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SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, December 4, 2017 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas, Chair
Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio, Vice-Chair
Councilman Kenneth J. Hopkins
Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr.
Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Council President Michael J Farina

Absent: Councilman Trent M. Colford, Sr.

Also Present: Councilman Paul J. McAuley
Councilman Paul H. Archetto
Robin Muksian, Director of Administration
Major Robert Quirk, Police Department
Deputy Chief, Stephen MacIntosh, Fire Department
John Verdecchia, Asst. City Solicitor
Evan Kirshenbaum, 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 Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved a recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS:

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

HOLIDAY SALES – NEW (No one appeared - Cont. from 11/6/2017)
LR Food Khout (6am-11pm)

873 Cranston St.

No one appeared to speak.

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

V. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Ordinances)

None.

VI. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

BODY WORKS

Establishment: Youna Foot Reflexology Spa

1732 Broad St.

Personnel: Meiqun Hu

Personnel: Aimei Lan

Feng Cal and Demao Huang appeared to speak.

Council President Farina asked if the Police Department has done its due diligence on this application. Major Quirk stated that the Police Department was provided with three names and BCI showed nothing stood out for the Police Department to be concerned. He indicated that two of the female applicants have a New York address and the male applicant has also a New York address.

Councilman Lanni asked if these applicants have been working without a license or is it a new business. Major Quirk stated that the Detective in the Special Victim Division was made aware that this establishment was in operation.

Interpreter for the applicants stated that they live in Cranston, but they still have a New York license.

City Clerk stated that a Clerk in her office was told that they would be commuting from New York. She asked applicants what their addresses are for the record. Interpreter stated, 71 Grace St.

Councilman Lanni stated that the application states a New York phone number. He asked what the phone number of the business is. Interpreter stated 646-733-8410. Councilman Lanni stated that the phone number listed on the application is 626-8299. Interpreter stated that this is not the number the applicant is using. Councilman Lanni stated that he is very concerned with issuing a license because this business has ads on backpage.com with the 626-8299 number listed. The ads state new girls with pictures of risqué dressed young women which would make him suspicious of illegal activity.

VI. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS: (Cont.)

BODY WORKS (Cont.)

Establishment: Youna Foot Reflexology Spa

1732 Broad St.

Personnel: Meiqun Hu

Personnel: Aimei Lan

Council President Farina stated that due to the inconsistency nature of the application, he made a motion to deny this application. Councilman Hopkins seconded the motion.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Stycos asked how the Police Department found out about this business. Major Quirk stated that the Special Victim Division was doing a check on these types of businesses to make sure they were in compliance and found that this business was not licensed, but was advertising.

Council Vice-President Favicchio stated that the two personnel license application should be considered and the two individuals should be interviewed also, unless they are willing to withdraw.

Meiqun Hu appeared to speak.

Council Vice-President Favicchio asked Ms. Hu where she lives. Interpreter stated, 14220 Franklin, Flushing, New York. Council Vice-President Favicchio asked Ms. Hu if she has a residence in Rhode Island. Interpreter stated that she rents at 1732 Broad St., Cranston. Council Vice-President Favicchio asked what floor her apartment is on. Interpreter stated, second floor.

Roll call was taken on motion to deny this application and motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to deny both personnel applications. Motion passed unanimously.

CLASS F LIQUOR LICENSE

West Place Animal Sanctuary

@ Rhodes on the Pawtuxet

(Event on December 29, 2017)

Eric Ullis appeared. No one appeared to oppose.

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

VI. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS: (Cont.)

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT

Epic Lounge LLC
(5pm-1am)

349 Dyer Ave.

Demetrio Belartri appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

Council President Farina asked what type of establishment this will be. Interpreter stated same as previous business had. Council President Farina asked how many nights a week they will have public entertainment. Interpreter stated Wednesdays thru Sundays. Council President Farina asked what the security plan is. Interpreter stated that they will have security through an agency. Council President Farina asked what the name of the agency is. Interpreter stated, Sas. Council President Farina stated that he has some concerns on this type of license based on what occurred with the last establishment at this location.

Councilman Archetto asked that the Committee reduce the hours to midnight due to pas history at this location and there are a lot of homes in the immediate area.

Councilman Lanni stated that there were problems in the beginning with the prior business, but since then, the prior business complied and they didn't have any more problems there. He also stated that the new business should be given a chance and if they have problems, this Committee will handle it at that time.

Chair asked the Police Department if there have been any problems there with the previous business. Major Quirk confirmed that there have not been any major problems other than a few noise complaints, but they did comply.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Lanni, it was voted to approve this license application. Motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilmen Papluskas, Hopkins, Lanni, Stycos and Council Vice-President Favicchio - 5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Council President Farina - 1.

VICTUALLING

Enduring Group, LLC d/b/a Dairy Queen Grill & Chill
(10am-10pm)

275 Atwood Ave.

William Bailey appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

Epic Lounge LLC
(5pm-1am)

349 Dyer Ave.

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

VI. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS: (Cont.)

Wai Wai House (New Owner)

1850 Broad St.

(Mon-Thurs 11am-10pm; Fri-Sat 11am-10:30pm; Sun 12 pm-10pm)

Xiaong Jiang appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Council President Farina, it was voted to approve this license application.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Lanni asked what the seating capacity is. Mr. Jiang stated that this is mostly a take-out restaurant.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve this license application and motion passed unanimously.

VII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

No business.

VIII. SHOW CAUSE:

PD Auto (complaint re. hours of operation)

598B Atwood Ave.

Continued from Nov. 6th for report from administration

Ms. Muksian stated that since the last meeting, the Police was called with report of after hours of operation and lights on in the business. The Police went out and there was not answer at the door. There is also a car and dumpster that were to be moved and as of today, have not been moved, but she will have the Inspectors follow-up. These issues were from Ranaldi Motors.

No one appeared to represent PD Auto.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Council President Farina, it was voted to continue this hearing to next month's meeting.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Lanni stated that Ranaldi Motors should be notified to attend the next meeting to address violations of dumpster.

Chair asked that the City Clerk notify Ranaldi Motors to appear at the next meeting.

Councilman Stycos asked Attorney Kirshenbaum if the Committee has the power to fine a business if the applicant is not appearing at a Show Cause Hearing. Attorney Kirshenbaum stated that ultimately, the Committee has the power to revoke the license.

Roll call was taken on motion to continue this hearing to next month's meeting and motion passed unanimously.

IX. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

No business.

X. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No business.

XI. LICENSE RENEWALS:

CLASS F LIQUOR LICENSE

Dept. of Senior Services

(Event on December 8, 2017)

1070 Cranston St.

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

DANCE HALL

Rhodes on the Pawtuxet

60 Rhodes Place

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

EXTENDED HOURS

Laundromax (24 hours)

1025 Cranston St.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to approve this license renewal application.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Lanni asked how many 24 hours laundromats there are in Cranston. City Clerk stated that she would have to check into this and provide the information at the next meeting.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve the above license renewal application and motion passed unanimously.

FIREARMS DEALER

On Target Firearms

1 Gray Birch Dr.

On motion by Council President Farina, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to approve this license renewal application.

Under Discussion:

Council President Farina asked if the Police Department has any issues with this renewal. Major Quirk stated, no.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve the above license renewal application and motion passed unanimously.

XI. LICENSE RENEWALS: (Cont.)

TEMPORARY STRUCTURE

Anthony Lombardi- Tony's Trees Ratify the Action 280 Warwick Ave.

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

Color House (Christmas Tree Sales) Ratify the Action 1107 Reservoir Ave.

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

VICTUALLING

<i>Al-Mall Pizza</i>	41 Warwick Ave.
<i>Bestway</i>	280 Atwood Ave.
<i>Bestway</i>	1353 Park Ave.
<i>C&L Cranston, LLC d/b/a Denny's</i>	1177 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Countryside Creamery</i>	1105 Scituate Ave.
<i>Dairy Twirl</i>	787 Reservoir Ave
<i>Dunkin Donuts</i>	900 Cranston St.
<i>Yia Yia Maria's</i>	1674 Cranston St.

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

XII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:

GUAYACAN LOUNGE – LIST OF EVENTS July -October 2017
(Submitted in September)

No discussion or vote.

848 PARK THEATRE – LIST OF EVENTS February – February 2018
(Submitted in November)

No discussion or vote.

LEGENDS PUB & GRUB –LIST OF EVENTS April – December 2017
(Submitted in April)

No discussion or vote.

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET – LIST OF EVENTS April– December 2017
(Submitted in September)

No discussion or vote.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Patriot Disposal- Report of payment due 12/6/2017

Rambone Trucking- Report of payment due 12/6/2017

City Clerk stated that to date, they have not paid the fine.

Chair stated that these two items will be continued to next month's meeting for update on fine.

CLASS B VICTUALLING LIQUOR - Approved in error Nov. 6, 2017

Jacky Boy Public House LLC d/b/a Jacky Boy

2190 Broad St.

(Applicant did not renew; business closed)

City Clerk stated that this item was placed on last month's agenda for renewal in error and should have been listed as informational only. She indicated that this business did not file a renewal application. A certified letter was sent to the business in October and she has not received the green card back. She emailed the applicant on November 13th stating that if she was not going to continue to operate, she would have to apply for a transfer and explained the process to her. To date, she has not heard back. City Clerk asked that the Committee rescind the prior approval of this renewal.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilman Stycos, it was voted to revoke prior approval of this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Archetto stated that there are two constituents who would like to address the Committee on a miscellaneous matter.

Suzanne Godin, 37 Cedar St., appeared to speak regarding Blow Hookah Lounge and stated that the weekend of November 6th, her and her husband started to hear loud music. She found out they have a DJ and it is very very loud. She went on an Instagram site and found out it is a nightclub. She also found out from that site that they have a dueling DJ. This is affecting their sleep.

Council President Farina asked that this item be placed on next month's agenda for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees