

(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, August 3, 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 Christopher G. Paplauskas, Chair
Council Vice-President Michael W. Favicchio

Absent: Councilmember Kenneth J. Hopkins, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Daniel Parrillo, Director of Administration
John Psilopoulos, Deputy Director of Administration
Christopher Rawson, City Solicitor
Chief Stephen MacIntosh, Fire Department
Larry DiBoni, Economic Development Director
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 Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Stycos, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved and recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS:

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

REFUSE/WASTE HAULER LICENSE (Cont'd from July 6, 2020)

Patriot Disposal (early pickup)-noticed per Certified Mail 2208 Plainfield Pike, Johnston

Walmart (noise violation)-noticed per Certified Mail 1776 Plainfield Pike

VICTUALLING LICENSE (Cont'd from July 6, 2020)

TSG Cranston, LLC.- noticed per Certified Mail 111 Hillside Rd.

CT Corporation System -Resident Agent
(operating w/o Victualling License since December 2019)

No one appeared from Patriot Disposal or TSG Cranston, LLC.

Joanne Mallory of Wal-Mart appeared to speak. Clerk indicated that Patriot Disposal was bought out by Waste Connections.

Lori Timmons, Property Manager, appeared to speak and stated that she sent an email of the GPS data to Jay Andoscia and Chairman Paplauskas. Chair stated that he did not receive any email. Ms. Timmons confirmed the email address and indicated that she spelled the Chair's last name incorrectly and she will resend it.

Chair asked that this item be continued to next month's meeting so the data can be reviewed.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to continue the above items to next month's meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Ordinances)

CLASS B VICTUALLING LIQUOR LICENSE-NEW (Applicant req. continuance to 9/14/20 Safety Services and Licenses Committee Mtg)

La Casa, LLC. dba La Casa 407 Laurel Hill Ave.
Orlando Worthington
Christopher Gilchrist

Chair stated that applicant's attorney has requested a continuance.

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to continue this license application to next month's meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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

CLASS B VICTUALLING LIMITED LIQUOR LICENSE-NEW

Lunch Box Café, LLC. dba Lunch Box Café

751 Park Ave.

Maria E. Calcano

Julio Alcantara appeared to speak and translate for applicant. Maria Calcano was also present.

Council Vice-President Favicchio motioned to approve this license application. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion for discussion.

Under Discussion:

Carlos Palanco, 117 Orchard St., appeared to speak and stated that this business's patrons and employees have nowhere to park. He has called the Police numerous times to clear this up. This makes it very difficult to commute in and out of the neighborhood. He also stated that constant trash is coming down the street from the dumpster. There is no effort from their part to keep the neighborhood clean. There should be some responsibility on their part to keep the neighborhood safe and clean and he does not see that happening at all.

Council Vice-President Favicchio asked what the hours of operation are. Mr. Alcantara stated that the hours are 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Council Vice-President Favicchio asked how many seats are in the establishment. Mr. Alcantara stated 24.

Mr. Palanco stated that he does not have a problem with them expanding the business, but when he does not see them help the community, how can he agree to expanding their business?

Chair asked applicant how many years they have been in operation at this location. Mr. Alcantara stated five years. Chair asked how many times a week the dumpster is picked up. Mr. Alcantara stated two times a week. He also stated that some of the trash is from people dumping their trash in the dumpster. Ms. Calcano has indicated to him that she can add a larger dumpster.

Councilmember Stycos stated that most dumpsters can be locked.

Councilmember Vargas asked that the Administration check to see if there is a "No Parking" sign from this business to the corner of Park Ave. and if not, she asked that the Traffic Engineer look at it and maybe have one installed. This may resolve some of the parking issues the neighbor has. She also suggested that the applicant lock the dumpster at night. She suggested that if this is approved this evening, the applicant be asked to appear back before this Committee in a month or so to see how things are going and if there are any more problems.

Motion and second to approve this license were withdrawn.

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to approve this license with a three month review and applicant be asked to appear at the November meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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

TRANSFER OF CLASS A ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LIC. –STOCK:

FROM : AUM Shakti, Inc. 1219 Cranston St.

D/B/A Cranston Liquors

Existing stockholder Satyam Patel 50%

Existing stockholder Piyush Patel 50%

TO: AUM Shakti, Inc. 1219 Cranston St.

D/B/A Cranston Liquors

Existing stockholder Satyam Patel 50%

NEW stockholder ownership AUM Shakti, Inc. 50%

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

Under Discussion:

Joseph Manera, Esq., appeared to represent the corporation and stated that this is just a transfer of stock and no other change.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

VI. **NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**

EVENT LICENSE

Grand Assembly of RI-Annual Business Meeting @Scottish Rite 2115 Broad St.

Teenage girls Mason group

(Dates: August 21, 22, 23, 2020)

Debbie Therien

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

Under Discussion:

Director DiBoni stated that the State has handed the process of these types of events to the municipality and he, Marcia LoPresti and Leanne have vetted this. They had three to four meetings with Ms. Therien and what was agreed to is that they will have no more than 50 people to a session and they will have three sessions. He also stated that assigned seating and walking around will not be allowed and they have agreed to not having lunches. They agreed to thoroughly clean after each session. They have also agreed that any awards will be placed in a bag and given to people on the way out. Director DiBoni stated that the Department of Business Regulations will be notified of this approval and will probably have inspectors checking on them during this event.

Debbie Therien appeared to speak and stated that they have severely curtailed what they normally would do and will try to follow all the guidelines.

VI. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS: (Cont.)

EVENT LICENSE (Cont.)

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Debbie Therien

Councilmember Stycos asked Ms. Therien if they have thought about having part of this event outside since it may be safer. Ms. Therien stated, no, they have not.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE

Baby Duck, LLC d/b/a HG80 (Ratify the Action)

78 Harrison St., Providence

Joshua Berner

Binge BBQ, LLC (Ratify the Action)

12 Broadway, Newport

Mark P. Bryson

Black Dog Donuts, LLC (Ratify the Action)

52 Woody Hill Rd, Exeter

Charlie Colberg

Friskie Fries, LLC. (Ratify the Action)

17 Bluff St, Providence

Randy Dantuono

Pit Stop RPM , Inc. (Ratify the Action)

54 N. Bow St., Milford, MA

Rami Gerges

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

VICTUALLING LICENSE

2 Sista's Catering, LLC.

39 Warwick Ave.

Sabrina DiMezza

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

Under Discussion:

Sabrina and Tanya DiMezza appeared to speak.

Sabrina DiMezza stated that they will be moving into the Al-Mall Mart in the spot where there was a pizza place in the past.

VI. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS: (Cont.)

VICTUALLING LICENSE (Cont.)

2 Sista's Catering, LLC.

Sabrina DiMezza

39 Warwick Ave.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

Health is Wealth Nutrition Center

Al Johnson

1674 Cranston St.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Council Vice-President Favicchio, it was voted to continue this license application to next month's meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Mega Solutions LLC. d/b/a Piezoni's

Michael Grande

640 Reservoir Ave.

Michael Grande appeared to speak.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

VII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

No business.

VIII. SHOW CAUSE:

REFUSE/WASTE HAULER LICENSE

Waste Connections (early pickup at CVS 205 Atwood)

James Simoneau (noticed by Certified Mail)

19 Industrial Way, Seekonk, MA

On motion by Council Vice-President Favicchio, seconded by Councilmember Brady, it was voted to continue this item to next month's meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Councilmember Stycos: Public event with Police Chief on Cranston policing tactics

Councilmember Stycos stated that he has received a lot of questions, mostly by email, of what is going on nationally with the Police and the George Floyd's murder and what Cranston's policy is. He suggested having a public meeting where the public can ask questions. This would be a good way for community discussion about Police tactics.

Director Parrillo stated that he spoke to the Police Colonel about this and does not believe anything virtual will display what the Police is all about. With COVID, there is a lot of information on the website. Any questions that are out there, are on the Police website.

Councilmember Brady suggested making a video showcasing the Police Department. He stated that Councilmember Stycos's idea is good to get the message out there and he understands what Director Parrillo is stating.

Director Parrillo stated that the Cranston Police Department does outreach with such programs as National Night Out, Citizens Police Academy and Police Explorer Program.

Councilmember Vargas asked that the Administration look into the following:

- Weiner Blvd., across from American Plating – neighbors are hearing noises of people arguing and making large noises in the woods in the middle of the night. She asked if this area can be patrolled.
- Rhodes On The Pawtuxet – a woman called regarding this establishment of a gentleman walking by and there was a flashing that took place and she called the Police. He has also been seen in Roger Williams Park doing the same.
- Bayview Ave. – a constituent reached out to her today regarding Bayview Ave. at the bottom of the Military Reserve Center. Someone has been seen going through cars.

Director Parrillo stated that he will forward all these items to the Police Department.

X. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No business.

XI. LICENSE RENEWALS:

AUTO REPAIR LICENSE

Prospero Castro d/b/a P&C Auto Repair

298 Montgomery Ave.

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

XI. LICENSE RENEWALS: (Cont.)

CARNIVAL LICENSE

Rockwell Amusements @ Mulligan's Island

1000 New London Ave.

(Dates: Aug 6,7,8,9, 13,14,15,16, 20,21,22,23, 27, 28, 29, 30)

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

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LICENSE

Kelly Services, Inc.

no physical address

Kelly Services USA, LLC

no physical address

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

XII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:

848 PARK THEATRE – No events for the month of August.

LEGENDS PUB & GRUB –

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET – No events for the month of August

No action needed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- ***Speeding at Pawtuxet Village and Narragansett (Councilmember Vargas)***

Councilmember Vargas stated that she will reach out to Director Parrillo and the Engineering Division regarding this issue and possibility of lowering the speed limit in this area. Director Parrillo stated that he does not believe you can lower speed limit lower than 25 by State Law, unless it is a school zone, but he will have the Traffic Engineer check into this.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees