

(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, December 6, 2010 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 Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Chair
Councilman Paul H. Archetto
Councilman Robert J. Pelletier
Councilwoman Michelle Bergin-Andrews
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.

Absent: Council Vice-President Terence Livingston, Vice-Chair
Councilman Emilio L. Navarro

Also Present: Major John Schaffran, Police Department
Captain Kevin Morris, Fire Department
Gerald Cordy, Deputy Director of Administration
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 Councilman Pelletier, 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: Letter from Nemo Auto re: Change of Name to Interstate Repair Services

No action needed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – NEW (Tabled – no show - 9/2010, 10/2010, 11/2010)
Oceanside Mart 2148 Broad Street

Chair stated that applicant for this establishment is no longer going to operate. No action is needed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: (Cont.)

BILLIARD TABLE LICENSE – NEW (Tabled – no show 11/8/2010)

Grumpy's Bar & Grill

640 Atwood Ave.

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

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilman Archetto asked that Administration have the Traffic Engineer present at the next Council meeting to address questions regarding parking problems that occurred in the Stadium area during the Thanksgiving Day Football game and Super Bowl Saturday.

Mr. Cordy pointed out that since the Traffic Engineer is a member of the Union, it would mean the City would have to pay him Overtime. He suggested that he would be happy to speak to the Traffic Engineer and report back at the Council meeting. Council President Lanni stated that as Council President, he is making this request also even if it means Overtime. Mr. Cordy stated that he is just pointing out the Overtime issue to the Council, but the Traffic Engineer will be asked to appear at the next Council meeting.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING:

CLASS B VICTUALLING – NEW (**above the cap – needs full Council recommendation)**

JVC LLC d/b/a Galaxie Restaurant
Xiu Zhang

957 Reservoir Ave

Attorney appeared to represent the applicant and stated that the applicant has applied for a Zoning Variance scheduled to be heard on January 12th by the Zoning Board. No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to continue this license application to the February meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

AUTO REPAIR LICENSE – NEW

Interstate Auto Repair

Ramon Duran

1163 Cranston Street

Ramon Duran appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

Chair indicated to the applicant that one of the conditions from the Traffic Engineer is striping needs to be done in the Springtime.

On motion by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, seconded by Councilman Pelletier, it was voted to approve this license application subject to striping being done in the Springtime. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING: (Cont.)

CLASS B VICTUALLING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

FROM: *G & P FOOD SERVICES, INC.*

d/b/a Big Cheese & Pub

606 Reservoir Ave.

Michael Giouras/Nestor Xhupi

TO: *G & P FOOD SERVICES, INC.*

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Nestor Xhupi - 100 %

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Michael Giouras - 100 %

Mark Liberati, Esq., appeared to represent Michael Giouras and Scott Parillo, Esq., appeared to represent Nestor Xhupi.

Chair indicated that a concern he has is approving this and not knowing who the owner will be.

Attorney Liberati stated that Mr. Giouras fully intends to purchase this establishment. Attorney Parillo stated that the parties will know by December 15th who the owner will be.

Councilman Pelletier motioned to approve the transfers subject to the Council being notified who the owner is once the sale is complete.

Council President Lanni questioned why these transfers can't be continued to the January meeting since we will not know who the owner will be until December 15th. Attorney Parillo suggested approving the transfer for Mr. Giouras and if that does not occur, they can come back to this Committee and continue the first transfer to Mr. Xhupi.

On motion by Councilman Archetto, seconded by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, it was voted to continue the first transfer, to Mr. Xhupi to the January meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to approve the second transfer, to Mr. Giouras. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Parillo stated that the Committee will be notified upon the closing of the outcome.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING: (Cont.)

CLASS B VICTUALLING LICENSE – RENEWAL

La Cascade, Inc., d/b/a Panchos Margaritas

288 Atwood Avenue

Marco Cancellaos appeared to speak.

Chair indicated to the applicant that in the future, he needs to renew in time, otherwise his establishment can be shut down.

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

SECONDHAND/USED CAR LICENSE – NEW

Brosco Motors

1769 Cranston Street

Alicia Aucone

Alicia Aucone appeared to speak.

Rene Bramble, 25 Bolton St., appeared to speak and stated that there are many children on this street. There have been problems with previous businesses at this location, such as noise when working on vehicles, parking of vehicles on both sides of Bolton St., criminal element on premises, terrible upkeep of property. She presented letters from area residents who do not want this business at this location. She indicated that this is a dead-end street and cars speed up and down this street when they are being tested.

Charlotte Schiappo, 1767 Cranston St., appeared to speak and stated that what the residents have gone through over the past few years with businesses at this location is a horror show. She does not want to stop businesses in this economy, but she needs to live next door to this building.

Ms. Aucone stated that her business is an established business in Johnston for the past nine years and since the lease is up, they had to move. The hours of operation will be Monday thru Friday, 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, sometime 5:30 PM. The location in Johnston is similar to the Cranston location. The business in Johnston was near a school and residential neighborhood. They never had any problems with the neighbors or any altercations.

On motion by Councilman Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to approve the above license application.

Under Discussion:

Chair indicated that applicant needs to maintain parking and signage for handicap.

Ms. Bramble stated that the neighbors behind the lot have indicated to her that there was a fence, which has mostly fallen down, with the exception of a few posts and this needs to be repaired. Ms. Aucone stated that the landlord is repairing the fence upon approval of this license.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING: (Cont.)

SECONDHAND/USED CAR LICENSE – NEW (Cont.)

Brosco Motors
Alicia Aucone

1769 Cranston Street

On motion by Councilman Pelletier, seconded by Councilman Archetto, it was voted to approve this license application for three month review subject to hours of operation to be Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. ORDINANCES:

None.

VIII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW (ratify the action)

Café on Midway
Donna Rachels

165 Midway Rd.

Donna Rachels appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

The Waters Edge
Jose Marcano

2190 Broad Street

Jose Marcano appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Monday thru Friday 6:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Saturday 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Sunday 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM. No one appeared to oppose.

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

BINGO LICENSE – NEW

Johnston Youth Sports
Daniel Mazzulla, Jr.

@1616 Elmwood Ave

Daniel Mazzulla, Jr., appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

VIII. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS: (Cont.)

BUSINESS IN TEMPORARY STRUCTURE – NEW (Ratify The Action)

Ferreira Trees
Justin Ferreira

2148 Broad Street

Justin Ferreira appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – NEW

Hirst Fuel LLC
Michael Hirst

2148 Broad Street

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

IX. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

No business.

X. POLICE DEPARTMENT: SHOW CAUSE HEARING: (Cont. 11/8/2010)

Gilda's Italian Restaurant

355 Dyer Ave.

Chair stated that this item will be continued to the January meeting.

XI. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No business.

XII. LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS:

BUSINESS IN TEMPORARY STRUCTURE - RENEWALS – (Ratify the Action)

David Hauser

@ Color House
Reservoir Avenue

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

Anthony Lombardi

@ 280 Warwick Ave

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

BAZAAR LICENSE – RENEWAL

Annunciation Greek Church

175 Oaklawn Ave.

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

XII. LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS: (Cont.)

VICTUALLING LICENSES – RENEWALS

<i>Oddly Compatible d/b/a Mr. Peabody's</i>	2005 Broad St.
<i>Seafood Express</i>	1674 Cranston St.
<i>Tony's Pizza</i>	548 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Solitro's Bakery</i>	1594 Cranston St.
<i>G & B LLC d/b/a Quizno's Sub</i>	763 Reservoir Ave.
<i>St. Paul Church of Edgewood</i>	One St. Paul Place
<i>Pop's Place LLC</i>	877 Dyer Ave.
<i>Spikes Junkyard Dogs Cranston, LLC</i>	640 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Spardello Top of the Hill</i>	407 Laurel Hill Ave.
<i>Pizza Fair</i>	683 Park Ave.
<i>K & D Food Services</i>	1045 Reservoir Ave.
<i>JMJ Enterprises Inc., d/b/a The Inside Scoop</i>	1105 Scituate Ave.
<i>Edgewood Market</i>	1043 Narr. Blvd.
<i>Moon House Restaurant</i>	741 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Starbucks Coffee #7355</i>	4 Midway Rd.
<i>Athena's Restaurant, Inc.</i>	1482 Park Ave.
<i>Pizzeria Products, Inc., d/b/a Ronzio Pizza</i>	1464 Park Ave.
<i>Subway</i>	1776 Plainfield Pike
<i>Subway</i>	2244 Plainfield Pike
<i>Subway</i>	475 Atwood Ave.
<i>Subway</i>	962 Cranston St.
<i>Tomaselli Brothers Restaurant & Catering</i>	693 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Steve's Pizza</i>	155 Park Ave.
<i>Pizza Hut</i>	1112 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Caffe Bon-Ami</i>	1082 Park Ave.
<i>Stadium Fish & Chips, Inc.</i>	1079 Park Ave.
<i>Walach Enterprises Cranston LLC d/b/a McDonald's</i>	1099 Reservoir Ave.
<i>House of Noodle Soup</i>	790 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Panera Bread</i>	5 New London Ave.
<i>Newport Creamery</i>	100 Hillside Rd.
<i>Harriets Kitchen, Inc.</i>	350 Atwood Ave.
<i>Del's Lemonade & Refreshments, Inc.</i>	1260 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Wein-O-Rama, Inc.</i>	1009 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Stop & Shop Co.</i>	200 Atwood Ave.
<i>Mario's Italian Deli</i>	164 Gansett Ave.
<i>Taco Bell</i>	1076 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Vivaldis Pizza</i>	1826 Broad St.
<i>Ocean Pride Seafood of Cranston</i>	270 Atwood Ave.
<i>Italian Gourmet, Inc.</i>	1 Starline Way
<i>JJS Donuts, Inc., d/b/a Dunkin Donuts</i>	2148 Broad St.
<i>Chen Garden</i>	995 Pontiac Ave.
<i>McDonald's</i>	1820 Plainfield Pike

On motion by Councilman Pelletier, seconded by Councilwoman Bergin-Andrews, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license renewal applications. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET:

*Schedule of Events for
Actual Number of Attendees*

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

SHARX BAR & GRILLE d/b/a GRILL 505

Schedule of Events for the month

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

El Tipico Restaurant

Schedule of Events for December 2010

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

LICENSE APPROVED DECEMBER, 2010

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