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SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, February 1, 2021 via Zoom webinar.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Robert J. Ferri
Councilwoman Lammis J. Vargas
Councilwoman Aniece Germain
Council Vice-President Edward J. Brady
Councilman Matthew R. Reilly, Vice-Chair
Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli, Chair
Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas

Also Present: Anthony Moretti, Director of Administration
Christopher Millea, City Solicitor
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
Acting Fire Chief James Warrren, 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 Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, 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:

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE

Premium Brands OPCO LLC. d/b/a Ann Taylor #1199

59 Hillside Rd.

(Continued from Jan 11th SSM for No Show)

(change of owner)

Premium Brands OPCO LLC. d/b/a Loft #0356
(Continued from Jan 11th SSM for No Show)
(change of owner)

83 Hillside Rd.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to approve the above two license application.

Under Discussion:

Ann Fleming appeared to represent the above two stores.

No one appeared to oppose.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve the above two license application and motion passed unanimously.

VICTUALLING LICENSE

Bestway 4 Corporation-(Continued from Jan 11th SSM for No Show) 1353 Park Ave.
Jasim Master

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

Under Discussion:

Faraz Africawala appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

Council President Paplauskas asked Mr. Africawala if he is up to date on fire suppression system. Mr. Africawala stated that they are in the process to make sure everything is up to date. Chief Warren stated that right now, he does not know if they passed inspection. He will check tomorrow.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve the above two license application and motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Including Ordinances)

CLASS B VICTUALLING LIQUOR LICENSE-NEW (OVERCAP)

Camp Nowhere, LLC. d/b/a Camp Nowhere 641 Atwood Ave.
Ezra Spitzer-Williams
James Rutkovsky

Chair asked for explanation of what it means to be over the cap. Solicitor stated that all cities and towns, by State Law and Ordinance, are limited in the number of alcoholic licenses that can be issued and it is based on population. Under our Ordinance, we have a certain number of alcoholic beverage licenses and this particular application would put us over the number that is currently authorized. That requires, under the Ordinance, that the Safety Services and Licenses Committee make the recommendation to exceed the cap if it deems fit and that recommendation would need to go to the full City Council and it would require a 2/3 approval by the City Council and then the cap can be exceeded.

James Rutkovsky and **Ezra Spitzer-Williams**, applicants, appeared to speak. Peter Petrarca, Esq., appeared to represent applicants.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to recommend approval of this license application.

Under Discussion:

Attorney Petrarca stated that this location would be the third location for his clients. They have been in Providence and in Johnston for one year and they have had no issues and they cater to patrons between the ages of 25 and 40. They are looking to stay open 4 pm to 12:30 am. They had applied, but pulled, for an entertainment license. They are tremendous neighbors in the towns that they currently operate in.

No one from the public appeared to oppose.

Council President Paplauskas stated that he has a friend who lives near the Smith St. location and he was told that when he found out that this applicant had applied in Cranston, they said don't do it, you are going to have problems. He was also told that the neighbors at the Smith St. location had nothing but problems. That raises a red flag for him. There is a condo association next door to this location and they are very vocal. He has reservations on this application. If this is approved, he will request a six-month review.

Attorney Petrarca stated that they would welcome a six month-review. He has not seen a Police report or an allegation regarding the Smith St. location.

Council Vice-President Brady stated that he is aware of these owners. He has watched them grow. Over the years, they have helped with philanthropic efforts. He welcomed them to the community. He also asked for recommendation on whether he can vote on this or not.

Councilwoman Germain asked what the implication would be to extending the cap. Solicitor stated that there is no implication. This is the discretion of the Committee. You would be sending it to the full City Council as a recommendation.

Councilwoman Vargas asked what the hours of operation would be. Mr. Rutkovsky stated 4 pm to 12:30 am, seven days a week. Councilwoman Vargas asked if there is any requirement that the neighbors have to be notified of this license application. Solicitor stated that notice requirement is 200' radius notification to abutters. Councilwoman Vargas stated that she is in favor of approving this as long as this is back for six-month review.

Council Vice-President Brady asked for clarification on whether or not he can vote on this. Solicitor stated that he does not see any reason why he couldn't vote on this, unless applicant has an objection. Attorney Petrarca stated that his clients have not objections.

Council President Paplauskas asked if there is a patio plan for this. Mr. Rutkovsky stated that they are working with the landlord now and have not had Traffic Engineer approve it.

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to recommend approval of this license application with a six-month review. Motion passed unanimously.

CLASS B VICTUALLING LIQUOR LICENSE-NEW (OVERCAP)

L.A Bailey's LLC. d/b/a L.A. Bailey's Café

1458 Park Ave.

Laurie Keough

Laurie Keough appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to approve this license application.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

Under Discussion:

Council President Paplauskas asked what the hours of operation will be and where this establishment is located. Ms. Keough stated the hours will be 10-3 for the café and 3-10 for the restaurant. She also stated that this is the former Legends location.

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

TRANSFER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE-NEW

FROM: *Legal Sea Foods, LLC.*

175 Hillside Rd.

d/b/a Legal Sea Foods

TO: *LSF Cranston, LLC.*

175 Hillside Rd.

d/b/a Legal Sea Foods

Jeffrey Michaelson, RI Attorney for Applicant

Garry McCann, General Manager of location

Tom Clancy, Director of Operations

Jeff Michaelson, Esq., appeared to speak. Garry McCann, Director of Operations, and Tom Clancy, General Manager, were also present.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to approve this license transfer application.

Under Discussion:

Attorney Michaelson stated that there will be no change in staffing, hours and menu, except ownership is changing.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

VI. NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

VICTUALLING LICENSE

Camp Nowhere, LLC. d/b/a Camp Nowhere

641 Atwood Ave.

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

L.A. Bailey's LLC. d/b/a L.A. Bailey's Café

1458 Park Ave.

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

LSF Cranston, LLC. d/b/a Legal Sea Foods

175 Hillside Rd.

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

WASTE HAULER LICENSE

Holmes Disposal, LLC.

425 Richmond St., Providence

Jonathan DelPonte appeared to speak. No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

Under Discussion:

Council President Paplauskas indicated that there is no trash pickup from 10 pm to 7 am in Cranston.

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

Oak and Pallet Disposal, Inc. (Ratify the Action)

70 Long Ct.

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

VII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

No business.

VIII. SHOW CAUSE:

No business.

IX. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

No business.

X. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No business.

XI. LICENSE RENEWALS:

AUTO REPAIR LICENSE

Classic Auto Repair

971 Cranston St.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LICENSE

Provisional Staffing Solutions

535 Atwood Ave., Ste. 2

EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION LICENSE

CVS Pharmacy #1414

1195 Oaklawn Ave.

FIREARM'S DEALER LICENSE

Post Road Guns

2158 Plainfield Pike

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE

A&B Mart

951 Pontiac Ave.

American Performance Petroleum

964 Cranston St.

Athleta #1705

79 Hillside Rd.

Banana Republic #1605

72 Hillside Rd.

Casino Greenhouse

640 Dyer Ave.

Chinese American Mini Market, Inc.

834 Park Ave.

Comstock Gardens

55 Council Rock Rd.

Confreda Greenhouses & Farms, LLC.

2150 Scituate Ave.

CVS Pharmacy #1414

1195 Oaklawn Ave

CVS Pharmacy #469

1188 Pontiac Ave.

CVS Pharmacy #2021

205 Atwood Ave.

CVS Pharmacy #5868

1776 Broad St.

Durfee Hardware Inc.

65 Rolfe Sq.

Edgewood Liquors

1992 Broad St.

Em's Liquor Store, Inc.

1375 Park Ave.

Gamestop #2349

286 Garfield Ave.

Gamestop #6145

1000 Chapel View Blvd. #112

Gap #2237

81 Hillside Rd.

Heritage Liquors

529 Reservoir Ave.

La Frontera Market

1522 Broad St.

Lowe's Home Centers, LLC #1505

247 Garfield Ave.

<i>Lucky Mart, LLC. d/b/a Snacks Plus</i>	880 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>MAB Liquors, LTD d/b/a Atwood Wine & Spirits</i>	428 Atwood Ave.
<i>Milk n More</i>	1232 Park Ave.
<i>Moon Market</i>	1478 Park Ave.
<i>Moon Market</i>	579B Reservoir Ave.
<i>Morin's Liquor Store</i>	1621 Elmwood Ave.
<i>National Pet Center</i>	726 Reservoir Ave.
<i>New Cingular Wireless PCS,LLC.d/b/a AT&T Mobility</i>	540 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Oaklawn Discount Liquors Inc. d/b/a Gasbarro's</i>	985 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Ocean State Mobil</i>	1282 Elmwood Ave
<i>Omaha Steaks</i>	1000 Chapel View Blvd.
<i>Pippin Orchard</i>	751 Pippin Orchard Rd.
<i>Pool Source</i>	40 Freeway Dr.
<i>Quick Mart</i>	164 Park Ave.
<i>Rainbow #1489</i>	242 Garfield Ave.
<i>Rainbow #218</i>	1200 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Reshan Inc. d/b/a Gulf Mart</i>	2148 Broad St.
<i>Rossi Tree Farm</i>	1936 Phenix Ave.
<i>Royal Eyebrow Threading</i>	39 Phenix Ave.
<i>Ruggieri Flooring, Inc.</i>	1191 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Ruthvi, Inc. d/b/a Liquid Assets</i>	995 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Sam's Food Store</i>	460 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Sonya's</i>	766 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Sweenor's Chocolates</i>	43 Hillside Rd.
<i>T-Mobile</i>	1235 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Tedeschi's Greenhouse</i>	47 Church St.
<i>The Wine & Liquor Co. Inc.</i> (pending completion of construction)	1500 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Twin Pine Farms</i>	1884 Phenix Ave.
<i>Wines & More of RI, Inc.</i>	125 Sockanosset Crossroad

LEASING MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE

<i>American Performance Auto</i>	964 Cranston St.
<i>Gershkoff enterprises Inc. d/b/a Gershkoff Auto Sales</i>	1085 Cranston St
<i>East Side Auto Leasing/Rental</i>	2050 Plainfield Pike
<i>Enterprise Rent a Car</i>	255 Atwood Ave.

SECONDHAND LICENSE

<i>Back2back Luxury Consignment</i>	690 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Bruneau & Co.</i>	63 Fourth Ave.
<i>CB Truck Tire Services</i>	140 Farmington Ave.
<i>Eddie's Tire Sales</i>	9 Cory Ave.
<i>Fifth Avenue Jewelers</i>	6 Rolfe Sq.

Gamestop #6145
Gamestop #2349
Post Road Guns, Inc.
Roman Jewelers
Sports Heroes

100 Chapel View Blvd., Ste. 112
286 Garfield Ave.
2158 Plainfield Pike
1000 Reservoir Ave.
661 Oaklawn Ave.

USED CAR LICENSE

American Auto Sales
American Performance Auto Sales
Arlington Auto
Autosport Sales & Collision
Cranston Auto
East Side Auto Sales
Gershkoff enterprises Inc. d/b/a Gershkoff Auto Sales
Hillside Auto Sales
Interstate Auto Sales & Repair
Miracle Auto Sales
R&A Auto Sales
Ranaldi Motors
Rolando Catalan d/b/a Stamas Auto & Truck
Tasca Automotive Group, Inc.
Zink's Auto Sales & Service

448 Dyer Ave.
1006 Cranston St.
1211 Cranston St.
640 Atwood Ave.
1152 Park Ave.
2050 Plainfield Pike
1085 Cranston St.
44 Gansett Ave.
1400 Cranston St.
580 Reservoir Ave.
1171-1173 Park Ave.
598 Atwood Ave.
1045 Cranston St.
1300 Pontiac Ave.
550 Atwood Ave.

VICTUALLING LICENSE

5 Herb Pizza

500 Dyer Ave #C

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to approve all the above license renewal applications as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to approve all the above license renewal applications as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES:

848 PARK THEATRE –no events for the month of February

No action needed.

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET – no events for the month of February

No action needed.

Council Vice-President Brady asked Council President Paplauskas, seeing the nature of where these businesses are, do we need to keep this on the agenda or can they be removed? Council President Paplauskas stated that these have been on the docket prior to him coming on the City Council. He sees no objection to removing this as long as the Police and Fire Departments give it their ok. There have been issues in the past where both of these facilities have had large events where they did not get Police and Fire Detail that would be required for the number of people that would be attending. So, obviously, right now with COVID, there have not been any events and he is fine with removing it, but he would like to get final ok from the Police and Fire Departments of taking this off the docket.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Dino's Service Center, Inc. is now Dino's Service Center, LLC. 265 Station St.

No action needed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

/s/ Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees