

(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, August 4, 2014 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by the Chair.

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

Absent: Council Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio
Council Vice-President Michael J Farina

Also Present: Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs
Lt. Alan Loiselle, 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
Ron Ronzio, Stenographer

II. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council President Lanni, 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/REPORTS:

Status of RFP for razing of home at 81 Midvale Rd.

Mr. Barone stated that on Friday, yellow tape was placed on the property. Per the Solicitor, the City could be liable for going on private property. The Solicitor will do some research and try to reach out to the property owner.

Chair asked where we go from here. There are major safety issues. Assistant Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that if there is a serious safety issues concern, the Building Official can address those concerns. If there is a concern of power being on, we could have the utilities turned off. He indicated that Section 15.12.400 gives the City ability to demolish a home if there is no compliance.

Chair stated that some of these things have already been done.

Assistant Solicitor Kirshenbaum asked if anyone has been cited. Chair stated that he does not know.

Councilman Aceto asked if the Fire Department has checked into the methane odor coming from the property. Mr. Barone stated that the Fire Department did stated that there was trace of carbon monoxide, but does not recall them mentioning methane.

Council President Lanni asked if there have been any fines on this property, such as Minimum Housing violations. Mr. Barone stated that Minimum Housing sent a notice to the bank letting them know that they are in violation and signs were placed on the door stating that the property is not safe. He also stated that locks to the home have been changed. Council President Lanni asked if the utilities have been turned off. Mr. Barone stated that he will check with the Building Official tomorrow. Council President Lanni asked if the property owner has been before the Municipal Court. Mr. Barone stated, no. Council President Lanni asked, why not. Mr. Barone stated that the property owner has been noticed one time. They need to be noticed twice before being sent to Municipal Court. Council President Lanni stated that this has been going on for months. This is a safety hazard to the children in the neighborhood.

Councilman Aceto stated that the City needs to have conversation with the bank's legal department.

Assistant Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that the City should demolish the home and then put a lien on it.

Council President Lanni asked that Assistant Solicitor Kirshenbaum look into this and report back as soon as possible.

James Saccoccio, 76 Midvale Rd., appeared to speak and stated that there were two notices placed on the house and the house is not safe. This year, the City placed a condemned sign on the house. He showed pictures from his cell phone of what the City calls "secured tape" on the property. It is just two strips of yellow tape on poles. This is not secure.

Chair asked that the Assistant Solicitor look into this and place this on the fast track.

Assistant Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that what he found out after speaking to Assistant Solicitor for the Zoning Board, there are no utilities to the property. They have been shut off. The house has been condemned. The bank does not own the property. It is still owned by a woman who is a veteran and is trying to get help from RI Housing and the VA.

Enforcement of "No Thru Trucking On Macklin St."

Mr. Barone stated that he is not prepared to report on this item this evening.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING: OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE

Victoria's Frozen Lemonade – Warren Whitman

88 Doris Ave – Warw., RI

Warren Whitman appeared to speak.

Lt. Loiselle gave report on the charge against Mr. Whitman.

Chair read a memo dated July 10, 2014 from Capt. Barry.

Chair stated to Mr. Whitman that he and his daughter were advised numerous times that he was not allowed to operate with his daughter's license, but he did anyway.

Council President Lanni stated to Mr. Whitman that he not only forfeited his rights, but he forfeited his daughter's rights to operate in Cranston.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilwoman Lee, it was voted to revoke the license for Victoria's Frozen Lemonade.

Under Discussion:

Assistant Solicitor Kirshenbaum asked if Mr. Whitman's daughter is present. Mr. Whitman stated, yes.

Victoria Flanagan appeared to speak and stated that the day her father drove her truck she was at a friend's house and he was told not to operate her truck, but he did anyway.

Roll call was taken on motion to revoke the license for Victoria's Frozen Lemonade and motion passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – NEW (Tabled no show 6/2 and 7/7)

Sephora # 436

142 Hillside Road

Ann Stoddard appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE – NEW (tabled 7/7 – no show)

Cilantro Mexican Grill

1255 Reservoir Ave.

Kevin Silva appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – NEW (Tabled 7/7 – no show)
Mundo de Cigar LLC – hours as indicated by RIGL

686 Reservoir Ave.

No one appeared.

This license application remains tabled.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

None.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Ordinances):

USED CAR LICENSE – NEW
Patriot Motors LLC
Rocco Gesualdi

391 Dyer Ave.

Anthony Gallone, Esq., appeared to represent applicant. Rocco Gesualdi, appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Mondays thru Fridays 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Saturdays half day. No one appeared to oppose.

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

**CLASS BVICTUALLING INDIVIDUAL LIQUOR LICENSE – NEW (Above the cap
requires full council recommendation)**

The Blend Café – hours 11 – 9 Monday – Sunday
Welbi Genao

745 Reservoir Ave.

Welbi Genao appeared to speak. Council President Lanni asked what the seating capacity is. Mr. Genao stated, 35. No one appeared to oppose.

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

Chair indicated that since there is a cap, this license application will have to be approved by the full City Council at its next meeting.

SECONDHAND PAWN BROKER LICENSE – NEW
Manhattan Gold Buyers
Ramon Harris

1147 Cranston St.

Ramon Harris appeared to speak.

Lt. Loiselle stated that he has a memo from Acting Police Colonel Barry indicating that he has potential questions regarding this applicant's moral character.

Councilman Aceto asked what those reservations are. Lt. Loisel stated that he does not know.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to continue this license application for more details from Acting Colonel Barry.

Mr. Harris stated that both this license application and for the other location on Atwood Ave., are both same operation. They are both for pawn shops.

VII. ORDINANCES:

None.

VIII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE – NEW
Ken Bell - # 497

114 Rome Drive

Ken Bell appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to approve this license application. No one appeared to oppose.

AMUSEMENT MACHINE LICENSE – NEW
Fellini Pizzeria

2190 Broad St.

Christine Knoedler appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilwoman Lee, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to approve this license application.

Under Discussion:

Ms. Knoedler stated that she is looking at the possibility of increasing the seating capacity from 30 to 60 based on parking and having a patio. She asked who she should speak to regarding this. Chair stated that she should speak to her attorney regarding this. As to increasing the seating capacity, this has to do with a Zoning Variance and her attorney should also handle this.

VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW
Pontiac Food Mart 7AM – 11:30 PM

527 Pontiac Ave.

No one appeared to speak.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilwoman Lee, it was voted to table this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

Eddie's Diner 630AM – 3 PM and Friday 6:30 – 8PM

877-879 Dyer Ave.

Edward S. Vito appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Fridays and Saturdays open till 8:00 P.M. and Sundays 6:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. No one appeared to oppose.

Council President Lanni asked what the seating capacity is. Mr. Vito stated, 40.

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

Mama Kim's Korean BBQ 5PM – 11PM

407-409 Laurel Hill Ave.

Don Fecher appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Mondays thru Saturdays 5:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. No one appeared to oppose.

Council President Lanni asked what the seating capacity is. Mr. Fecher stated, less than 25.

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

Thai Esan Restaurant 11AM – 930 PM

15 Gansett Avenue

Wharet Sungkagaro appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Mondays thru Saturdays 11:00 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. No one appeared to oppose.

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

Gurkenheimer Inc 7 AM – 3:30 PM

2000 Chapel View Blvd.

Adam Lee appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

PEDDLER LICENSE – NEW

Victoria's Frozen Lemonade -Warren Whitman

88 Doris Ave – Warw, RI

Warren Whitman appeared to speak.

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

IX. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

None.

X. POLICE DEPRATMENT:

None.

XI. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

None.

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS:

AUTO REPAIR LICENSE – RENEWAL

Culco

Valvoline Instant Oil Change

Revision Automotive

Centry Auto Body

Kayro's Auto Tech

Atlantic Auto Center

Greg's Oaklawn Service

1300 Park Ave.

520 Reservoir Ave.

275 Niantic Ave.

510 Atwood Ave.

529 Dyer Ave.

616 Atwood Ave.

908 Oaklawn Ave.

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

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

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – RENEWAL

Majestic Liquors

Royal Eyebrows Threading

1075 Park Ave.

39 Phenix Ave.

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

PARADE LICENSE – RENEWAL

Kermesse Sports – Annual Bike Ride – 10/5/2014

Santa Maria DiPrata- feast 8/29-9/1

Through Cranston

29 Walnut Grove Ave.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license renewal applications as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

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CARNIVAL LICENSE – RENEWAL
Santa Maria DiPrata – feast
Holy Apostles Church – feast 9/11-9/14

29 Walnut Grove Ave.
800 Pippin Orchard Rd.

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

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

FIREWORKS LICENSE – RENEWAL
Santa Maria DiPrata – feast

29 Walnut Grove Ave.

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

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE – RENEWAL
Holy Apostles Church – feast

800 Pippin Orchard Rd.

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

CLASS F – 19 HOUR LIQUOR LICENSE - RENEWAL
Holy Apostles Church – feast

800 Pippin Orchard Rd.

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

VICTUALLING LICENSE – RENEWAL
Holy Apostles Church

800 Pippin Orchard Rd.

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

XIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET:

Schedule of events for May through Sept 2014 actual number of attendees up to April
Submitted in June

PARK THEATRE:

Schedule of Events for 2014 submitted in APRIL

GUAYACAN LOUNGE:

Schedule of Events for August and September 2014 [[click to view](#)]

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to approve the above list of events. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees