

(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 4, 2016 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 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 Donald Botts, Jr.
Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Robert Coupe, Director of Administration/Acting Personnel Director
Captain Russell Henry, Police Department
Deputy Chief, Stephen MacIntosh, Fire Department
Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor
J. Patrick O'Neill, 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 Majority Leader Archetto, 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:

Intown Auto – 3 mos. review (Cont. from 10/5/2015)

11 East Josephine St.

Wilfredo Hernandez appeared to speak and stated that there have been no complaints regarding his business.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: (Cont.)

Intown Auto – 3 mos. review (Cont. from 10/5/2015) (Cont.) 11 East Josephine St.

Mr. Coupe confirmed that there have been no complaints regarding this business since the last time this was on the agenda.

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to remove this item from the agenda.

Mardi Gras – cont'd from December 2015 1500 Oaklawn Ave.

No one appeared to speak from establishment.

City Clerk indicated that applicant was to be present this evening for a 3 month review.

Captain Henry stated that there have been no incidents at this establishment since last time. He also stated that he spoke to their attorney and he was under the impression that they were going to be here this evening.

Council President Lanni stated that at the last meeting, applicant was directed to replace all bottles with plastic cups, but applicant asked that he be given time to finish using all the bottles he had in stock and then start using the plastic cups. That was three months ago.

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to continue this item to next month's meeting and applicant and attorney be asked to make sure they are present. Motion passed unanimously.

WASTE HAULER – NEW (No one appeared 11/2/2015; 12/7/2015)
Waste Water Services 1997 Bedford St.

No one appeared to speak from this business.

City Clerk indicated that a letter was faxed from this company asking that this license application be continued one more month.

On motion by Councilman Aceto, seconded by Councilman Farina, it was voted to continue this item for one more month. Motion passed unanimously.

V. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Ordinances)

CLASS D CLUB ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE – RENEWAL
RI Ceilhide Club 50 America St.

No one was present from the establishment.

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

CLASS D CLUB ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE – RENEWAL (Cont.)

RI Ceilhide Club

50 America St.

Chair indicated that Alcoholic Beverage License renewals were due December 1st. This Committee held a special meeting after the December regular meeting for late renewals. He stated that we do not know if this establishment served alcohol since December 1st.

Councilman Farina stated that this Committee could approve the renewal and call this establishment in for a Show Cause.

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, it was voted to approve this license renewal application and request applicant to appear at the next meeting for Show Cause to give explanation of why they did not renew by December 1st. Motion passed unanimously.

CLASS BV ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE- RENEWAL

Welbi Genao d/b/a Blend Café

745 Reservoir Ave.

City Clerk stated that there was confusion with management. First they indicated that they did not want the liquor license any longer and then when it was too late for renewals, the owner came in and said that they did. Pending approval of the renewal, they were advised to remove all liquor from the premises until their liquor license renewal was approved. The Police Department was also advised to check on this establishment periodically to make sure they were not serving alcohol or there was no alcohol on the premises.

Council President Lanni suggested approving this license application as a new license rather than renewal, since it is same price for license.

City Clerk stated that if we treat this as a new license, we would have to require advertising cost and abutters would have to be notified.

Councilman Aceto asked if this license will revert back to the City if it is not issued in 30 days. City Clerk stated that this is not the case of abandoning a license or business not operating. This is just case of miscommunication with management.

Chair stated that he feels that both this business and RI Ceilhide Club should be treated as a new license because this Committee was very adamant about the December 1st deadline.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Farina, it was voted to approve this liquor license renewal with a Show Cause to be held at the next meeting for this Committee to address this issue and explain to the applicant the procedures for late renewals for the future. Motion passed unanimously.

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

12-15-01 **Ordinance in Amendment of Title 5.12 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Alcoholic Beverage Licenses (Alcohol Server Training Certification – Class A). Sponsored by Safety Services & Licenses Committee.**

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

Under Discussion:

Councilman Farina asked if this Ordinance includes bouncers as well. City Clerk stated that she is not sure. Councilman Farina stated that he would like this Ordinance amended to add door staff and security personnel.

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to amend this Ordinance as follows: line 33, after "parking staff", add "and all security personnel".

Under Discussion:

Council President Lanni questioned if this is going to cover all establishments. City Clerk stated that it would apply to all liquor license holders.

Council Minority Leader Favicchio referenced RIGL 3-7-6.1, which already has this language.

Council President Lanni indicated that State Law does not include Class A establishments.

Motion and second to amend this Ordinance were withdrawn.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of this Ordinance and motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

HOLIDAY SALES – NEW
RI Hydroponics

332 Atwood Ave.

Jeffrey Paige appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Mondays thru Fridays 10-7, Saturdays 10-5 and Sundays 10-4. 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.

Bestway

1353 Park Ave.

Abdul Rehmen appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. 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.

VI. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT – INDOOR – NEW
Red Lounge Restaurant

355 Dyer Ave.

Jose Deljadilo appeared to speak and stated that the entertainment will be music and will end at 12 midnight.

Councilman Farina asked what type of entertainment it will be. Mr. Deljadilo stated that it will be Karaoke and DJ. Councilman Farina asked if the building is soundproof. Mr. Deljadilo stated, yes.

Council President Lanni asked what the seating capacity is. Mr. Deljadilo stated that the maximum is 105.

Council Majority Leader Archetto asked what time the entertainment will begin. Mr. Deljadilo stated 9:30 p.m. Council Majority Leader Archetto asked if there will be live entertainment. Mr. Deljadilo stated that he does not think so.

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 on a vote of 6-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Council Vice-President Santamaria, Councilmen Farina, Aceto, Paplauskas, Council Minority Leader Favicchio and Council President Lanni -6. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Council Majority Leader Archetto -1.

McKenna’s Pub

641 Atwood Ave.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

VII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

No business.

VIII. SHOW CAUSE:

Cranston Liquor

1219 Cranston St.

Chair stated that applicant has asked for a continuance.

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

IX. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

No business.

X. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No business.

XI. LICENSE RENEWALS:

VICTUALLING – RENEWALS

1150 Oak Bar & Grille

Athenian Market & Deli

Wildcat Concessions

Uncle Sushi & Grill

Maria's Pizza & Wings

Mesa Café

Genji Sushi

Dairy Twirl

Italian Gourmet Deli

Poco Loco

1150 Oaklawn Ave.

1240 Oaklawn Ave.

60 Harborside Blvd.

570 Reservoir Ave.

949 Pontiac Ave.

100 Rolfe St.

151 Sock Crssrds.

775 Reservoir Ave.

1 Starline Way

2005 Broad St.

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

CARNIVAL LICENSE – RENEWAL

Rockwell Amusements @ Mulligan's 5/26-31, 2016

1000 New London Ave.

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

AUTO REPAIR - RENEWAL

Classic Car & Van Sales

971 Cranston St.

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

FIREARMS DEALER – RENEWAL

On Target Firearms – Michael Marcello

1 Gray Birch Dr.

Councilman Aceto asked what this applicant is allowed to do with this license because this is in a residential area. City Clerk stated that applicant does online business sales. He does not do repairs.

XI. LICENSE RENEWALS: (Cont.)

FIREARMS DEALER – RENEWAL (Cont.)
On Target Firearms – Michael Marcello (Cont.)

1 Gray Birch Dr.

Councilman Farina stated that when this applicant appeared before this Committee initially, he stated to the Committee that he stores guns at offsite facility.

Councilman Aceto asked if there have been any complaints regarding this business. Captain Henry stated that there have been none that he is aware of.

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

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – RENEWAL
Cardi's Furniture Mattress

40 Sock Crsdrs.

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

XII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:

GUAYACAN LOUNGE – LIST OF EVENTS JAN – MARCH 2016

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

848 PARK THEATRE – LIST OF EVENTS JAN – APRIL 2016

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

LEGENDS PUB & GRUB – per establishment nothing scheduled (see e-mail)

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

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET – LIST FOR JANUARY 2016- MAY 2016
Actual number of attendees for 2015 (page 3 under subtotals)

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

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosalba Zanni".

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees