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## **SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, June 1, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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  
Robert Coupe, Director of Administration/Acting Personnel Director  
Jeffrey Barone, Constituent 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 President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, 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:**

#### **Miller's Crossings**

July 25, 2015 – Fundraiser Wheels for Jake [[click to view](#)]

150 Old Bald Hill Rd.

**David Miller** appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve the above request. Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

**MANHATTAN GOLD BUYERS**

166 Atwood Ave.

Pawnbroker-Continued for Police Report

**Captain Carnevale** stated that the Police Department has asked for a continuance until the case is adjudicated.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to continue this item. Motion passed unanimously.

**BASTA RESTAURANT**

2195 Broad St.

Continued for Police Assessment of June 13, 2015 event (Gaspee Days)

**Peter Loro**, General Manager, appeared to speak in favor. No one appeared to oppose.

**Captain Carnevale** stated that the Police Department has no objections.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve the above item. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**CLASS BVL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – NEW**

*Diversi LLC*

42-44 Rolfe Square

**Hatuey Tomassini**, transferee, appeared to speak in favor.

**Sheila Wilson** appeared to speak in favor of this license application.

**Michelle Parenteau** appeared to speak in favor of this license application.

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.

**EXPANSION OF PREMISE LICENSE – NEW**

*Fellini Pizzeria*

2190 Broad St.

**Robert Murray, Esq.**, appeared to represent applicant. **Christine Knoedler**, owner, appeared to speak.

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

**EXPANSION OF PREMISE LICENSE – NEW (Cont.)**

*Fellini Pizzeria*

2190 Broad St.

**Attorney Murray** stated that this application is for standard expansion of service for the year even though they will be participating in Gaspee Days.

**Council President Lanni** asked if the outdoor seating will be on the sidewalk or on the property. Attorney Murray stated that they have a cement patio. Council President Lanni asked if there is enough parking. Attorney Murray stated that there is parking in numerous ways. There are surrounding properties that they can use as well as other restaurants in the area and there is onsite parking.

**Councilman Aceto** asked what days there will be outdoor seating. Ms. Knoedler stated that depending on the weather, it would be seven days a week.

**Councilman Farina** asked how many seats would be placed outside. Ms. Knoedler stated approximately 25 seats maximum, with approximately four tables.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

*Powers Pub- one day 6/13/15*

2190 Broad St.

No one appeared to represent Powers Pub.

**Lynn McCarthy**, 14 Bridge St., appeared to speak and asked what Powers Pub's plans are for this event.

**Chair** stated that applicant has asked that this event would be for the day of the Gaspee Days Parade.

**Ms. McCarthy** stated that she along with all her neighbors have received a letter from Powers Pub stating that they would like the neighbors' support to have an event from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and they want to start serving alcohol at 8:00 A.M. and also request that Aborn St. be closed.

**City Clerk** stated that the applicant's request was from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. for music and the service of alcohol request was from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**Solicitor Kirshenbaum** stated that at the last meeting, this applicant, along with Revolution American Bistro and Fellini met with him and the Police and Fire representatives and they all went through appropriate process to set up a plan that would be in agreement with the Police and Fire.

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

*Powers Pub- one day 6/13/15 (Cont.)*

2190 Broad St.

**Chair** asked City Clerk if she has received any objections from neighbors as to the street closing. City Clerk stated that she received a call from Cork and Brew objecting to the closure of Aborn St. She also stated that Pawtuxet Athletic Club sent her a text message of their objections.

**Chair** asked if Powers Pub was notified to appear this evening. City Clerk stated that this is the official public hearing and they would need to be present.

**Councilman Stycos** stated that his understanding was that everyone on the street had to agree to the street closing.

**Deputy Chief MacIntosh** stated, yes, that was part of the agreement and that did not happen.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to deny this request. Motion passed unanimously.

*Revolution American Bistro –one day 6/13/15*

2190 Broad St.

**Dean Scanlon** appeared to speak

**Chair** asked if the request is to have the street closed. Mr. Scanlon stated, no. He also stated that he is working in conjunction with Fellini for the day. The hours for detail will be 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Chair** stated that he would like both establishments to have the same hours for liquor to be served.

**Mr. Scanlon** stated that he would like to serve liquor during the parade and continue onto the evening once the parade is over.

**Chair** asked the applicant from Fellini what time she would like to start serving liquor. Ms.Knoedler stated that she would like to start serving at noon.

**Mr. Scanlon** stated that the hours he would like to serve liquor is 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m., or whatever hours are allowed.

**City Clerk** stated that Mr. Scanlon's request was for outdoor event until 5 pm. and that was the time stated in the notice sent to the abutters.

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

***Revolution American Bistro –one day 6/13/15 (Cont.)***

2190 Broad St.

**Attorney Murray** stated that his client would not object to the start at 11:00 a.m. if Revolution is starting at 11:00 a.m.

Both establishments agreed to sell liquor from the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

VI. **PUBLIC HEARINGS - NEW**

**USED CAR LICENSE – NEW**

***Lajara Auto Sales***

1141 Cranston St.

**Joseph Sciacca, Esq.**, appeared to represent the applicant.

**Myra Lajara** appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mondays thru Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon Saturdays and closed Sundays.

**Councilman Aceto** asked how many cars are allowed per the site plan. Attorney Sciacca stated approximately 25 spaces for the cars and 4-5 parking spaces for the customers.

**Council Majority Leader Archetto** asked how many employees there will be. Attorney Sciacca stated just one for now.

**Councilman Paplauskas** asked if there will be any repairs done on premises. Attorney Sciacca stated just for servicing the cars for sale.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

***Funes towing (no site plan submitted yet)***

36 Dewey Street

**Fausto Funes** appeared to speak.

**Chair** asked if applicant has provided a site plan. Mr. Funes stated that he will have it by next week.

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

**VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NEW (Cont.)**

**TRANSFER CLASS B VICTUALLING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LIC - NEW**

**FROM: CRANSTON HOUSE OF PIZZA LLC**

1791 Cranston St.

**TO: S & J FOOD ENTERPRISES INC D/B/A**

1791 Cranston St.

**CRANSTON HOUSE OF PIZZA**

**James Callahan, Esq.**, appeared to represent transferee. Colleen Mooney, transferor, appeared to speak.

No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve the above transfer application pending closing and letter of certificate of good standing. Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**

**PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE – NEW**

***Robert Campbell***

2045 Broad St.

**Robert Campbell** appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

**VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW**

***Countryside Creamery***

1105 Scituate Ave.

No one appeared to speak.

**Council President Lanni** indicated that he was at this establishment yesterday and they are open.

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

***NY Style Pizza***

152 Gansett Ave.

**Maria Chingo** appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mondays thru Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Fridays and 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Saturdays.. No one appeared to oppose.

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

**VII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS: (Cont.)**

**VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW**

***Diversi LLC***

42-44 Rolfe Square

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

**FIREWORKS LICENSE – NEW**

***Phantom Fireworks***

350 Park Ave.

**Brian Hodge** appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mondays thru Sundays and he will be operating from June 10<sup>th</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**SEPTAGE HAULER LICENSE – NEW**

***Ray Plante & Sons – just a new truck; company already operates here*** 1 Abbott's Crossings

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

**VIII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:**

No business.

**IX. SHOW CAUSE: (cont'd from 5/4/2015)**

**In Town Auto (Used Car and Auto Repair)**

11 East Josephine St.

**City Clerk** stated that, per the Solicitor, this item be continued because of the pending criminal matter in District Court, which is to be held next week.

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

**X. POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

No business.

**XI. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**SPEEDWAY LLC - HESS- PROPANE TANKS**

305 Phenix Ave.

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

**XII. LICENSE RENEWALS:**

**PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE – RENEWAL**

*Thomas Luongo*

114 Hazelton St.

*James Lynch*

25 Ash Ave.

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Councilman Aceto, it was voted to vote on the above license renewal applications as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**AUTO REPAIR LICENSE – RENEWALS**

*Miracle Auto Sales*

580 Reservoir Ave.

*Ultra Motor Car*

446 Dyer Ave.

*Gershkoff Enterprises*

1085 Cranston St.

*Oaklawn Auto Service*

975 Oaklawn Ave.

*NE Detroit Diesel*

1 S. Ind Drive

*S & K Autobody*

1006 Cranston St.

*Jiffy Lube*

1440 Park Ave.

*Perry Bros*

460 Atwood Ave.

*First Choice Auto Sales*

1586 Broad St.

*Emmanuel's Imports*

21 Calef Street

*JD Byrider*

615 Reservoir Ave.

*Dino's Service Center*

265 Station St.

*American Muffler & Brake*

1380 Park Ave.

*Vang Auto Repair*

790 Park Ave.

*Spring Green Auto*

1664 Elmwood Ave.

*Accu Auto Service*

1570 Elmwood Ave.

*CB Truck Tire Service*

140 Farmington Ave.

*Tasca*

1300 Pontiac Ave.

*Stamas*

1045 Cranston St.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Farina, it was voted to vote on the above license renewal applications as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve the above license renewal applications as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**FIREWORKS LICENSE – RENEWALS**

***TNT Fireworks – 15 locations***

various

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

**BUSINESS IN A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE – RENEWAL**

***Sonya's - annual tent sale***

766 Oaklawn Ave.

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

**VICTUALLING LICENSE – RENEWAL**

***Seabra Foods***

550 Pontiac Ave.

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

**PARADE LICENSE – RENEWAL**

***St Mary's Feast Society***

15 Phenix Ave.

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

**CARNIVAL LICENSE – RENEWAL**

***St Mary's Feast Society***

15 Phenix Ave.

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

**FIREWORKS LICENSE – RENEWAL**

***St Mary's Feast Society***

15 Phenix Ave.

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

**CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION – RENEWAL**

***St Mary's Feast Society***

15 Phenix Ave.

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

**XIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:**

***GUAYACAN LOUNGE – LIST OF EVENTS FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2015***  
(Submitted in MAY)

No action needed.

***848 PARK THEATRE – list of few events scheduled for May - November 2015 –  
will submit changes as they schedule new events***

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

***LEGENDS PUB & GRUB – LIST OF EVENTS FOR MAY –AUGUST 2015*** [\[click to view\]](#)

**Chair** questioned why this list is placed on the monthly agenda. If there have been no problems at this establishment, their list of events should not be placed on the agenda.

**City Clerk** stated that she will check into this and check the minutes to see if there was a reason why they are listed on the agenda.

***RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET – LIST FOR JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2015***  
***Actual Number of Attendees for Actual Number of Attendees submitted last in January***  
[\[click to view\]](#)

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

**XIV. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Bodyworks license** – Subcommittee to formulate rules and regulations

**City Clerk** stated that she will be sending out letters to established bodyworks and massage therapy businesses and once these letters go out, she expects it will generate questions from a number of establishments. She was hoping to have a sub-committee formed or a contact person on the Council to assist her in addressing questions that come up.

**Chair** suggested Councilman Botts to assist the City Clerk, since the Ordinance passed was sponsored by him.

**City Clerk** stated that she will work with Councilman Botts and the Solicitor and report back to the Committee on any issues that come up.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rosalba Zanni".

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees