

*(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, May 3, 2021 via Zoom webinar.

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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: Councilman John P. Donegan  
Councilwoman Jessica M. Marino  
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor  
Chief James Warren, Fire Department  
Major Todd Patalano, Police Department  
David Dimaio, City Council Budget Analyst  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
Heather Finger, Stenographer

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

On motion by Council Vice-President Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved a recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER**

#### **WASTE HAULER LICENSE**

*Hippo Disposal, Inc.*

207 Union Ave, Providence

Mr. Shou Liu Li

**(Cont'd from 3-1-21, and 4-5-21 for NO SHOW)**

**Shou Liu Li** appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

## **HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE**

*Yard Works*

Joseph Fox

**(Cont'd from April 5, 2021)**

311 Warwick Ave.

**Chair** stated that this was continued because the Solicitor needed to verify some information pertaining to a retail license and she received an e-mail that Yardworks would not be on the call this evening. She asked Solicitor to speak regarding this.

**Solicitor** stated that he made a call to the Division of Taxation to see if Yardworks or YW Investments, Inc., which is the LLC, had a retail sales permit license and he was told that they had no record of this business ever pulling a retail sales permit. He then learned late this afternoon that the applicant was not intending to appear. Why, he does not know. He is not clear of whether they are withdrawing this application or abandoning this application, but the burden is on them. If they are not going to go forward on this, this Committee should vote on this. There are just too many issues involving this business. He is really concerned about what he learned from the State today. He is not sure that they possess any kind of license and he does not know what they are doing there and what kind of operation they have going. It may be necessary to send perhaps someone from Code Enforcement there. He just does not see any way this Committee can legally grant them this holiday sales license. His recommendation is that this Committee not approve this and the fact that they have not shown up, he thinks the Committee should vote on this up or down. At this juncture, he would recommend denying this.

**Chair** agreed with Solicitor and stated that if the applicant wants to go forward with this license, he can re-apply.

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

## **MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE**

*Cheryl McGuinness (ratify the action)*

(zoning certificate received for business opened April 12<sup>th</sup>)

100 Midway St. Ste 13

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

## II. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

### **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.

Tony Lopez

**Tony Lopez**, transferor, appeared to speak.

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

#### Under Discussion:

**Councilwoman Vargas** stated that she just wants to make sure that there are no outstanding balances. Mr. Lopez stated that they order every week so there will always be a balance there. He has another location so the small balance is for his other location.

**Solicitor** stated that his advice would be that the motion include “subject to all outstanding liens and/or indebtedness be satisfied”.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to approve the above license transfer application subject to all outstanding liens and/or indebtedness be satisfied. Motion passed unanimously.

### **TRANSFER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE-NEW**

*From: Heritage Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Heritage Liquors*

529 Reservoir Ave.

*To: Reservoir Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Reservoir Liquors*

529 Reservoir Ave.

Douglas J. Emanuel, Esq.

Jigar Patel

**Douglas Emanuel, Esq.**, appeared to represent the transferee and stated that his client, Jigar Patel, is also present on the call.

**Robert Murray, Esq.**, appeared to represent the transferor.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

**A. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

**FIREWORKS VENDOR LICENSE**

*Lowe's Home Improvement*

247 Garfield Ave.

**Clint Rossi** appeared to speak and stated that this will be the first time this location will be selling fireworks. The fireworks are similar to the ones Shaw's sells at Chapel View.

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

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Reilly** asked Chief Warren and Major Patalano for any issues or concerns with this application. Chief Warren stated that there are no issues from the Fire Department. They follow State Fire Code and they will do random checks throughout the season.

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.

**HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE**

*Reservoir Liquors, Inc.*

*d/b/a Reservoir Liquors*

529 Reservoir Ave.

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

**MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE**

*MindSense-Peter Joyal*

(pending approved Zoning Cert)

4000 Chapel View Blvd., Ste. 350

**Peter Joyal** appeared to speak.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

Under Discussion:

**Mr. Joyal** stated hours of operation to be Tuesdays thru Fridays 9-6 or 7.

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

## VICTUALLING LICENSE

*Capt'n Coolz*  
Doreine Taylor

174 Gansett Ave.

**Doreine Taylor** appeared to speak and stated that this is an ice cream shop and hours of operation will be 12 to 9 or 10.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

*Tienda El Quetzalito*  
Benedicto Ixchop

341 Webster Ave.

**Benedicto Ixchop** appeared to speak and stated that he will be selling food similar to a mini mart and hours of operation will be 8 am to 8 pm every day.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

### III. TRAFFIC ENGINEER

None.

### IV. SHOW CAUSE

*Pregame Lounge- hand-delivered by Cranston Police on April 26<sup>th</sup>*  
(Incident Review)

349 Dyer Ave.

**Solicitor** stated that he wants to make sure Attorney Hemond, who represents this establishment, is present on the call before he begins to speak. Attorney Hemond indicated that he was on the call.

**Solicitor** stated that he spoke to Major Patalano a few weeks ago regarding this business. He stated that the incident was caught on video surveillance by a neighborhood camera and the shooting was not reported when it happened. The Police had responded to something unrelated and were told by a neighbor of the incident and it was confirmed when viewing the footage. Based on that, he believes Cranston Police conducted an investigation and he does not know where it stands and Major Patalano can expand on that. His understanding is this is not the only incident there during the past several months. Even though this is entitled as a "Show Cause", he thinks the purpose of this was to bring the business owner in and make him aware of some of the disturbing findings that the City has made. This is more of an opportunity to get more information to the Committee and bring this to the attention of the Committee and for the Police Department to give all the information on this.

**Major Patalano** stated that on April 14<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 8:40 p.m., Officers responded to the area of Farmington Ave. of a report of a public contact regarding illegally parked cars on the street which were as a result of patrons at the Pregame at 349 Dyer Ave. While investigating the parking complaints, the residents of the nearby homes had come out to speak to the Police and they advised the Officers on the scene that there was a drive-by shooting which is on surveillance that occurred two days earlier at approximately 1 a.m. and when the Officers viewed the video they depicted two males clearly leaving the Pregame Lounge and walking up Farmington Ave. to where these neighbors were complaining. A vehicle at that moment turned onto Dyer Ave. near Farmington and fired approximately eight shots at two males striking one of them. The vehicle then fled. The two males that were shot then ran into the Pregame Lounge along with other people including security. Police was never contacted and never advised of this pretty serious incident and neighbors were upset. Police did not get any calls from the neighbors as well. The Police is really looking for security plan, contact information, see what training they have, the security plan itself and make sure that the people that are employed there have the training and make sure they understand they need to contact the Police when they have a drive-by shooting in essence. We are not looking to close them down. There have been other incidents there. This appears to be something that occurred outside not inside the club, but the fact that they ran back in and they were initially leaving that establishment, it certainly warranted a call to the Police Department especially when you have a drive-by shooting and that was not done and that is why we are here today.

**Nick Hemond, Esq.**, appeared to represent Pregame Lounge and stated that he does not have a Police report or any of the videos that might be associated with the incident, but having discussed this with his client ahead of time and having dealt with situations like this before, it needs to be a very clear understanding that if the establishment comes into knowledge of an incident like this, it needs to be reported to the Police when it happens. In speaking to his client, there is a discrepancy between what the Police report account is of re-entry. He stated that there is a policy under the existing security plan that issues like this be reported to the Police. At the time the license was obtained it was a different security company involved for the Pregame Lounge. It was Northeast Security Solutions and that was changed right around the time or just after there was an incident with COVID compliance and capacity. They can certainly provide an updated security plan, but he does not think the plan is the problem. The new security company is NLS (Night Life Security). He can make sure that they have a better understanding of the current security plan and make sure that it is understood not just by the security people, but by anybody working there that if something like this were to occur it should be reported to the Police immediately. If the Committee is looking to have a sanction, he would like the opportunity to be provided with the reports and discovery in the case and come back for a full hearing if that is the Committee's pleasure.

**Major Patalano** stated that if Attorney Hemond can have his client provide the Police Department with a security plan, they can meet and go over it and if there are any changes the Police Department feels are necessary, he does not think any sanctions are necessary. It is more of a communications issue right now.

**Attorney Hemond** stated that he thinks that is a perfectly reasonable proposal and they will be happy to work with the Police on making sure everything is the way it should be.

**Solicitor** stated that this was really not a Show Cause, but perhaps if the Committee would like to keep a tab on this, he does not know if that is necessary and that next time it be classified under “Police Department Business” and not a Show Cause and then anyone from the Police Department can report to the Committee if they are satisfied with what was produced and if there are any other incidents, then a Show Cause can be scheduled. Maybe it is not a bad idea to put this on the agenda one more time just for status and informational purposes or let it go and if the Major is not satisfied, he is sure we will hear from him.

**Major Patalano** stated that he does not have a problem reviewing it and if they see any problems that can’t be rectified, then it can be brought back for more discussion.

**Chair** stated to the Major that if there are any problems, this be brought back under Police Business through the Clerk.

On motion by Councilman Ferri, seconded by Councilman Reilly, it was voted to adopt the recommendation of the Major.

Under Discussion:

**Council President Paplauskas** asked how long it will take for Attorney Hemond and Major Patalano to get the security plan ironed out. Attorney Hemond stated that he is sure the security plan was submitted when the license was first approved, if not, it can be put together in short order.

**Council President Paplauskas** asked the Major, until that new security plan or updated plan is looked at, if he sees a need to put a two-men Police at the club at that time or if he feels satisfied moving forward with the original plan? Major Patalano stated that they have Patrol out and monitoring the situation very closely at night due to the concerns of the neighbors. They are well aware and are out there.

**Councilwoman Vargas** asked what the hours of operation are for this establishment. Attorney Hemond stated that, per his client, the latest they are open is 1 a.m. They are open Thursdays thru Sundays 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**Chair** indicated to the Major that if there are any problems with this business, he bring it back to the Committee.

Roll call was taken on motion to adopt the recommendation of the Major and motion passed unanimously.

## **V. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

None.

**VI. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

None.

**VII. LICENSE RENEWALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

**AMUSEMENT MACHINE LICENSE**

*AMF Bowling Centers Inc. d/b/a AMF Cranston Lanes*  
*Classic Enterprise Inc.*  
*Cranston Portuguese Club*  
*V Golf LLC.*

1450 Elmwood Ave.  
1125 Cranston St.  
20 Second Ave.  
60 Walnut Grove Ave

**BUSINESS IN TEMPORARY STRUCTURE**

*Pawtuxet Village Farmer's Market (5/1/21-10/30/21)*  
and on 6/12/21)

@ Rhodes Place  
@ William Hall Library 1825 Broad St.

**FIREWORKS VENDOR LICENSE**

*Moon Market*  
*Moon Market*  
*Phantom Fireworks at Stop&Shop #2702*  
*Phantom Fireworks at Stop&Shop #707*  
*Phantom Fireworks at Stop&Shop #714*  
*TNT Fireworks at CVS # 0212*  
*TNT Fireworks at CVS #0469*  
*TNT Fireworks at CVS #1414*  
*TNT Fireworks at CVS #2021*  
*TNT Fireworks at Shaw's #0625*  
*TNT Fireworks at Dollar Tree #4792*  
*TNT Fireworks at Dollar Tree #1599*  
*TNT Fireworks at Dollar Tree #1794*  
*TNT Fireworks at Price Rite #0372*  
*TNT Fireworks at Walmart #1873*

579B Reservoir Ave.  
1478 Park Ave.  
275 Warwick Ave.  
200 Atwood Ave.  
204 Garfield Ave.  
681 Reservoir Ave.  
1188 Pontiac Ave.  
1195 Oaklawn Ave.  
205 Atwood Ave.  
8 Chapel View Blvd.  
1776 Plainfield Pike  
1400 Oaklawn Ave.  
252 Garfield Ave.  
1415 Elmwood Ave.  
1776 Plainfield Pike

**FLOWER VENDOR LICENSE**

*Vinny's Flowers-Vinny Tallo (Dates: 5/8 and 5/9/21)*

905 Cranston St.

**GAME ROOM LICENSE**

**Legion Bowl**

661 Park Ave.

**HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE**

*Pet Supplies Plus*  
*Recreational Equipment Inc. d/b/a REI*

171 Sockanosset Cross Rd.  
22 Chapel View Blvd.



**MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE**

*Massage Envy*

1000 Chapel View Blvd. Ste. 146

**MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE**

*(vote will be taken to ratify committee actions on each)*

*Championship Melt*-Andrew Cordeiro

*Twisted T's*-Tiffany Manzi

121 Prescott Ave., Riverside

54 Lyman Ave.

**\*PARADE LICENSE**

*Gaspee Days Parade Date: June 12, 2021*

Narragansett Pkwy

**PEDDLERS LICENSE**

*Northeast Novelty*-Dwayne Davis

*Northeast Novelty*-Susana Arruda Fidalgo

52 Burgess Ave., E. Providence

52 Burgess Ave., E. Providence

**PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE**

*John P. Flaherty III* #502

*Thomas J. Luongo* #467

*Kenneth Mancuso* #499

65 Thunder Trail

114 Hazelton St.

99 Hope Rd.

**\*ROAD RACE LICENSE**

*Gaspee Days Road Race Date: June 12, 2021*

Narragansett Pkwy

**VICTUALLING LICENSE**

*Church of the Annunciation-Greek Orthodox*

Drive-Thru (Dates: 5/21, 5/22, 5/23)

175 Oaklawn Ave.

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

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

**VIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES**

**848 PARK THEATRE** *-no shows scheduled-business closed*

**Chair** asked that this item be removed from the agenda since this establishment is closed.

***RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET***

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Reilly, it was voted to accept the above list of events. Motion passed unanimously.

**IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

• **COVID-19 EVENTS**

*Gaspee Days Parade (Date: June 12,2021)* Narragansett Pkwy  
*& Gaspee Days Road Race*  
\*Pending DBR approval

On motion by Councilwoman Vargas, seconded by Council President Paplauskas, it was voted to approve this license application pending DBR approval. Motion passed unanimously.

• **COVID-19 EVENTS**

*Cranston Greek Fest Express (Date May 21, 23 &23, 2021)* 175 Oaklawn Avenue  
*Evan Andrikos*

*Mulligan's Summer Music Dates: July 1-Sept 30, 2021* 1000 New London Ave.  
*Michael Friedman*

*Pawtuxet Village Farmer's Market (5/1/21-10/30/21)* @ Rhodes Place  
and on 6/12/21 @ William Hall Library 1825 Broad St.

<i>Rhodes on the Pawtuxet (Events for the Month of May)</i>		@ Rhodes Place
<i>Wedding-Swider/Couto</i>	<b>Date: 5/8/2021</b>	<b>50pp</b>
<i>Rhodes on the Pawtuxet</i>		@ Rhodes Place
<i>Rehearsal-Walton/Nunes</i>	<b>Date: 5/16/2021</b>	<b>10pp</b>
<i>Grand Lodge of RI-Dinner Meeting</i>	<b>Date: 5/20/2021</b>	<b>20pp</b>
<i>E. Providence High School Prom</i>	<b>Date: 5/21/2021</b>	<b>200-250pp</b>
<i>Wedding-Walton/Nunes</i>	<b>Date: 5/22/2021</b>	<b>100pp</b>
<i>Woonsocket High School Prom</i>	<b>Date: 5/26/2021</b>	<b>200-250pp</b>
<i>Classical High School Prom</i>	<b>Date: 5/27/2021</b>	<b>285-300pp</b>
<i>Coventry High School Prom</i>	<b>Date: 5/28/2021</b>	<b>375pp</b>
<i>Pawtuxet Rangers</i>	<b>Date: 5/29/2021</b>	<b>50pp</b>

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Waste Management of RI**

1610 Pontiac Ave.

4/15/21 received \$400.00 Violation payment

No action needed.

**NOTE:** Waste Connections MTG Mega Disposal- the \$800 violation fee check will be cut on May 4<sup>th</sup> and delivered to the Clerk's office.

No action needed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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