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## **SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, December 1, 2014 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., 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.

Absent: Councilman Mario Aceto, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Councilman Donald Botts, Jr.  
Councilman Steven A. Stycos  
Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs  
Captain Gerard Carnevale, 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 Council Minority Leader Favicchio, 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/REPORTS:**

*Enforcement of "No Thru Trucking On Macklin St."* (Cont. 11/10/2014)

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Councilwoman Lee, it was voted to continue this item. Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

**SECONDHAND LICENSE – NEW (TABLED 10/6 AND 11/10- NOONE APPEARED)**  
*Mommy's Favorite Consignment – hours 10 – 5 Sun – Sat* 749 Park Ave.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

**Chair** asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

**HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – NEW (TABLED 10/6 AND 11/10– NOONE APPEARED)**  
*AlKhafaji Market – hours 7AM – 11PM* 341 Dyer Ave.

**Arden Alkhafaji** appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 7-11 Mondays thru Sundays. No one appeared to oppose.

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

**EXPANSION OF PREMISES LICENSE – NEW (TABLED 11/10 – NOONE APPEARED)**  
*Texas Roadhouse* 99 Garfield Ave.

**Representative** from Texas Roadhouse appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

**PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT – NEW (TABLED 11/10 – NOONE APPEARED)**  
*Revolution American Bistro* 2190 Broad St.

**Dean Scanlon** appeared to speak.

**Councilman Stycos** asked what type of entertainment there will be. Mr. Scanlon stated, music, usually 2-3 members, who will play from approximately 8:30 to 11:30 or midnight and sometimes later, which is very seldom.

**City Clerk** indicated that the need for the license is not due to entertainment being new, but a change in our Ordinance that now requires a license for all establishments regardless of capacity.

**Councilman Stycos** stated that his concern is the noise, not specifically this business. Mr. Scanlon stated he is aware of neighbors' concerns and tries works with them. He tries to keep the noise to a minimum and make sure door is closed. If there's ever a problem they should call him, he left his cell number for the Committee members.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

**IV. OLD BUSINESS: (Cont.)**

**VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW (TABLED 11/10- NOONE APPEARED)**

*Kattan Market- hours 6AM – 11PM*

644 Oaklawn Ave.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

**V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

*First Choice Auto Sale LLC (cont'd from 11/10 subject to site plan)* 1586 Broad Street

Violation of Zoning Restriction max 8 cars on premises

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**Solicitor Kirshenbaum** asked if anyone was present from this establishment. No one was present. He asked the Clerk to send a letter to the applicant regarding out the Zoning issues before taking any action on this.

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

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

**2 AM CLOSING REQUEST – NEW**

*Miller's Crossing's – for NY Eve 12/31/2014*

43 Bald Hill Road

**David Miller** appeared to speak.

**Chair** asked if there will be any Police detail. Mr. Miller stated, no. Chair asked for Captain Carnevale's response to this as to whether Police detail is needed. Captain Carnevale stated that the last time there was detail at this establishment was when there were a lot of complaints from neighbors. Since then, there have been no problems there and he has no objections to them not having any detail.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

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

**USED CAR LICENSE – NEW**

***Carmax Auto Superstores Inc.***

153 Bald Hill Rd.

**John Revens, Esq.**, appeared to represent the applicant and stated that the plan is to open sometime in the early Spring. No one appeared to oppose.

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

**AUTO REPAIR LICENSE – NEW**

***Carmax Auto Superstores Inc.***

153 Bald Hill Rd.

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

**TRANSFER OF CLASS A RETAIL ALCOHOLIC LICENSE – NEW**

**From: JD Cork & Bottle Liquors**

526 Pontiac Ave.

**TO: M H Flaherty Associates Inc. d/b/a JD Cork & Bottle**

526 Pontiac Ave.

**Linda Deago Borgers**, transferor and **Mike and Mary Flaherty**, transferee, 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 transfer application. Motion passed unanimously.

**CLASS B VICTUALLING LIQUOR LICENSE – RENEWAL**

***2012 Sports Bar & Lounge***

1785 Cranston St.

**Lisa Bessette** appeared to speak.

**Council President Lanni** asked when the last time this establishment was open and alcohol was served. Ms. Bessette stated, last Wednesday afternoon. She also stated that they have been open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

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

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

*Cranston Asian Bistro*

Plainfield Pike

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

**VII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**

**PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE – NEW**

*PJ's Pub*

1139 Pontiac Ave.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

**VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW (RATIFY THE ACTION) APPLICANT APPEARED  
11/10/2014**

*Talaat Pastry – hours 10AM – 9 PM*

86 Rolfe Square

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

**VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW**

*Brianna's Fashions – hours 9AM – 7PM*

628 Park Avenue

**Arelis Frias** appeared to speak and stated she will be open Mondays thru Saturdays.

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.

*Edgewood Café d/b/a Lil Rhody Pizza*

1860 Broad St.

**John Walsh** appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 4-10 or 11 and Saturdays and Sundays Noon to 10 and closed on Mondays.

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. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS: (Cont.)**

**WASTE HAULER – NEW**

*Friendly Septic*

58 Luftkin Ct.

**Paul Anderson** appeared to speak.

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

**ALL NIGHT LICENSE – NEW (RATIFY THE ACTION)**

*Office Max – for black Friday*

200 Hillside Rd.

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

*Victoria's Secret – for black Friday*

51 Hillside Rd.

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

**TOBACCO LICENSE – NEW**

*M H Flaherty Associates Inc.*

526 Pontiac 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.

**VIII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:**

None.

**IX. SHOW CAUSE:**

**TOBACCO LICENSE**

*Brianna's Fashions – Arelis Frias*

628 Park Ave.

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

*Ocean State Vapor Co LLC – Matthew Trottier*

153 Park Ave.

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

**IX. SHOW CAUSE: (Cont.)**

**TOBACCO LICENSE (Cont.)**

***Greg's Oaklawn Service – Gregory Murphy***

908 Oaklawn Ave.

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

***Below Cost – John DelGreco***

480 Atwood Ave.

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

***AAA Gas – Sam Naiefeh***

717 Park Avenue

**Mr. Naifh** appeared to speak.

**Captain Carnevale** stated that the Police Colonel recommends denial of this license to this establishment for selling loose cigarettes. Mr. Naifh stated that he does not sell loose cigarettes. He has never gotten in trouble before. He sells individual cigars, but not cigarettes.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilwoman Lee, it was voted to continue this license application along with all the show causes for tobacco licenses since there are no details from the Police Department. Motion passed unanimously.

**Chair** asked that letters be sent to all of these establishments asking them to attend the next meeting.

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

***La Frontera- Wassim Khiami***

1522 Broad St.

**Wassim Khiami** appeared to speak.

**Captain Carnevale** stated that at the Colonel has requested denial of this application due to previous contacts with this establishment.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to continue this license application for more information from the Police Department. Motion passed unanimously.

***Not Fade Away Inc. d/b/a Alpine Wine & Spirits- Tom Jackman***

1 Starline Way

**City Clerk** stated that application contacted her and they have a State License.

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

**IX. SHOW CAUSE: (Cont.)**

**TOBACCO LICENSE (Cont.)**

*7 – Eleven – Seth Kim*

535 Reservoir Ave.

**Kim Seth** appeared to speak.

**Captain Carnevale** stated that the Colonel has requested denial of this application because on 8/25/2014, this establishment sold to a minor without checking ID.

**Mr. Seth** stated that the clerk did sell to a minor and was fired the same week the incident occurred.

**Councilwoman Lee** asked if there have been any other issues with this establishment since or prior to this incident. Captain Carnevale stated that he does not know.

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

Motions and second to approve were withdrawn.

On motion by Council Vice-President Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to continue all the Tobacco Licenses except for “7-Eleven” and “Not Fade Away”. Motion passed unanimously.

**X. POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

None.

**XI. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

None.

**XII. LICENSE RENEWALS:**

**PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT – RENEWAL**

*2012 Sports Bar & lounge*

1785 Cranston St.

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.

*Chelo's*

1275 Reservoir 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.

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

**VICTUALLING LICENSE – RENEWAL**

*2012 Sports Bar & Lounge*

*Whole Food Market*

*Boston Market*

*Maria's Pizza & Wings*

*Wildcat Concessions*

*Stadium Fish & Chips*

*Café International*

*Taco Bell*

*Pizza Hut*

*Twin Pizzeria LLC*

1785 Cranston St.

151 Sock. Crsrds.

185 Sock Crsrds.

949 Pontiac Ave.

60 Harborside Blvd.

1079 Park Ave.

675 Oaklawn Ave.

1076 Reservoir Ave.

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152 Gansett Ave.

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

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**DANCEHALL LICENSE – RENEWAL**

*Rhodes*

60 Rhodes Place

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

**BUSINESS IN A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE – RENEWAL**

*David Hauser – from Thanksgiving – Xmas*

@ Color House

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

**ALL NIGHT LICENSE – RENEWAL (ratify the action)**

*Kmart – for black Friday*

296 Garfield Ave.

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

**PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE – RENEWAL**

*Joseph Matarese - # 464*

90 Mollie Drive

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.

**USED CAR LICENSE – RENEWAL**

*Sam's Auto Group*

936 Cranston St.

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

**XIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:**

***GUAYACAN LOUNGE – LIST OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY***

***848 PARK THEATRE – UPDATED SCHED FOR REST OF YEAR AND SOME OF 2015***  
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***LEGENDS PUB & GRUB – LIST OF EVENTS FOR REST OF 2014 and JANUARY***  
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***RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET – LIST FOR OCT – DEC 2014 (submitted in Oct)***  
***Actual Number of Attendees for***

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees