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## **SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, December 7, 2020 via Zoom webinar.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilmember Steven A. Stycos (appeared at 6:07 p.m.)  
Councilmember Lammis J. Vargas  
Councilmember Edward J. Brady  
Councilmember Kenneth J. Hopkins, Vice-Chair (appeared at 6:31 p.m.)  
Councilmember Christopher G. Paplauskas, Chair  
Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio

Also Present: Councilmember John P. Donegan  
Daniel Parrillo, Director of Administration  
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor  
Major Robert Quirk, Police Department  
Chief Stephen MacIntosh, Fire Department  
David Dimaio, City Council Budget Analyst  
Leanne Zarrella, City Clerk  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
Heather Finger, Stenographer

### **II. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

On motion by Councilmember Vargas, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, 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:**

None.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

**REFUSE/WASTE HAULER LICENSE** (*Cont'd from Sept. 14, 2020 for complaint update*)  
*Patriot Disposal* (early pickup)-noticed per Certified Mail 2208 Plainfield Pike, Johnston

**Chair** asked City Clerk if she has received any more complaints regarding this business. City Clerk stated that she has not received any additional complaints.

No one from the public appeared to speak.

**Chair** asked that this be removed from the agenda.

**Republic Services** 1080 Airport Rd, Fall River, MA  
Violation fee (\$150) was paid in full on 11/20/2020.

No action needed.

**CLASS B VICTUALLING ALCOHOLIC BEV. LICENSE- RENEWAL**  
*Red Lounge Restaurant LLC d/b/a Red Lounge* 355 Dyer Ave.  
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On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to approve this license renewal application. Motion passed unanimously.

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**Councilmember Brady** stated that it is crucially important that our restaurants and small businesses continue to adhere to guidelines set forth by the Department of Health and our State officials. He cannot though stress the frustrations he has, as a small business owner himself, as he sees revenues decline week after week on increased mandates as someone that is in fact playing by the rules to watch other not. He also understands the frustrations of the small business owners and the restaurant owners

specifically to watch other industries continue to have inconsistent rulings, play by different mandates and watch malls packed, so it is something that we as a City Council have to figure out a way to continue to find a way to help the small business community that has truly and utterly been struggling to survive right now.

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

**AUTO REPAIR LICENSE**

***J&S Auto Repair II, LLC. d/b/a J&S Auto Repair II***  
Joseph Hoyle

899 Pontiac Ave.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, it was voted to continue this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

**TRANSFER OF CLASS A ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LIC.**

**FROM: *KHS, Inc.***  
*d/b/a Capital Liquors*

811 Park Ave.

**TO: *Jay Goga, Inc.***  
*d/b/a Capital Liquors*

811 Park Ave.

**Chair** stated that before he entertains a motion on this, he indicated that there was correspondence regarding this business and he asked Solicitor to give an update.

**Solicitor** stated that he is aware of the letter from Attorney Mancini, on behalf of Horizon Beverage, and they placed us on notice and they claim that they are owed \$13,416.66 by the applicant, KHS, Inc. He asked if anyone is on the call representing KHS, Inc.

**Teresa Matteson** appeared to speak for the transferor.

**Solicitor** asked Ms. Matteson if this amount is in dispute at all or has it been paid. Ms. Matteson stated that there is absolutely nothing owed on this business. That letter must be a little old. She stated that Mr. Kosto, who is the owner, has never been in arrears for anything.

**Solicitor** stated to Ms. Matteson that the issue is, under the Statute Section 35-19, the Committee would be empowered to grant the transfer if she is willing to state under oath that this claim of indebtedness is disputed or if she has some type of release from them. Ms. Matteson stated that she is stating under oath that all monies are paid to date in full. Solicitor stated that he noticed that the date of the letter goes back to October 20<sup>th</sup>. He asked that the Steno to swear the witness in. Ms. Matteson was sworn in.

**Solicitor** stated to Ms. Matteson that there is a claim for Horizon Beverage via a letter dated December 7, 2020 by their attorney claiming that KHS, Inc. owes them \$13,416.66. Ms. Matteson stated that there is absolutely no debt owed.

**Solicitor** indicated to the Chair that he is satisfied and we have the statement under oath and pursuant to the provisions of the Statute, the Committee is free to grant the transfer if so desired provided there are no other outstanding issues.

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

Under Discussion:

**Council Vice-President Favicchio** asked what Ms. Matteson's position is with this business. Is she an attorney representing the business or is she a member of the LLC. Ms. Matteson stated that Mr. Kosto, who is the owner of the company, who is running the business at this time, needs her to speak for him and she is his girlfriend. If the Committee needs him to verify, she can ask him to.

**Solicitor** asked if the owner of the business can appear to speak. Ms. Matteson stated, yes, he is running the counter and she will have him appear.

**Sabhan Kosto**, transferor, appeared to speak and stated that he gives Ms. Matteson permission to speak for him. Solicitor stated that he would rather have the owner testify for everyone's past interest. He asked the Steno to swear Mr. Kosto in.

**Solicitor** asked Mr. Kosto what his position or his capacity is with KHS, Inc. Mr. Kosto stated that he is the owner and President. Solicitor stated that the City received a letter from the attorney representing Horizon Beverage dated October 7, 2020 claiming that KHS, Inc. owes them \$13,416.66. He asked Mr. Kosto, under oath, does KHS, Inc., as of today, owe any money to Horizon Beverage. Mr. Kosto stated that everything is paid in full except for delivery for today.

**Chair** asked if anyone from Horizon Beverage is on the call. No one was present.

**Solicitor** suggested that if we want to be super certain, what the Committee could do is grant this subject to us receiving confirmation from Attorney Mancini representing Horizon Beverage that this debt is in fact discharged and no longer owed.

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

Under Discussion:

**Neil Brafmann Esq.**, appeared to speak representing the transferee and asked for approval of this license transfer and there not be a delay with this issue since his client is making plans to go forward with this business in January.

No one appeared to oppose.

**Councilmember Brady** asked for clarification of when this City Council stop a liquor license transfer based on debt to creditors. This does not seem to be something that is our issue as a City Council. Solicitor stated that there is actual State Law that if there is an objection by a creditor, that is one of the conditions of a transfer. He believes that, in the past, the Committee granted the transfer subject to proof that in fact there was no indebtedness.

**Ms. Matteson** stated that everyone needs to look at the date of that letter. It is dated October. That is an old letter. That should be taken into consideration.

**Assistant City Clerk** stated that any liquor license, whether it's a transfer, a new license or a renewal, they are approved subject to any claims or liens be satisfied and license is not issued until clearance or satisfaction of lien is received.

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

**VI. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**

**EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LICENSE**

***Empire Staffing Inc. (pending approved zoning cert.)***

1289 Cranston St.

Peter Avila

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

**HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE**

***Village Imprints***

2164 Broad St.

Jared Schroeder

**Jared Schroeder** appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 10-8 to start. No one appeared to oppose.

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

**VICTUALLING LICENSE**

***Aurals Chocolate Bar***

250 East St.

Ali A. Quero

**Ali Quero** appeared to speak and stated that hours of operation will initially be 10-6. No one appeared to oppose.

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

***2Sisters 4 Good, LLC d/b/a 2Sisters 4 Good***

82 Rolfe Sq.

Melissa Talevi

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Councilmember Hopkins, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, it was voted to continue this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:**

No business.

**VIII. SHOW CAUSE:**

No business.

**IX. POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

No business.

**X. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

*Fire Pits Update*

**Director Parrillo** stated that as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Fire Dept. responded to 19 calls for outdoor fires. The Police Department has not had any calls according to their database nor have there been any citations for such.

**Councilmember Stycos** stated that the last time this was discussed, the Committee talked about the Fire Department and the Police Department coordination. He asked if anything has been done as far as getting better coordination. Director Parrillo stated that we have tried to coordinate those through the two departments. The issue is that the same people aren't responding to the same location repeatedly so that coordination in the database is difficult. That is where the disconnect is and we can work on that come the Spring.

**Chair** stated that this can be revisited in the Spring.

**XI. LICENSE RENEWALS:**

**CLASS B VICTUALLING ALCOHOLIC BEV. LICENSE**

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Vote on the above item was taken earlier in the meeting.

**EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LICENSE**

*Staffmark Investment, LLC.*

40 E. Sockanosset Cross Rd.

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

**EXTENDED HOURS LICENSE**

*Ocean State Mobil*

1282 Elmwood Ave.

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

**MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE**

*Face & Body by Diane*-Diane M. Crowley

960 Reservoir Ave., Unit 2

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

**PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE**

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**SEPTAGE HAULER LICENSE**

On motion by Councilmember Hopkins, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to approve this list. Motion passed unanimously.

**VICTUALLING LICENSE**

*Apple Valley Grandco, Inc. d/b/a KFC*

822 Reservoir Ave.

*Bagel Express & Deli in the Village*

2190 Broad St.

*Blaze Pizza*

2 Chapel View Blvd.

*Café International*

675 Oaklawn Ave.

*Coffee & Crumbs*

48B Rolfe Sq.

*Cranston Nutrition LLC.*

330 Atwood Ave.

*Food and Fuel*

873 Cranston St.

*Genji Sushi*

151 Sockanosset Cross Rd.

*KMKYF Inc. d/b/a Kattan Market*

644 Oaklawn Ave.

*La Casa LLC.*

407 Laurel Hill Ave.

*Minh Hai Restaurant*

1096 Park Ave.

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*Sognalo Italian Deli & Café*

1 Starline Way

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

**XII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:**

**848 PARK THEATRE** – no shows for the month of December

***RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET***

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to approve the above list of events. Motion passed unanimously.

**Councilmember Stycos** questioned what is going on with the Park Theatre. It seems it was closed way before COVID.

**Director Parrillo** stated that he can follow up with Economic Development to see if they have any information on the viability of the business.

**Chair** asked that the Administration forward an email to the City Council regarding this update.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**\*St. Mary's Craft and Vendor Fair-Nov 7<sup>th</sup> change of Venue to Oaklawn Grange (ratification)  
COVID template event approval**

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Paplauskas, it was voted to approve the above ratification. Motion passed unanimously.

**MS Dream Center Drive-Thru Holiday Event (Dec. 20)—COVID template event approval**

**City Clerk** stated that this event is scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4

**Anne DelSignore** of the Dream Center appeared to speak and explained the event.

**Councilmember Stycos** stated that he thinks that what this organization is doing is terrific. He asked that they consider that candy is not always the best gift to give people because we have this incredible obesity problem in the country.

**Ms. DelSignore** stated that the intent was to make up bags with various things, such as candy and ornaments, just as a gesture and not necessarily to promote unhealthy eating.

**Councilmember Stycos** asked that in the future, it is something to think about.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to approve this event. Motion passed unanimously.



**Chair** stated that he appreciates everyone that was on the call and everyone who served on this Committee for the past two years. This is the last meeting and he is honored and proud to have served as Chair for the past two years. He thanked Councilmembers Stycos, Hopkins and Council Vice-President Favicchio for all their input and institutional knowledge they have brought to this Committee and they will be missed.

**Councilmember Stycos** addressed Chairman Paplauskas and stated that he did a good job running this Committee.

**Chair** stated that he could not have done this without the help of Leanne and Rose and also Attorney Verdecchia for all the meetings he has covered over the years.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees