

(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, May 2, 2016 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 Christopher G. Paplauskas
Council Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Absent: Councilman Mario Aceto

Also Present: Jeffrey Barone, Director of Constituent Affairs
Captain Gerard Carnevale, Police Department
Deputy Chief, Stephen MacIntosh, Fire Department
Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor
Maria Medeiros Wall, City Clerk
Heather Finger, Stenographer

II. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, 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:

- Report from Solicitor O'Neill regarding Court Order pertaining to Massage Therapy Licenses and recommendation from Solicitor on how the Committee should proceed

City Clerk stated there was some confusion on this last month. What had been before the Committee were massage therapy licenses which were appropriate for approval. There is a Temporary Restraining Order on the "Body Works Massage" license and the City cannot do anything at this time. On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to continue this item to the July meeting for status update. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Mardi Gras – (Cont. from 2/1/2016 AND 4/4/2016

1500 Oaklawn Ave.

On motion by Councilman Farina, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to continue this item to the July meeting for status update. Motion passed unanimously.

TRANSFER OF CLASS BV ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – NEW

(No one appeared 3/7/2016 AND 4/4)

From: Pub on Park Ave., Inc.

1145 Park Ave.

D/b/a Stadium Pub & Lounge

To: DTJF Enterprises, LLC

1145 Park Ave.

D/b/a Stadium Pub & Lounge

Chair stated this information is not correct, there is now a new applicant at top of page 2 and if no objection we will go to that. This item was removed from the agenda.

CLASS A RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

Cranston Liquors – 3 mos. review

1219 Cranston St.

Attorney Manera spoke on behalf of his client. The property is being maintained twice a day and his client is keeping a log. Attorney submitted letters in support of business and a copy of the maintenance log was entered as part of the record.

Chair asked Capt. Carnavale if he was satisfied with solution. Captain stated he is happy to see they're maintaining a log. He was able to go out there today but last time he went was disappointed to see there were still beer bottles on center island, that would have been before this log.

Chair stated best thing is to make sure patrons leave the property after they purchase the beers. Owner appeared to speak and said that he had spoken to several customers already.

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to remove this matter from the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

AUTO REPAIR – NEW (CONT'D FROM 4/4/16 & 5/2/16 NO ONE APPEARED)

Jerry's Oaklawn Village Service Station

908 Oaklawn Ave

No one appeared to speak. They have one more chance to appear. If they don't appear will have to reapply.

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

BAZAAR LICENSE – NEW (CONT'D FROM 4/4 – NO ONE APPEARED – W/DRAWING APPLICATION UNTIL SEPTEMBER PER APPLICANTS REQUEST)

Praise Tabernacle – event 4/30

315 Park Ave

This license application was withdrawn. Chair stated they will be refile for a September event.

848 PARK AVENUE ASSOCIATES – STATUS FROM MEETING WITH POLICE & FIRE

Chair inquired of Mr. Barone as to status. Mr. Barone stated he was going to reach out to police and fire to see if there's still a need for the meeting. Chair stated to leave this on the agenda. If there's no need, then it can be removed.

V. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Ordinances)

CLASS B VICTUALLING APPLICATION – NEW (ABOVE THE CAP REQUIRES FULL COUNCIL APPROVAL)

Cowboys LLC d/b/a Cowboys

1785 Cranston St

Chair stated that this is above cap and will have to go to Council if approved. They're also applying for a victualling and entertainment license. Chair asked that applicants to step forward.

James Rutkovsky of 725 Branch Avenue, Providence, RI appeared to speak and was sworn in by the stenographer.

Rene Bramble of 25 Bolton Street, Cranston appeared to speak against this application. Has appeared numerous times against opening a bar at this location. She presented a petition with approximately 50 neighbor signatures who also do not want a bar there. There is nothing but trouble whether it be parking, loitering late at night, trash, broken glass. Great location for a new business if closes by 10 p.m. such as deli, bakery but not a bar. Neighborhood is shocked that we have to go thru this again. Neighbors question whether there is sufficient parking based on requirements.

Kurt Schultz of 47 Bolton Street appeared to speak against this application. He stated that he is in favor of a new business at this location but not a bar or lounge. Question whether they will guarantee that no one parks on his lawn and don't urinate on property. Without a guarantee that these problems won't occur, he is against it. Street barely wide enough for residents. He is also concerned with the parking situation.

Charlotte Schiapo, 1767 Cranston Street appeared to speak against this application. Echoes prior speakers. There has been nothing but trouble at this location. No place to park, numerous people urinate on her property. Grandchildren and 88 mother and 93 year old father in law. Concern that rescue vehicles can't get down the street if there's a medical emergency due to the parking situation. Doesn't feel appropriate location for a bar.

Mr. Rutkovsky appeared again. Councilman Paplauskas asked of his bar experience. Owns Fat Boy in Providence Rhode Island. Grated Johnson & Wales in 2006 has worked at numerous restaurants.

Councilman Paplauskas asked if he was an owner or had interest in any other bar. Applicant stated just Fat Boys and current location.

Councilman Paplauskas asked about \$3 Bar. Applicant stated was a manager/consultant. Councilman Farina inquired about patio on said of the building. Issue with this location has always been parking, not sufficient. Prior owners used adjacent Casale property. Wants to know what is plan for overflow parking? Patio will further eliminate parking.

Applicant stated plan to contact neighboring businesses and will do that immediately. Hours of operation 12 to 12 weekdays and 12 to 1 on weekend. There won't be a dance floor not a nightclub. If any music would be on weekend, acoustic or country wouldn't appeal to rowdy patrons had given this some thought. Does a ton of community work outreach has donated sandwiches to Praise Tabernacle.

Councilman Farina's concern not applicant's ability but problems we've had at this location parking, noise. It's the proximity of the building to the residential homes.

Council President Lanni stated that in his 14 years neighbors have constantly complained about noise, trash, urination and parking. Great location for a breakfast place but not for music, entertainment or liquor.

Councilman Favicchio asked when terminated employment with other company when license revoked. Applicant stated correct when opened Fat Boys September 2015.

Councilman Santamaria referred to the application that asks if you were a officer, board member or stockholder and you answered consultant for \$3 Bar. Applicant stated the intention was he was going to get an equity statement in the company eventually. Chair stated that was more than consultant and that there had been a gun fight there and he was concerned that we don't want that type of activity coming into Cranston. Councilman Farina stated that he's seen the issues having been at those house on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. There'd be drinking in the parking lot.

Councilman Archetto inquired as to the parking. Councilman Paplauskas read an e-mail from Cranston House of Pizza against the liquor license and expressed their concern for their property they did not want cars parked there after they closed.

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

TRANSFER OF CLASS BV ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – NEW

From: Pub on Park Ave., Inc.

1145 Park Ave.

D/b/a Stadium Pub & Lounge

To: Edward Torti (individual)

1145 Park Ave.

D/b/a Stadium Pub & Lounge

Chair asked the parties to step forward and asked if there was anyone to speak for or against this application. Attorney Mark Charleson Attorney for Edward Tori. Transferor could not make tonight's meeting. Chair stated we can proceed with only one party

Councilman Archetto inquired as to policy on keeping door open when there's entertainment. He get complaints from neighboring constituents. Applicant stated that he intends to keep the door closed.

Attorney Charleson stated that he would like to amend the application. Since the filing the applicant, Ed Torti, has formed an LLC called Ted's Stadium Pub LLC and are asking that the license be transferred to the LLC. of which Mr. Torti is 100% owner so background checks are not affected.

Chair asked Solicitor Rawson if could consider the voice amendment. Attorney Rawson stated yes, the transferred has been advertised. It is same, still a similar party so didn't see an issue with amending it at hearing.

Amend application from Edward P. Torti to Ted's Stadium Pub LLC

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

Chair asked for comments on amended application. Councilman Favicchio asked if Mr. Torti was going to be the manager and hours of operation. Attorney Charleson stated Mr. Torti is the owner and manager. Mr. Torti stated hours noon to 12 evening, maybe 1 on Friday and Saturday.

Chair went over closing time of one; and that all patrons needed to be off premises at one. If staying later to clean needed to contact police otherwise everyone out by 1:20. Mr. Torti understood.

Clerk inquired as to dba on application. Attorney stated the dba would be Ted's Stadium Pub and amended application

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

Chair asked if there was a victualling also. On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve this license transfer application. Motion passed unanimously. Attorney stated that Victualling was also amended to Ted's Stadium Pub LLC and would send notice to the City Clerk tomorrow.

VI. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW
Cowboys LLC d/b/a Cowboys

1785 Cranston St

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

La Frontera

1522 Broad St

No one appeared to speak.

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

Stadium Pub & Lounge

1145 Park Ave

Approved for Ted's Stadium Pub LLC. See notes above on liquor transfer.

Tim & Nikki's Pizzeria & Pub II

2244 Plainfield St

Mr. Hemistoplis of 6 Chloe Court, Coventry appeared to speak.

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

Coldstone Creamery

1000 Chapel View

Mr. Deepak Bhatia of Delicious Treats LLC appeared to speak. Hours are 12 to 9 Sunday – Saturday.

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

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE – NEW (INDOOR ONLY)

Cowboys LLC d/b/a Cowboys

1785 Cranston St

On motion by Councilman Favicchio, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to deny this license application. Roll call Motion passed unanimously.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LICENSE – NEW

Coworx Staffing

105 Sockanosset Crsrd

Tracey Simeone of 165 Holland Street, Cranston, RI appeared to speak. Hours are 8 – 5 Monday thru Friday.

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

VII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

No business.

VIII. SHOW CAUSE:

No business.

IX. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

No business.

X. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No business.

XI. LICENSE RENEWALS:

WASTE HAULER – RENEWAL

Northeast Sanitation

3 Railroad Dr

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

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – RENEWAL

Sam’s Food Store

460 Pontiac Ave

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

Sayfs Enterprises

397 Dyer Ave

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

VICTUALLING LICENSE – RENEWAL

Rachel’s Sugar Shop

334 Budlong Rd

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

Countryside Creamery

1105 Scituate Ave

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

XI. LICENSE RENEWALS:

AUTO REPAIR LICENSE - RENEWAL

Gallo’s Auto Repair

1335 Cranston St

First Choice Auto Sales

1586 Broad St

S & K Autobody

1006 Cranston St

Sam’s Auto Group Annex

886 Cranston St

Sam’s Auto Group

936 Cranston St

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

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

USED CAR LICENSE – RENEWALS

<i>Cranston Auto Ignition</i>	1152 Park Ave
<i>NC Transport – administrative purposes only</i>	734 Pontiac Ave
<i>Gallo’s Auto</i>	1335 Cranston St
<i>Dyer Avenue Motors</i>	454 Dyer Ave
<i>R & A Auto Sales</i>	1171-1173 Park Ave

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

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FIREWORKS VENDOR LICENSE – RENEWAL

<i>Phantom Fireworks</i>	350 Park Ave
<i>TNT Fireworks – 15 locations</i>	various CVS, Walgreen’s, Dollar Tree, Stop & Shop...etc

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

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PEDDLER’S LICENSE – RENEWAL

<i>Josefina’s Ice Cream</i>	50 Laura St
<i>Moo Mobile</i>	12 Alderbrook Dr
<i>Benji’s Ice Cream- 2 trucks</i>	189 Smith St
<i>S & S Novelty – 2 people</i>	49 Laura St

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

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

HAWKER’S LICENSE – RENEWAL

<i>Moo Mobile</i>	12 Alderbrook Dr
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On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to approve this license renewal application. Motion passed unanimously.

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK LICENSE – RENEWAL

Paco's Tacos

9 Drowne St

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

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT – RENEWAL

Chapel Grille

1000 Chapel View

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

PARADE LICENSE – RENEWAL

St Mark's Church – event 5/29/2016

31 Poplar Drive

St Mary's Feast Society – feast 7/24

15 Phenix Avenue

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve 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.

CARNIVAL LICENSE – RENEWAL

St Mary's Feast Society – feast 7/20-7/24

15 Phenix Avenue

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.

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION – RENEWAL

St Mary's Feast Society – feast 7/20-7/24

15 Phenix Avenue

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

FIREWORKS LICENSE - RENEWAL

St Mary's Feast Society – feast 7/20-7/24

15 Phenix Avenue

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

XII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:

***GUAYACAN LOUNGE – LIST OF EVENTS JULY – SEPTEMBER 2016
(Submitted in March 2016)***

No action needed.

***848 PARK THEATRE – LIST OF EVENTS MAY – OCTOBER 2016
(Submitted in March)***

No action needed.

***LEGENDS PUB & GRUB – per establishment nothing scheduled (see email)
(Submitted in Jan.) [\[click to view\]](#)***

No action needed.

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET – LIST FOR April 2016- Sept. 2016

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Vice President Santamaria, it was voted to approve all the above. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

WASTE MANAGEMENT FINE PAID 4/11/2016

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Medeiros Wall, JD
City Clerk