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## **SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, July 6, 2020 via Zoom.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilmember Steven A. Stycos  
Councilmember Lammis J. Vargas  
Councilmember Edward J. Brady  
Councilmember Kenneth J. Hopkins, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Christopher G. Paplauskas, Chair  
Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio  
Council President Michael J Farina

Also Present: Councilmember John P. Donegan  
Daniel Parrillo, Director of Administration  
John Psilopoulos, Deputy Director of Administration  
Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor  
Chief Stephen MacIntosh, Fire Department  
Major Robert Quirk, Police 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 Hopkins, seconded by Councilmember Brady, 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:**

None.

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

**TRANSFER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE-NEW**

***From: Torg, LLC. d/b/a Schastea***

2170 Broad St

***To: Crepe Corner, LLC. d/b/a Crepe Corner***

**Anthony A. Adagboyi, Jr.**

Natasha Mergein and Anthony Adagboyi, Jr., appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

**Under Discussion:**

**Councilmember Vargas** stated that she had a conversation with Mr. Adagboyi regarding the hours of operation. She asked that the applicant speak regarding the items he will be selling the hours he will be operating.

**Mr. Adagboyi** stated that this business will move into this location sometime in the middle of August. The main focus is crepes, along with all kinds of French pastries, sandwiches, salads, paninis, soups and Belgium waffles. He will also have all types of tea, coffee and espresso. The hours of operation, at the beginning, will be 6:30 a.m. – 10 p.m. seven days a week. As to the liquor, they will have wine, cordials, coffee and liqueur drinks.

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

**VI. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**

**CARNIVAL LICENSE**

***Rockwell Amusements @ Mulligan's Island***

1000 New London Ave.

Dates: July 9, 10, 11,12,16, 17, 18,19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, Aug 1, 2)

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

**Under Discussion:**

**Councilmember Vargas** asked what this license is for and an explanation of the event.

**Harold Fera** appeared to speak and stated that this is not a carnival, it is a kiddie park. It will have a six children rides for kids under ten or eleven years of age. There will be fencing around the entire area where the rides are, sanitizing stations at every ride and after every ride, ride operator will clean seat before next child goes on and they are limiting the amount of people according to State regulations and face masks are to be worn at all times.

**Councilmember Brady** asked for clarification from the Mayor's Office or Solicitor regarding this event.

**Mr. Fera** stated that this was approved by Department of Business Regulations prior to him applying to the City and the approval was forwarded to the License Clerk on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Major Quirk** stated that he reached out to RI Department of Health last week and left a message for Neil Hightman, but has not been able to speak to anyone, but there are safety concerns from the Police Department because of past issues they have had with Rockwell events. Mr. Fera stated that this event is more for family and grandparents and children.

**Director Parrillo** asked what the maximum number of people allowed at one time on the letter from DBR at this location. Mr. Fera stated that when he applied to the State for the approval back in June, the maximum amount of people allowed for the event was 15, now the Governor increased the amount of people for outdoor events to 250, but there is no way that you could fit that amount of people on this site. It would probably be 50-70 people at the most. Director Parrillo asked how many rides there would be. Mr. Fera stated, total of six. Director Parrillo asked how many employees there would be. Mr. Fera stated that there would be an employee for each ride and an employee at each entrance of the gate for the area.

**Director Parrillo** stated that from the Administration's perspective, he asked that if this is approved, it be approved subject to Health Department approval and letter from DBR of approval.

**Council Vice-President Favicchio** stated that he would not have a problem approving this subject to approvals with the Department of Health and the Police Department.

**Major Quirk** suggested that there would be at least two Police Detail for this event. Mr. Fera stated that he is not opposed to this and he will try it.

**Director Parrillo** asked what the hours of operation will be. Mr. Fera stated Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday Noon to 9 p.m.

**Councilmember Vargas** asked if there is any type of liability that the City would be under if this is approved. Clerk stated that the applicant has provided liability insurance. Councilmember Vargas stated that she is all in favor of kids having fun especially with the pandemic, but she does not feel comfortable voting for this.

No one from the public appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to approve this license application pending RI Department of Health, Department of Business Regulations and Police Department approval. Motion passed unanimously.

**FIREWORKS VENDOR LICENSE**

*New England Novelty* **(Ratify the Action)**  
Keith Lambert

39 Phenix Ave., Unit 1

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

**MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE**

*Atomic Blonde Ice Cream* **(Ratify the Action)**  
Laura Sebastian

59 Woodmont St., Providence

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

*Birds Nest* **(Ratify the Action)**  
John Tierney

52 Old Bolton Rd., Hudson, NH

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

*Championship Melt* **(Ratify the Action)**  
Andrew Cordeiro

121 Prescott Ave., Riverside

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

*Currier Group, LLC. d/b/a Woodfellas Pizza* **(Ratify the Action)** 100 Plaza Ct. #370, Groton, CT  
Robert Currier

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

*La Guaguita del Sabor* **(Ratify the Action)**  
Antonio Miranda

3 Pine Dr., Hopkinton

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

*Reds* **(Ratify the Action)**  
Max Reeves

133 Farm Dr., Cumberland

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

**Sport Graphics, Inc. d/b/a Shishkaberrys of New England**  
**James Aulenback (Ratify the Action)**

87 Spring St. Shrewsbury, MA

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

**Supa Dupa Foods (Ratify the Action)**  
**Brenda Britt**

20 Oregon Ave, Woonsocket

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

### **REFUSE/WASTE HAULER LICENSE**

No one appeared to speak.

Councilmember Stycos asked if the Clerk's Office issues these licenses or if Public Works does. Clerk stated that the Public Works Department processes the application and issues the license.

Chair asked if we can look into the possibility of having the Clerk's Office process the applications and issuing the licenses since this Committee approves the licenses. Director Parrillo stated that he will speak to Public Works Director Mason to see if the process can be changed.

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

Chair asked that a letter be sent to this business indicating the hours of operation they have to follow.

Councilmember Stycos asked that the following be placed on next month's agenda: process of issuing Waste Hauler and Refuse Hauler Licenses.

**VICTUALLING LICENSE**  
**Shorties-pending zoning certificate**  
**Shayna Pelletier**

876 Atwood Ave.

**Shayna Pelletier** appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. No one appeared to oppose.

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

### **VII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:**

None.

**VIII. SHOW CAUSE:**

**REFUSE/WASTE HAULER LICENSE**

*Patriot Disposal* (early pickup)

2208 Plainfield Pike, Johnston

*Walmart* (noise violation)

1776 Plainfield Pike

**Lori Timmons**, Property Manager, appeared to speak

**Chair** stated that some complaints received were for trucks picking up waste early in the morning and trucks idling overnight.

**Ms. Timmons** stated that Walmart uses Waste Management, but Planet Fitness and American Freight uses Patriot and she believes representative from American Freight is on this call.

**Paul Orthober and Ben Bower** of American Freight appeared to speak. Mr. Bower stated that he spoke to Patriot Disposal and they assured him that going forward they will not be serving the site outside of the service hours allowed.

**Councilmember Stycos** stated that this issue has been going on for years and he suggested that they be fined the same amount the Committee has fined other waste haulers.

**Chair** stated that the only thing with fines is he did not see them himself and there were a few constituents that saw them and they are not on the phone call.

**William Morrocco**, 135 Westfield Dr. appeared to speak and stated that he is also representing seven residents that are impacted by the problems with Patriot Disposal and their hours of pickup. He stated that he has witnessed them picking up on Thursdays at 4:20 a.m. and 5 a.m. and then sometime in March, they switched to Monday morning and that morning they picked up at 3:45 a.m. and then he stopped keeping track because he already saw the pattern. He also stated that in the winter there are tractor trailers parked in the back of the building along the woods idling all night. The problem with that is there are no signs posted of no parking.

**Ms. Timmons** stated that there are signs on the property. They do not allow overnight parking. Walmart has notified their truckers that they are not allowed to park there overnight.

**Council Vice-President Favicchio** asked if Patriot has ever been cited before. Chair stated that he does not remember.

**Council Vice-President Favicchio** recommended a continuance regarding this matter because he would have to have specific evidence as to what times Patriot was actually there picking up and then fines can be determined.

On motion by Councilmember Stycos, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to continue the above two Show Causes to next month's meeting.

Under Discussion:

**Chief MacIntosh** stated that he was led to believe that there has been problem with the fire hydrants on the site and possibly need to be tested and checked and inspected. Ms. Timmons stated that there were four hydrants that were inoperable and they have been repaired. She will send the Fire Chief an e-mail indicating that they have been repaired.

Roll call was taken on motion to continue above two Show Causes and motion passed unanimously.

**VICTUALLING LICENSE**

***Cranston Little Caesar's*** (operating w/o license since 2018) 763 Reservoir Ave.  
**Tejas Desai**

**Tejas Desai**, 101 Duke St., Suite 204, Virginia, appeared to speak.

**Solicitor** asked when the last license was issued to this business. City Clerk stated December 1, 2018. Solicitor stated that this business owes Tangible taxes for the last three years of approximately \$10,000 and they have been operating without a license for almost two years.

**Mr. Desai** stated that they have had a change in bookkeeper last year and this has caused problems with receiving mail as to the taxes and licenses issues. They have a new person now who should be able to handle this going forward. He believes they were on a payment plan. Chair asked Mr. Desai if he is on a payment plan now or working on getting one. Mr. Desai stated, no, they were supposed to contact the City Clerk and does not think that happened. Chair asked Mr. Desai how much time he thinks he would need to get on a payment plan. Mr. Desai stated that he thinks they were supposed to contact the Clerk's Office to find out what options they had because they did not know at the time what options they had and that happened right before the Corona virus and he thinks once the virus hit it put that on hold.

**Clerk** clarified that her office did contact the Manager of the restaurant right around when the pandemic started and he was aware of the situation and the Clerk's Office guided him to contact Rossi Law and try to work out some kind of an agreement. Approximately a week later, the Clerk's Office was advised that they were not able to reach an agreement agreeable to the City and the business.

**Councilmember Stycos** addressed Mr. Desai and stated that they are a major corporation and they can't pay \$10,000 in taxes. Mr. Desai stated that, actually, he is not a corporation, he is a franchisee.

**Councilmember Stycos** stated that he thinks this business should be shut down until they pay their fees. We have all kinds of people who are having hard times because of Covid and making their payments on time, they do not having licensing issues that are a year and a half old, they do not owe the City \$10,000 in tangible taxes and they are not trying to cut some deal with a payment plan. They are just being good citizens.

**Chair** asked Mr. Desai if he thinks he can get all this cleared up in thirty days or by the next meeting. Mr. Desai stated that he thinks he can agree on a payment plan. Clerk suggested Mr. Desai contact Rossi Law directly and set up a payment plan agreeable to both parties.

**Mr. Desai** gave the Committee his word that he will pay all overdue fees. He is not trying to get off paying this.

**Council Vice-President Favicchio** asked Mr. Desai if the business has been open

**VICTUALLING LICENSE**

*TSG Cranston, LLC.*

111 Hillside Rd.

**CT Corporation System** -Resident Agent

(operating w/o Victualling License since December 2019)

**IX. POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

None.

**X. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

None.

**XI. LICENSE RENEWALS:**

**REFUSE/WASTE HAULER LICENSE**

**AUTO REPAIR LICENSE**

*Atlantic Autocenter*

616 Atwood Ave.

*Bautista Auto Repair*

107 Fletcher Ave.

*Dyer Ave Motors*

454 Dyer Ave.

*Edgewood Service*

1647 Broad St.

*Gallo's Auto Repair*

1335 Cranston St.

*Ideal Auto Body*

1398 Park Ave.



**AUTO REPAIR LICENSE (Cont.)**

<i>Interstate Auto Repair, LLC.</i>	1163 Cranston St.
<i>Interstate Repair Services</i>	1400 Cranston St.
<i>James A. Clarke Inc. d/b/a Harold Crook's Garage</i>	10 Gansett Ave.
<i>Kayros Auto Tech</i>	529 Dyer Ave.
<i>LaJara Auto Sales, Inc.</i>	1141 Cranston St.
<i>LaSalle Auto &amp; Tire Repair</i>	492 Reservoir Ave.
<i>MC, LLC. d/b/a Jiffy Lube #673</i>	1440 Park Ave.
<i>Miranda Auto Repair</i>	75 Russe St., Unit 2
<i>Perry Bros. Auto</i>	460 Atwood Ave.
<i>Power Products Systems, LLC.</i>	1 Southern Industrial Dr.
<i>Precision Collision</i>	350 Wellington Ave.
<i>R&amp;S Auto</i>	266 Park Ave.
<i>R&amp;S Auto</i>	1650 Cranston St.
<i>Ramoncito Auto Imports</i>	21 Calef St.
<i>Safeway Oil Change &amp; Automotive Services</i>	380 Atwood Ave.
<i>Stamas Auto &amp; Truck</i>	1045 Cranston St.
<i>Steven's Auto Service</i>	90 Libera St, Unit 2
<i>Toup's Auto</i>	1478 Elmwood Ave.
<i>Valley Auto</i>	9 Cory Ave.
<i>Valvoline Instant Oil Change</i>	520 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Vang Auto</i>	790 Park Ave.
<i>Volare Motors, LLC.</i>	1003 Park Ave.

**EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION LICENSE**

<i>Coffee Bean Express</i>	1125 Cranston St.
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**FIREARMS DEALER LICENSE**

<i>Econoloads, LLC.</i>	1065 Park Ave.
<i>On Target Firearms</i>	1 Gray Birch Dr.

**FIREWORKS VENDOR LICENSE**

<i>Moon Market</i>	579 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Moon Market</i>	1478 Park Ave.

**MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE**

<i>Del's Lemonade &amp; Refreshments, Inc. d/b/a Del's Lemonade</i> (One truck, one cart)— <b>(Ratify the Action)</b>	1260 Oaklawn Ave.
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**PARADE LICENSE**

<i>St. Mary's Feast Society (Date: July 19, 2020)</i>	15 Phenix Ave.
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**PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE**

*Ronald DeLalla #501*

*Thomas J. Luongo #467*

*James Lynch #452*

*Lawrence Pezza #450*

131 Blackamore Ave.

114 Hazelton St.

25 Ash Ave.

336 Comstock Pkwy

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Vargas, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license renewal applications. Motion passed unanimously.

**XII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:**

*848 PARK THEATRE –*

*LEGENDS PUB & GRUB –*

*RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET –* No events for month of July

No action needed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees