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SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 P.M. by the Chair.

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

Absent: Councilman Michael J Farina, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Robert Coupe, Director of Administration/Acting Personnel Director
Carlos Lopez, Chief of Staff
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 Councilman Aceto, 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:

Chair stated that the next Safety Services and Licenses Committee will be held on Monday, March 9, 2015 rather than March 2nd.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS:**

TOBACCO LICENSE – (show causes cont'd from 01/12/2015 – NO SHOW)

Brianna's Fashions – Arelis Frias

628 Park Ave.

City Clerk indicated that application was withdrawn.

AAA Gas – Sam Naiefeh

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717 Park Avenue

Sam Naiefeh appeared to speak.

Captain Carnevale stated that the Colonel would like to have applicant placed on probation. As to how long, it would be left up to the Committee. He stated that violations were for selling un-scanned cigarettes and selling single cigarettes.

Council President Lanni questioned whether selling un-scanned cigarettes is a federal violation and if it is, he questioned why this is not before the State. Captain Carnevale stated that this also has been referred to the State.

Mr. Naiefeh stated that the un-scanned cigarettes issue happened approximately three and a half years ago and was placed on three years' probation and has not had any problems since. He also stated that he is not selling single cigarettes. Approximately two years ago, he was selling loose cigarettes, but never got caught.

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that he does not see anything in the file that would indicate a recent charge except for the 2011 charge for selling un-scanned cigarettes.

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

La Frontera- Wassim Khiami

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1522 Broad St.

Wassim Khiami appeared to speak.

Captain Carnevale stated that this applicant was cited by the State Police a few months ago for untaxed cigarettes and cigars.

Mr. Khiami stated that there is no tax on cigars, there is a tax when you buy them from a wholesaler. This particular incident, he had purchased three boxes of cigars from a wholesaler in Providence and was stopped by the Police and his car was searched. He had a receipt, but the Police never charged him or wrote up a report.

Council Minority Leader Favicchio stated that if the State has allowed Mr. Khiami to retain the license, he does not see how this Committee can address this.

Mr. Khiami stated that the untaxed cigarettes violation occurred in 2011.

Chair stated that he would like to see the State Police reports.

Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that after checking the website, the wholesaler collects the tax on cigarettes and cigars.

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

USED CAR LICENSE – CONT'D FROM 1/12/2015- STATUS UPDATE

First Choice Auto Sales – Inspections report on zoning compliance 1586 Broad St

Steven Rivera appeared to speak.

Chair stated that the City Inspector went to the property this morning and counted fifteen cars. At the last Safety Services meeting, applicant stated to the Committee that he would keep the amount at eight.

Mr. Rivera stated that these were cars delivered to be serviced. He understood that the eight cars were to be the ones for sale. From his understanding at the last meeting, he was told that he could do work on his own vehicles.

Councilman Aceto stated to Mr. Rivera that at the last meeting, he told the Committee he would have a new Site Plan. He asked if he has provided a revised Site Plan. Mr. Rivera stated that he is in the process of looking for a new location. He also stated that he does have a lot that he is renting to store the extra cars, but because of the snow storm, that lot was not plowed.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to suspend this license for two weeks and if business is not in compliance at the end of the two weeks, license will be revoked. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair asked that the City Clerk send notice to applicant advising him of the action taken by this Committee this evening.

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT – NEW (CONT'D FROM 12/1/2014)

PJ's Pub

1139 Pontiac Ave

Robert Murray, Esq., appeared to represent applicant. 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.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

None.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Ordinances)

AFTER HOURS LICENSE– NEW – FOR ONE DAY 2/14/2015
AP & EF ASSOC LLC D/B/A GUAYACAN LOUNGE

349 Dyer Ave

Annamaria Figueroa, Manager, and **Edgar Figueroa**, owner, appeared to speak.

Council Minority Leader Favicchio asked applicants if they were still using Police detail. Mr. Figueroa stated, no, he is requesting to stay open until 2:00 A.M. on February 14th.

Chair asked for Police Department's recommendation.

Captain Carnevale stated that, to his knowledge, we have only allowed this for Mardi Gras, where we have had extended Police detail all the time. With this business, there have been problems there and there has been Police detail in the past, but not anymore.

Council President Lanni asked Captain Carnevale if he would object to this request with Police presence. Captain Carnevale stated that he would recommend two officers, but with the holiday, it is not guaranteed that we can guarantee the detail.

Council President Lanni, Councilman Paplauskas and Council Majority Leader Archetto all stated that they felt reluctant to approve this without Police detail due to past problems at this location.

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

SECONDHAND LICENSE – NEW
EM Appliances LLC

1287 Cranston St

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

VII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

WASTE HAULER LICENSE – NEW
Larry Torti Services, Inc.

77 Tourtelot Hill Rd

Larry Torti appeared to speak. 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.

VIII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

None.

IX. SHOW CAUSE:

None.

X. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

None.

XI. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Cranston Fire Dept. – diesel fuel storage

1155 Scituate Ave

Deputy Chief MacIntosh appeared to speak.

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

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS:

VICTUALLING LICENSE – RENEWAL

John's NY System

827 Park Ave

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

CARNIVAL LICENSE – RENEWAL

Rockwell Amusements @ Mulligan's Island – event 5/21-5/25

1000 New London Av

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

FIREARM'S DEALER LICENSE – RENEWAL

RI Gunsmith & Reload

Post Road Guns

796 Atwood Ave

2150 Plainfield St

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

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ALL NIGHT LICENSE – RENEWAL
CVS # 212

681 Reservoir Ave

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

SECONDHAND LICENSE – RENEWALS

Innecity Recycling
International Used Appliances
Delman Watch
Continental Coin
Roman Jewelers
Post Road Guns

85 Carlsbad St
531 Pontiac Ave
650 Oaklawn Ave
1212 Park Ave
1000 Reservoir Ave
2150 Plainfield St

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USED CAR LICENSE – RENEWALS

Tasca Automotive
Pavillion Auto Sales
Caravan Auto
Westview Auto & Truck Sales
American Auto Sales and Auto Body Inc
Ranaldi Motors
Moretti's Auto Sales

1300 Pontiac Ave
1211 Cranston St
1185 Cranston St
1141 Cranston St
448 Dyer Ave
598 Atwood Ave
510 Atwood Ave

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PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE – RENEWAL

Paul Hughes -# 495

7 Eva Lane

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:

GUAYACAN LOUNGE – LIST OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2015

On motion by Councilman Aceto, 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 Aceto, 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 (SUBMITTED)
IN JANUARY***

Actual Number of Attendees for Actual Number of Attendees for 2014

No action needed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees