

(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, March 9, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Council Vice-President Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Chair
Councilman Michael J Farina, Vice-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.

Also Present: Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Robert Coupe, Director of Administration/Acting Personnel Director
Captain Gerard Carnevale, Police Department
Deputy Chief, Stephen MacIntosh, Fire Department
Evan Kirshenbaum, Assistant City Solicitor
Patrick Quinlan, City Council Legal Counsel
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 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:

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

USED CAR LICENSE – CONT'D FROM 2/2/2015- STATUS UPDATE

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

Raul Delacruz appeared to speak and stated that he is down to eight cars.

Chair asked that the City Inspector be asked to go out to the business tomorrow to make sure that the applicant is down to eight cars.

SECONDHAND LICENSE – NEW (TABLED 2/2/2015 – NO ONE APPEARED)

EM Appliances LLC 1287 Cranston St.

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by council President Lanni, it was voted to remove this license application from the table. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Judy Rodriguez appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Mondays thru Fridays and 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Saturdays.

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

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- Representatives from RIPTA and LAMAR asked to appear to discuss who is responsible for clearing bus shelters during snowstorms. (Council President Lanni and Council Vice-President Santamaria).

The following representatives were present from RIPTA:

- Dan Banister
- Barbara Polichetti
- Ben Salzillo, Chief Legal Counsel

The following representatives were present from LAMAR:

- Mike Murphy
- Doug Fair

Councilman Aceto stated that what the Committee would like to know is what the procedure is in removing snow from bus stops.

Mr. Salzillo stated that RIPTA has 4,000 bus stops and shelters in the State, 400 of them are shelters. He stated that LAMAR owns the shelters and also receives the revenues and RIPTA receives \$60,000 a year from LAMAR. The shelters are owned by the City or the State depending on their locations.

Council President Lanni asked if there were permits taken out when the shelters were built. Mr. Fair stated that permits are taken out if they are required.

Council President asked if anyone knows if there were any building permits taken out for shelters in the City of Cranston. Mr. Coupe stated that he does not know, but he will find out.

Council President Lanni stated that he has been on the Council for fourteen years and he has never seen any application for sign permits for the shelters. He asked that information be provided to the Council of where the authorization came from. He questioned if permits are required for the advertising signs on the shelters. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that he does not recall any such application coming to the City. Council President Lanni stated that this is another question that has to be answered.

Mr. Fair stated that the adjacent landowner is responsible for shoveling the sidewalks, according to the City Code.

Mr. Murphy stated that RIPTA has been doing business with LAMAR for approximately sixteen years. In the sixteen years, they have never shoveled bus shelters.

Councilman Aceto asked if the City is taxing any of these shelters. Solicitor Kirshenbaum stated that we have not gone that far yet with the research.

Council Minority Leader Favicchio asked if there are any payments made to the City or the State for these shelters. Attorney Salzillo stated, no. Council Minority Leader Favicchio stated that maybe we could charge them for us to clear the shelters.

Ms. Polichetti stated that these shelters are put in place at the request of the people in the City. She asked that the Council keep in mind that if these shelters came down, what would be there is a sidewalk and pursuant to the City Ordinances, the adjacent property owner is responsible for clearing the sidewalk.

Mr. Murphy stated that D.O.T. approves the list for shelters on State roads.

Council Majority Leader Archetto asked how much the shelters cost to build. Mr. Murphy stated \$10,000. Council Majority Leader Archetto asked how much revenue is generated. Mr. Murphy stated that it varies, approximately \$700,000 for 700 panels, this is statewide.

Councilman Paplauskas asked how often the advertising on the panels are changed. Mr. Murphy stated that it varies. It could change every month. He does not know exactly.

Chair asked whether RIPTA is going to clean out the shelters. Mr. Banister stated that RIPTA is not going to clean them. He also stated that RIPTA is going out for RFP and this could be part of the RFP process in 2016.

Mr. Quinlan stated that researching the Code, Section 17.72, he found that signage permits are required. There are limits and height of the sign. RIPTA signs on poles are allowed, but nothing in the Code that refers to bus shelters.

Councilman Stycos asked if this issue will be brought up in the new RFP. Mr. Banister stated that this has been discussed internally. They have not started the process for RFP, but it has been brought up.

Councilman Aceto asked if service was shut down at all because of the snow storms. Ms. Polichetti stated that service was suspended for one full day in January. She also stated that from January, 2014 to January, 2015, service was down.

Councilman Aceto stated that whatever we have to do, whether it is a joint effort, we have to do something because someone is going to get killed. Ms. Polichetti stated that this is a huge industry problem unless there is funding for it.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Ordinances)

VII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

**VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW
*Red House Restaurant – hours 11-11***

2168 Broad St.

Jia Wei Luo appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 11-11 Tuesdays thru Sundays and 4-11 Mondays.

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

Rachel's Sugar Shop - by appointment

334 Budlong Road

Rachel Marchetti appeared to speak.

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

McDonald's – 5 AM – 1 AM

923 Cranston St.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

VIII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

No business.

IX. SHOW CAUSE:

Milk N More

1232 Park Ave.

Chair indicated that this item placed on the agenda in error.

X. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

No business.

XI. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No business.

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS:

SECONDHAND LICENSE – RENEWALS

Cranston Gold & More

703 Park Avenue

Gamestop #6145

1000 Chapel View

Gamestop #2349

286 Garfield Ave.

The Time Capsule

537 Pontiac Ave.

Providence Diamond

65 Hillside Rd.

Cranston Auto Sales

19 Elena St.

Eve In Paris

2 Gansett Ave.

Fifth Avenue Jewelers

6 Rolfe Square

CB Truck Tires

140 Farmington Ave

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, 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 approve all the above-listed license renewal applications except for Cranston Gold & More. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Farina, it was voted to continue the license renewal application for Cranston Gold & More. Motion passed unanimously.

USED CAR LICENSE – RENEWALS

Passport Automotive Group Inc.

85 Budlong Rd.

The Car Lot Inc.

441 Dyer Ave.

Sasa Enterprize Inc .

550 Atwood Ave.

Stamas Auto Truck

1045 Cranston St.

Cranston Auto Ignition

1152 Park Ave.

JD Byrider

615 Reservoir Ave.

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS: (Cont.)

USED CAR LICENSE – RENEWALS (Cont.)

<i>Gershkoff Enterprises</i>	1085 Cranston St.
<i>Enterprise Rent A Car of RI LLC</i>	333 Niantic Ave.
<i>Chestnut Hill Truck and Auto Sales</i>	21 Calef St.
<i>Cranston Auto Sales</i>	19 Elena St.
<i>East Side Auto Sales</i>	2050 Plainfield Pike
<i>BC Auto Sales</i>	1473 Elmwood Ave.
<i>Auto Mart Inc.</i>	1108 Park Ave.
<i>Hillside Auto Sales</i>	44 Gansett Ave.
<i>Miracle Auto Sales</i>	580 Reservoir Ave.
<i>D & M Motor Sales</i>	50 Liberia St.
<i>Brosco Motors</i>	1769 Cranston St.

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

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – RENEWAL

<i>Atwood Greenhouses</i>	700 Atwood Ave.
<i>Loft # 956</i>	83 Hillside Road
<i>National Pet</i>	726 Reservoir Ave.
<i>The Time Capsule</i>	537 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Providence Diamond</i>	65 Hillside Road
<i>Gamestop # 6145</i>	1000 Chapel View
<i>Gamestop #2349</i>	286 Garfield Ave.
<i>Pool Source</i>	40 Freeway Dr.
<i>Ann Taylor</i>	59 Hillside Ave.
<i>General Oil</i>	208 Gansett Ave.
<i>Kmart</i>	296 Garfield Ave.
<i>Cranston Liquors</i>	1219 Cranston St.
<i>Durfee Hardware</i>	65 Rolfe Square
<i>Jos A Bank Clothiers</i>	80 Hillside Road
<i>Milk N More</i>	1232 Park Ave.
<i>Alex And Ani</i>	2000 Chapel View
<i>Comstock Gardens</i>	55 Council Rock Rd.
<i>Omaha Steaks</i>	1000 Chapel View
<i>Phred's Drug</i>	1300 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Quik Mart</i>	164 Park Ave.
<i>Lucky Mart</i>	880 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Cumberland Farms</i>	921 Cranston St.
<i>Cumberland Farms</i>	659 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Shree Maa of RI</i>	480 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Heritage Liquors</i>	529 Reservoir Ave.

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS: (Cont.)

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – RENEWAL (Cont.)

<i>Ocean State Mobil</i>	1282 Elmwood Ave.
<i>Garden Hills Fruit & Deli</i>	763 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Hallmark Creations</i>	63 Hillside Road
<i>Expo Nails</i>	800 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Elamani Enterprises</i>	951 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Sally Beauty #2780</i>	236 Garfield Ave.
<i>Talbots # 262</i>	29 Hillside Road
<i>Bath & Body Works</i>	69 Hillside Road
<i>Bobs Store</i>	1400 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Destination Maternity</i>	85 Hillside Rd.
<i>White House / Black Market</i>	41 Hillside Rd.
<i>Victoria's Secret</i>	51 Hillside Rd.
<i>Supercuts #9103</i>	230 Atwood Ave.
<i>Supercuts #90345</i>	181 Sock Crsrds.
<i>Ocean State Job Lot</i>	1441 Elmwood Ave.
<i>Benny's</i>	819 Park Ave.
<i>Benny's of RI Inc.</i>	148 Atwood Ave.
<i>GJ Corp d/b/a Classic Liquors</i>	1358 Plainfield St.
<i>Cardsmart</i>	1400 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Aldi Inc.</i>	1015 Cranston St.
<i>Colbea Enterprises LLC (Shell)</i>	1207 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Colbea Enterprises LLC</i>	1036 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Atwood Wine & Spirits</i>	426 Atwood Ave.
<i>Lakeshore Learning Store</i>	1400 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Park Wine & Spirits</i>	1294 Park Ave.
<i>The Color House</i>	1107 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Confreda Greenhouse</i>	2150 Scituate Ave.
<i>Lu Lu Lemons</i>	30 Hillside Road
<i>La Frontera</i>	1522 Broad St.
<i>Royal Eyebrow Threading</i>	39 Phenix Ave.
<i>American Performance Petroleum</i>	964 Cranston St.
<i>RI Shriners</i>	One Rhodes Place
<i>Chinese American Mini Mkt</i>	834 Park Ave.
<i>J Jill</i>	78 Hillside Rd.
<i>REI</i>	22 Chapel View Blvd.
<i>Expo Nails</i>	800 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Sam's</i>	460 Pontiac Ave.
<i>GNC</i>	1000 Chapel View
<i>Payless Shoesource #4501</i>	1400 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Edgewood Liquors</i>	1992 Broad St.
<i>Gap #2237</i>	81 Hillside Road
<i>Banana Republic #8236</i>	16 Midway Rd.
<i>Morin's Liquor Store</i>	1621 Elmwood Ave.
<i>Cohoes</i>	156 Hillside Rd
<i>Rainbow</i>	1200 Oaklawn Ave

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS: (Cont.)

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – RENEWAL (Cont.)

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

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

VICTUALLING LICENSE – RENEWALS

Dairy Twirl

781 Reservoir Ave.

Napolitano's

100 East Street

Dear Heart's

2218 Broad St.

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

ALL NIGHT LICENSE – RENEWALS

Cumberland Farms

659 Reservoir Ave.

Garden Shell

1207 Pontiac Ave

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

PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE - RENEWALS

Michael Manni

597 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.

GRAVEL BANK LICENSE – RENEWAL

P J Keating

875 Phenix Ave.

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

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS: (Cont.)

MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE – RENEWAL
Therapeutic Impressions

75 Sock Crssrds.

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

XIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:

GUAYACAN LOUNGE – LIST OF EVENTS FOR APRIL and MAY 2015 [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, it was voted to approve this 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 MARCH, APRIL & MAY
[\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, it was voted to approve this 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 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees