

# **SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, December 1, 2008 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman John E. Lanni, Jr., Chair  
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.  
Council President Aram G. Garabedian

Absent: Councilman Terence Livingston  
Councilman Emilio L. Navarro  
Councilman Jeffrey P. Barone

Also Present: Councilman Anthony J. Lupino  
Major Ronald Blackmar, Police Department  
Chief James Gumbley, Fire Department  
Charles Garganese, Jr., 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 Santamaria, seconded by Council President Garabedian, 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:**

**Chair** stated that Councilman Livingston is attending a wake this evening and will not be able to attend this meeting.

## **IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

*Park Theatre*

848 Park Avenue

**Alcoholic Class BV – (Cont'd From 11/10/08)**

**John DiBona, Esq.**, appeared to represent the applicant and presented a letter from the applicant of items remaining to be done on the project and what will be done within the next few months. He stated that at the last meeting, this Committee voted to have the City Clerk issue the license once the Certificate of Occupancy is issued.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to continue this item for sixty days for review of progress. Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS: (Cont.)**

***Basta (cont'd for update re: grease trap)***  
Alcoholic Class BV (continued from 11/10/08 )

2195 Broad Street

**City Clerk** indicated that applicant is working on the grease trap issue and recommended that this item be continued for thirty days.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to continue this item for thirty days. Motion passed unanimously.

***Boston Sub***  
**Alcoholic Class BLV – (Cont'd From 11/10/08 on radius issue)**

192 Gansett Avenue

**City Clerk** stated that the City Engineer measured the area and the applicant is well outside the radius, the municipal building on the site plan was the Teen Center not the school property.

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

***Emilia's Cuisine – to submit plans for fire alarm***  
**Alcoholic Class BV – (Cont'd From 11/10/08)**

280 Atwood Avenue

**Chief Gumbley** stated that applicant has submitted plans for fire alarm system and have not been approved yet, but applicant is making progress.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to continue this item for thirty days. Motion passed unanimously.

**10-08-14** Ordinance in amendment of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" (Northview Avenue).

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to continue this Ordinance to the January meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**10-08-15** Ordinance in amendment of Chapter 10.12 of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" (Macklin Street).

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to continue this Ordinance to the January meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**V. PUBLIC HEARING**

**CLASS A RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – TRANSFER**  
**From: Cameron’s Pawtuxet Pharmacy Inc.** 2206 Broad St.  
d/b/a Cameron’s Pawtuxet Pharmacy  
**To: Libations Inc.** 2206 Broad St  
d/b/a Libations

**Mona Albanese** appeared to speak and stated that this is just a name change. No one appeared to oppose.

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

**ORDINANCES:**

**11-08-03** Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 10.32 of Title 10 of the Code of the City Cranston, 2005, entitled. “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”(Lincoln Ave. and Franklin Ave).

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

**11-08-04** Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 10.12 of Title 10 of the Code of the City of Cranston, 2005,”Motor Vehicles and Traffic”(Vehicles & Traffic- Honeysuckle Dr)

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Council President Garabedian, seconded by Councilman Santamaria, it was voted to continue this Ordinance for thirty days. Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**

**AMUSEMENT MACHINE LICENSE – NEW**  
**PJ’S Pub** 1139 Pontiac Avenue  
Paul Voigt

**Paul Voigt** appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

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

**PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE – NEW**

*Kevin Burke*

72 Orchard Drive

**Kevin Burke** appeared to speak.

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

**HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – NEW**

*Food Mart*

1200 Pontiac Avneue

Jasbir Singh

**Jasbir Singh** appeared to speak.

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

**VII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:**

No business.

**VIII. SHOW CAUSE HEARING:**

No business.

**IX. POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**X. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Chief Gumbley** reported that the elevator at Knightsville Manor is not working at this time, but it is being worked on and the fire alarm system is being worked on.

**XI. LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS:**

**AUTO REPAIR LICENSE - RENEWAL**

*Chestnut Hill Truck & Auto*

21 Calef Street

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

**VICTUALLING LICENSE – RENEWAL**

*Dunkin Donuts*

235 Atwood Avenue

*Subway*

1009 Narragansett Blvd.

*Wai Wai House*

1850 Broad St.

*Inside Scoop*

1105 Scituate Ave.

*T-Co Depot*

495 Phenix Avenue

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

**XI. LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS: (Cont.)**

**TEMPORARY STRUCTURE – RENEWAL**

*Anthony Lombardi*

@280 Warwick Ave.

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

**XII. RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET:**

*Schedule of Events for January 2009*

*Actual Numbers of Attendees for October 2008*

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

**Public Speakers:**

**Dr. Anthony Carpentier**, owner and Director of Cranston Medical, 495 Atwood Ave., appeared to speak and stated that Cranston Medical abuts Sharx Bar and Grill. He stated that this business is causing problems for the emergency room. Patrons of Sharx Bar and Grill are parking in his parking lot and vandalism to his property. He obtained a copy of the site plan and he was shocked to find a written statement. The statement states that an agreement has been reached with the adjacent building owner, which is him to allow Sharx to use his parking lot for after-hours parking. There is no such agreement that he has with Sharx. He was misled when Sharx applied for the Entertainment License and when it was issued. He was told this license was for a function room for private parties, when in fact, it is a live entertainment night club.

On motion by Councilman Santamaria, seconded by Council President Garabedian, it was voted to have a Show Cause hearing at the next meeting to address the so-called letter of agreement when there is one.

**Under Discussion:**

**Councilman Santamaria** stated that the applicant represented to this Committee that this was going to be a banquet room and that was the purpose of the Entertainment License. He also stated that the approved capacity is 260 people. The parking available to this business is for 85, which makes them short of spaces.

**Public Speakers: (Cont.)**

**Chair** indicated that he would like the following for the next meeting:

- all information that is currently available, including Police and Fire;
- look at site to see if there are any violations there.

Motion for show cause hearing passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

