Bon Ami</i>	1082 Park Ave.
<i>Chen Garden (Ratification)</i>	995 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Edible Arrangements</i>	20 Hillside Rd.
<i>Dunkin Donuts</i>	283 Park Ave.
<i>Ocean Pride</i>	270 Atwood Ave.
<i>Spikes Junkyard Dogs</i>	640 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Dear Heart's</i>	2218 Broad St.

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS: (Cont.)

VICTUALLING LICENSE – RENEWAL (Cont.)

<i>Coffee Plus</i>	600 New London Ave.
<i>Coffee Plus</i>	1511 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Athenian Market & Deli</i>	1242 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Kentucky Fried Chicken</i>	822 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Dunkin Donuts</i>	2148 Broad St.
<i>China Star</i>	636 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Rainbow Bakery</i>	800 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Boston Market</i>	185 Sockanosset Crsr.
<i>Stop & Shop</i>	275 Warwick Ave.
<i>Stop & Shop</i>	204 Garfield Ave.
<i>Stop & Shop</i>	200 Atwood Ave.

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

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

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – RENEWAL

<i>Cardi's</i>	40 Sockanosset Crsd.
<i>Ann Taylor #1199</i>	59 Hillside Rd.
<i>Ann Taylor Loft # 956</i>	83 Hillside Rd.

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to take all the above-listed license renewal applications as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

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

MASSAGE THERAPY LICENSE - RENEWAL

<i>Therapeutic Impressions</i>	75 Sockanosset Crsr.
<i>Back in Balance</i>	75 Sockanosset Crsr.

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

SECONDHAND LICENSE - RENEWAL

<i>Cranston Firearms</i>	1016 Cranston St.
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On motion by Councilwoman Lee, seconded by Council Majority Leader Archetto, it was voted to approve this license renewal application. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS: (Cont.)

FIREARMS DEALER - RENEWAL

Cranston Firearms

1016 Cranston St.

On motion by Councilwoman Lee, seconded by Council Majority Leader Archetto, it was voted to approve this license renewal application. Motion passed unanimously.

AUTO REPAIR LICENSE - RENEWAL

Central Truck

131 Fletcher Ave.

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

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE - RENEWAL

Ann Taylor #1199

59 Hillside Rd.

Ann Taylor Loft # 956

83 Hillside Rd

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

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

PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE - RENEWAL

Michael Manni - #490

597 Oaklawn Ave.

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

XIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET:

Schedule of events for January through April submitted in January 2014

No action.

PARK THEATRE

Schedule of Events for February through April 2014 [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, it was voted to approve the above list of events. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES: (Cont.)

**GUAYACAN LOUNGE:
No entertainment**

No action.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees