

(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, January 12, 2015 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: Council Vice-President Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Chair
Councilman Michael J Farina, Vice-Chair
Councilman Mario Aceto
Council Majority Leader Paul H. Archetto
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas
Council Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Also Present: Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent and Government Affairs
Captain Gerard Carnevale, Police Department
Captain Robert Quirk, 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 Councilman Farina, 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:

IV. **OLD BUSINESS:**

TOBACCO LICENSE – (show causes cont'd from 12/1/2014)

Brianna's Fashions – Arelis Frias (Closed) 628 Park Ave.

City Clerk informed Committee that this store is closed. No action needed.

Ocean State Vapor Co LLC – Matthew Trottier (Closed) 153 Park Ave.

City Clerk informed Committee that this is closed. No action needed.

Greg's Oaklawn Service – Gregory Murphy 908 Oaklawn Ave.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

Captain Carnevale stated that the Police Department has no problem with this establishment and they are in compliance.

Below Cost – John DelGreco 480 Atwood Ave.

Council President Lanni stated that this establishment has State License and they are in compliance. No action needed.

AAA Gas – Sam Naiefeh 717 Park Avenue

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

Captain Carnevale stated that the Police Department has had previous problems with this establishment.

Chair asked if the Committee can fine them if they are not present this evening. Solicitor stated that he would prefer that they be given notice before they are fined and given the opportunity to address the Committee.

La Frontera- Wassim Khiami 1522 Broad St.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

Captain Carnevale stated that the Police Department would like to place this establishment on probation due to problems there in the past.

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, it was voted to continue and give notice to "***AAA Gas and La Frontera***" as a Show Cause Hearing by certified mail. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Farina, it was voted to approve "***Greg's Oaklawn Service***". Motion passed unanimously.

VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW (TABLED 11/10 and 12/1 NO-ONE APPEARED)

Kattan Market- hours 6AM – 11PM

644 Oaklawn Ave.

Mokhtar Kattan appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

USED CAR LICENSE – CONT'D FROM 11/10 and 12/1 (applicant did not appear 12/1)

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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Raul Delacruz appeared to speak.

Chair asked what the status is from the last meeting regarding this issue as to the Site Plan that applicant was to submit.

Steven Rivera, Manager, appeared to speak and stated that he has hired Attorney Joseph Manera, who could not attend this meeting this evening.

City Clerk stated that according to the Traffic Engineer, there has not been an approved Site Plan for the last two years.

Mr. Rivera stated that he spoke to the Traffic Engineer after the last meeting and obtained copies of the Site Plan and then he hired Attorney Manera. He assumed that his attorney would have guided him as to the next step.

Council Minority Leader Favicchio stated that the problem is the applicant exceeds the eight cars restriction. Mr. Rivera stated that he is looking at maybe moving the location.

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated to Mr. Rivera that what the Committee is asking that he not exceed the eight cars on lot and when is he going to remove the extra cars. Mr. Rivera stated that he is looking for another location or not do service at all. He would need approximately a week to accomplish this.

Councilman Stycos stated that there are two issues: the applicant should not be repairing any cars that he is not selling, this has to cease immediately and also the number of cars allowed on the lot under the Zoning Variance, has to be brought down to eight.

Councilman Aceto asked if the applicant can apply for a Repair License and also how many cars can he have on the lot. City Clerk stated that the location is not Zoned for repairs, the variance was for used car sales and auto reconditioning.

Chair stated that the number of cars need to be reduced to eight by tomorrow. **Councilman Aceto** asked if it would be okay to give him a week. He asked Councilman Stycos, Councilman from the Ward, if he is in favor of that. Councilman Stycos stated, no. He feels that the applicant is making a mockery out of the Zoning Board. He also stated that a woman from the business contacted him approximately two years ago and asked what they needed to do to place more cars there and he advised her that they had to apply for a Variance. He spoke against the Variance at the Zoning Board meeting because they haven't complied with prior restrictions. The Zoning Board approved their Variance for twelve cars with a Site Plan, their Site Plan was never submitted.

Mr. Rivera stated that he was not at this business at the time. He has been there just about two years and he is being punished for the previous owners.

Councilman Farina asked Mr. Rivera if three days would be enough to get the cars down to eight. Mr. Rivera stated, yes.

Councilman Farina motioned to mandate that the applicant get the number of cars down to eight within 72 hours from now, the morning of January 16th with a follow-up by the Inspections Department. Council Minority Leader Favicchio seconded the motion.

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, it was voted to continue this item to next month's meeting with the stipulations stated in the above motion. Motion passed unanimously.

V. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

None.

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

AFTER HOURS LICENSE- NEW
Miss Cranston Diner – 2 AM- 3AM

1150 Oaklawn Ave.

Sarkis Dinerman appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be: 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and Fridays and Saturdays 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. and re-open midnight to 3:00 A.M.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

7- Eleven Inc. – 24 hours all night

535 Reservoir Ave.

Christopher Brosco appeared to speak in favor. No one appeared to oppose.

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

VII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW

Rocco's Place – hours 10 – 4

1225 Cranston St.

Rocco Zanzzini appeared to speak in favor and stated hours of operation to be 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Mondays thru Saturdays and closed on Sundays. No one appeared to oppose.

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

Little Green Smoke Shop – Hours m – Thurs 9-8 Fri./Sat. 9 – 10 1348 Plainfield St.

Michelle Roques appeared to speak in favor and stated hours of operation to be 9:30 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Mondays thru Thursdays and 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Fridays and Saturdays. No one appeared to oppose.

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

Pontiac Food Mart – Hours 6AM – 12AM

527 Pontiac Ave.

Amfer Ali appeared to speak in favor and stated hours of operation to be 6:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M., seven days a week. No one appeared to oppose.

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

7-Eleven Inc. – 24 Hours

535 Reservoir Ave.

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

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – NEW

Dollar General #15772

1542 Broad St.

Jean Duval appeared to speak in favor. No one appeared to oppose.

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

VIII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

No business.

IX. SHOW CAUSE:

No business.

X. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

No business.

XI. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No business.

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS:

USED CAR LICENSE – RENEWALS (Ratify the action)

Quality Auto Body

222 Warwick Ave.

Russo's Auto Sales

519 Dyer Ave.

Atlantic Autocenter

616 Atwood Ave.

Clarks Auto Sales & Service Inc.

364 Wellington Ave.

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

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

USED CAR LICENSE - RENEWALS

First Choice Auto Sales – 2 years

1586 Broad St.

Car Hop Auto Sales and Finance

420 Atwood Ave.

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VICTUALLING LICENSE – RENEWALS

Al- Mall Pizza

41 Warwick Ave.

NG Babbas

397 Dyer Ave.

McDonald's

1820 Plainfield Pike

Starbucks #7355

4 Midway Road

Thai Essan Restaurant

15 Gansett Ave.

Lunch Box

751 Park Ave.

<i>House of Noodle Soup</i>	790 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Fitworld</i>	30 Kenney Dr.
<i>Eddie's Diner</i>	877-879 Dyer Ave.
<i>Mac's Food Store</i>	983 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Edgewood Market & Deli</i>	1043 Narr. Blvd.
<i>Qdoba Mexican Grill</i>	4000 Chapel View
<i>Panera Bread</i>	5 New London Ave.
<i>Santa Maria DiPrata</i>	29 Walnut Grove Ave.
<i>Edible Arrangements</i>	20 Hillside Road
<i>Two Tomatoes, Pizza & Bakery</i>	889 Dyer Ave.
<i>Taco Bell</i>	1102 Cranston St.
<i>Flowers Heavenly</i>	1000 Chapel View
<i>Edgewood Café</i>	1864 Broad St.
<i>St George's Church</i>	1493 Cranston St.
<i>Vital Health & Nutrition</i>	1675 Cranston St.
<i>Cranston Senior Services</i>	1090 Cranston St.
<i>Italian Gourmet Deli</i>	1 Starline Way.
<i>Subway</i>	1009 Narr. Blvd.
<i>Mama Kim's</i>	407 Laurel Hill Ave.

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

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

FIREARMS REPAIR LICENSE – RENEWAL

RI Gunsmith & Reload 101 Hazelton St.

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

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT – RENEWAL

Chelo's 1275 Reservoir Ave.

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

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY – RENEWAL

Kelly Services 95 Sock Crs. Rds.

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

AFTER HOURS – RENEWAL
CVS # 1414 (24 hour all night)

1195 Oaklawn Ave.

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

SEPTAGE HAULERS – RENEWAL
Paul Mumford Inc.

160 Railroad Ave.

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

MASSAGE THERAPY – RENEWAL
Back in Balance

75 Sockanossett Crsrd.

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

PAWN SHOP LICENSE – RENEWAL
Anything Pawn

1500 Oaklawn Ave.

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

SECONDHAND LICENSE – RENEWALS

Next to New

1850 Broad St.

Unicom Inc.

881 Dyer Ave.

Tag Sale Treasures

2154 Broad St.

2nd Time Around Sports

328 Atwood Ave.

Village Art & Antiques

2145 Broad St.

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XIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:

GUAYACAN LOUNGE – LIST OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2015 [[click to view](#)]

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

848 PARK THEATRE – list of events up to April 2015 submitted in December

No action needed.

LEGENDS PUB & GRUB – LIST OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY – MARCH 2015

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

***RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET – LIST FOR JANUARY – MAY 2015**

Actual Number of Attendees for Actual Number of Attendees for 2014

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees