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SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, April 6, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Council Vice-President Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Chair
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
Council Majority Leader Paul H. Archetto

Also Present: Councilman Donald Botts, Jr.
Robert Coupe, Director of Administration/Acting Personnel Director
Captain Gerard Carnevale, Police Department
Deputy Chief, Stephen MacIntosh, Fire Department
Christopher Rawson, 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 indicated that at the last meeting, the Committee continued the license renewal application for Gold N More. He stated that a letter was received from Major Quirk stating that the Police Department has no objections to approving the renewal application for Gold N More.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to approve the license renewal application for Gold N More. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

**VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW
McDonald's – 5 AM – 1 AM**

923 Cranston St.

Anne Cozah 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.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- **Elaine Woolohojian** – Elderly Housing

Chair stated that a meth lab was broken up at the D'Evan Manor, which is not part of the Cranston Housing Authority, but the Committee has invited the Director of Cranston Housing Authority to explain what Manors are under her auspice and what measure they take to make sure this does not happen again.

Elaine Woloohojian, Director of Cranston Housing Authority, appeared to speak and stated that they have 587 Units made up of elderly unites and disabled units and they have 21 status sites. She stated the following Manors are under her auspice: Hall Manor, Randall Manor, Knightsville Manor, Jennings Manor and Budlong Manor. They have maintenance in all the buildings, but all Administration goes through the main office. There is one waiting list. The applicants fill out two forms, once from the Cranston Police Department and one from the Attorney General's Office. They also do a NCIC check. If an applicant's record is clear, they go on a waiting list. If there is something on the applicant's record, she receives a records form of the charges from either the Attorney General's Office or local Police Department. If it comes back with a NCIC number, that is usually serious charges and at that point her staff sends out a letter to the applicant advising them that they are denied housing and they are given the choice to request a hearing. The hearing officer meets with the person and reviews all the information. If a tenant is accused of doing something wrong, the tenant is sent a letter of termination and given right to due process.

Ms. Woloohojian stated one of the things her agency has done is spent Capital money to place cameras on every floor of the Knightsville Manor and she is in contract to have high powered cameras installed outside of the building.

Sergeant Jeffrey Chapman appeared to speak and stated that in 2012, there were 277 service calls to Police. Since the cameras were installed in November, there have been 33 calls for service. As of April 20th, they will be outfitting a room at the Knightsville Manor, as an annex, for Police to go in and out with a secure line to the Police Department. They will have a computer, desk and microwave available to them. This will take no more staff, it is just for the Police Officers to have a place to go and write out their reports rather than site in their cars.

Captain Vin McAteer appeared to speak and stated that this is for a permanent presence in the Manor. It is for deterrent effect for people that would normally cause problems at the Manor. They will also conduct community meetings with the residents of the Manor.

Ms. Woloohojian stated that they are starting with Knightsville Manor because this is where there have been more incidents. Eventually, all the Manors will get outfitted.

Ms. Woloohojian stated that D'Evans Manor is operated under RI Housing. They are financed by RI Housing. Cranston Housing is under HUD.

Council President Lanni stated that the reason Ms. Woloohojian was asked to appear is due to the incident at D'Evans Manor, where two people who were arrested were in their 30's. He also stated that he was under the impression that D'Evans Manor was under HUD.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Ordinances)

3-15-01 Ordinance in amendment of Title 5 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Business Licenses and Regulations" (Massage Body Works License). Councilman Botts. [\[click to view\]](#)

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Botts suggested amending this Ordinance as follows: after line #54, add "(c) A photo identification badge must be worn and clearly visible at all times when working".

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to amend this Ordinances as follows:

- Line #411, delete "criminal"
- Line #412, delete "prosecuted as a misdemeanor"
- Line #413, delete "conviction" and add "violation"; and delete "\$100.00"
- Line #414, add \$500.00, delete "conviction" and add "violation", delete "conviction" and add "violation"
- Line #415, delete "\$200.00" and add "\$750.00", delete "and by imprisonment not exceeding 30 consecutive"
- Line #416, delete "days", delete "conviction" and add "violation" and delete "convictions"
- Line #417, add "violations", delete "\$500.00", add "\$1,000.00" and delete "and by imprisonment not exceeding one"
- Line #418, delete "year".

Under Discussion:

Lt. Dennis Neri appeared to speak and stated that he agrees with the amendments stated.

Roll call was taken on motion to amend above Ordinance as stated and motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW
Edgewood Cheese Shop & Eatery

1828 Broad St

Mr. Dandroa appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 10-5 Tuesdays thru Sundays and closed Mondays. 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.

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT – NEW
99 Restaurant – one time event 5/14/2015 **INDOORS**

1171 New London Av

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Aceto, 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:

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – RENEWALS

Country Curtains
Lowe's Home Centers
The Yankee Candle
Chico's
Walgreen's
Walgreen's
Children's Place
Party City

170 Hillside Road
247 Garfield Ave
73 Hillside Road
64 Hillside Road
1763 Broad St
1010 Park Ave
72 Hillside Rd
162 Hillside Rd

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – RENEWALS (Cont.)

Pet Supplies Plus

Capital Liquors

Petco

Hess

Hess

AT & T Mobility

Cork & Bottle

Diamond Fuel Bestway

171 Sockanosset Crsrds
811 Park Ave
10 Chapel View
305 Phenix Ave
473-479 Reservoir Av
540 Reservoir Ave
526 Pontiac Ave
1353 Park Ave

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

SECONDHAND PAWN SHOP LICENSE – RENEWAL

Cranston Pawn Brokers

Manhattan Gold Buyers

843 Reservoir Ave
166 Atwood Ave

Chair stated that the Police Department has asked that the above two items be continued.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, it was voted to continue the above two license renewal applications. Motion passed unanimously.

EXTENDED HOURS LICENSE – RENEWALS

Ocean State Mobil

Coffee Bean Express

Wendy's

1282 Elmwood Ave
1111 Cranston St
110 Garfield 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 Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license renewal applications. Motion passed unanimously.

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK – RENEWAL

Ocean State Concessions

@ Lowe's Garfield Avenue

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

FLOWER VENDOR'S LICENSE – RENEWAL (RATIFY THE ACTION)

Alan Linsky- for Easter and Mother's day @135 Atwood Ave
Santilli Flowers for Easter and Mother's day @1500 Oaklawn Ave
Olerio Flowers for Easter and Mother's day @1635 Cranston St
Lucille Kelly – for Easter and Mother's day @1322 Cranston St

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

PEDDLER'S LICENSE – RENEWAL

Del's 298 Park Avenue
Del's – 4 trucks 1260 Oaklawn Ave
Presto Strange O 26 Newton Ave
RI Kona 4 Cider Lane

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

BILLIARD TABLE LICENSE – RENEWAL

Cranston Portuguese Club 20 Second 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.

AMUSEMENT MACHINE LICENSE – RENEWAL

Cranston Portuguese Club 20 Second 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.

USED CAR LICENSE – RENEWAL

Volare Motors 1003 Park Ave
Patriot Motors LLC 391 Dyer Ave
Park Avenue Auto Sales 716 Park Ave
Quality Auto Sales 222 Warwick Ave
Dyer Avenue Motors 454 Dyer Ave
Intown Auto Sales 11 East Josephine St

USED CAR LICENSE – RENEWAL (Cont.)

Classic Car & Van Sales

Calder Street Auto

Culco

CarMax Auto Superstores Inc.

R & S Auto

971 Cranston St

121 Calder Street

1300 Park Ave

153 Bald Hill Rd

950 Wellington Av

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to vote on all the above-listed license renewal applications as a block except for “Intown Auto Sales”. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license renewal applications except for “Intown Auto Sales”. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair stated that the license renewal application for “Intown Auto Sales” will be continued to the May meeting for Show Cause per the Police Department.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to continue the license renewal application for “Intown Auto Sales”. Motion passed unanimously.

VICTUALLING LICENSE – RENEWALS

Power Bar

Poco Loco

Curly’s

190 Hillside Road

2005 Broad St

208 Main St

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

SECONDHAND LICENSE – RENEWAL

Christopher III

Sports Heroes

Broad St Used Furniture

151 Park Ave

661 Oaklawn Ave

164 Park Ave

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

AUTO REPAIR LICENSE – RENEWAL

Calder Street Auto
CarMax Auto Superstores Inc.
Bestway Auto

121 Calder Street
153 Bald Hill Rd
9 Cory Ave

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

BOWLING ALLEY LICENSE – RENEWAL

AMF Bowling Centers Inc. d/b/a Cranston Bowl

1450 Elmwood Ave

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

BUSINESS IN A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE – RENEWAL

St Mary's Feast Society

15 Phenix Ave

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 APRIL and MAY 2015

(Submitted in April)

No discussion.

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

No discussion.

LEGENDS PUB & GRUB – LIST OF EVENTS FOR MARCH, APRIL & MAY

(Submitted in April)

No discussion.

***RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET – LIST FOR JANUARY – MAY 2015 (SUBMITTED)
IN JANUARY***

Actual Number of Attendees for Actual Number of Attendees for 2014

No discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Aceto questioned if the business across the street from Casale Liquors on Cranston St. is still in business. Chair handed gavel to Council President Lanni.

Chair stated that since this Committee has approved their renewal, he has not seen any activity there and during the snowstorms, the lot was not plowed.

Councilman Aceto stated that by Ordinance, if there is a liquor license issued to a business and they are not open, he questioned if we have the right to take the license back. Solicitor stated that this issue is not on the agenda this evening, but hypothetically, he would say no, but he would have to research this.

City Clerk stated that the license was issued for one year. There is State Law which provides revocation if it is found that the license has been abandoned for three months. We tried calling in the business last year and the attorney for the applicant indicated that there was sporadic activity there.

Solicitor stated that the burden of proof that the license was abandoned would be on the City. It would be more prudent for us to wait until the license expires and address it at that time.

Chair stated that we are over the cap and it is unfair to people who are looking for a liquor license and can't obtain one.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees