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## **SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, June 7, 2021 via Zoom webinar.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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  
Anthony Moretti, Director of Administration  
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor  
Stephen Angell, City Council Legal Counsel  
Chief James Warren, Fire Department  
Major Robert Quirk, Police Department  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
Heather Finger, Stenographer

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

On motion by Councilman Ferri, 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.

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

### **MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE** *(vote will be taken)*

**Saugy INC.**

43 Ralls Dr.

2-month review from license granted on 4-5-21

Mary O'Brien/Peter Parrella IV

**Chair** asked if a vote is needed on this this evening. Attorney Angell stated that the Committee already voted on this and this is before the Committee this evening for review. Whatever action you take will be on the record.

**Ryan O'Brien** appeared to speak and stated that things are going great. Everyone in the neighborhood loves them and they have had no issues.

**Councilwoman Germain** stated that she visited them the first day they were open and she enjoyed it and they the neighborhood is happy to have them in Cranston.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Council President Paplauskas, it was voted to remove this item from the docket. Motion passed unanimously.

## **II. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE** *(vote to be taken)*

**St. Mary's Feast Society**

15 Phenix Ave.

Indoor/Outdoor (Hours: Sun-Sat 1pm-10pm)

Matt Volpi

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

#### Under Discussion:

**Robert Coupe**, Executive Director of Cranston Housing Authority, appeared to speak and stated that he received notice as an abutter as Director of Cranston Housing Authority, and he would like to know what this application is about.

**Matthew Volpi**, 80 Briggs St., appeared to speak and stated that this is for the weekends for hall rentals on Friday and Saturday nights. Normally, they just apply for the festival, but this is easier to apply for the whole year.

**Council Vice-President Brady** thanked the Feast Society for all the community work they do.

**Council President Paplauskas** also thanked St. Mary's Feast Society for all their community work.

**Councilman Ferri** stated that the Feast Society does a lot for the community and encouraged everyone to vote in favor of this.

**Councilman Donegan** urged the Committee to approve this license.

**Councilwoman Marino** also urged the Committee to approve this license.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

**TRANSFER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE-LOCATION** (*vote to be taken*)

**From: Em's Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Em's Liquors**

1375 Park Ave.

**To: Em's Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Em's Liquors**

1285 Park Ave.

Chad Kelliher

Susan Kelliher

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

Under Discussion:

**Chad & Susan Kelliher** appeared to speak.

**Jay Bombadier, Jr.**, 41 Oak St., appeared to oppose to this license transfer application. He stated that his wife passed away in February from liver and kidney failure due to alcohol. This business is a very irresponsible owner. They would serve his wife 2-3 times a day several nips per day. They sold her alcohol coming into the establishment intoxicated. By them moving, they will be moving closer to the YMCA, to a school and a daycare.

**Council Vice-President Brady** stated that he would like to hear from the applicant why they are seeking this transfer of location.

**Chad Kelliher** stated that they are in a plaza and are pushed back in the plaza and they feel that they would get more exposure moving to the new location being actually on the street.

**Council Vice-President Brady** asked Solicitor, if legally, there is anything we can do based on the fact that they already have a license and are operating in the City. Is there any citation against them that would make us feel otherwise?

**Solicitor** stated that we are talking about transferring a location. That distinction is important. As to the citation question, he has not heard of any evidence whatsoever that this license holder has done anything wrong at all. He stated that he is sorry for Mr. Bombadier's loss, they did not know. They eventually stopped serving his wife and they never served her when she was inebriated.

**Council President Paplauskas** expressed sincere condolences to the Bombadier Family.

**Council President Paplauskas** asked if the Police Department has had any issues with this business in the past. He also asked the Clerk if they need any clearances. Major Quirk stated that there are none that he is aware of. Clerk indicated that applicant has all clearances he needs for the new location.

**Councilwoman Germain** asked Solicitor what kind of provisions they have to enhance before serving someone. Attorney Angell stated that they first have to make sure the person is of legal age, which is part of the TIPS training.

**Solicitor** stated that there are some provisions under the law which imputes the liability of the business entity that sells the liquor under certain circumstances. What we are talking about here is a completely different category, we are talking about someone who had a medical condition.

**Major Quirk** indicated that he checked back to 2019 on any issues with this establishment and nothing showed up to bring attention to the Police Department.

**Councilwoman Vargas** asked if the hours are going to be different at the new location then location currently. Mr. Kelliher stated that they were going to change the hours, but will keep them 9 am to 10 pm Monday thru Saturday and 10-6 on Sunday.

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

### **III. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

**FIREWORKS DISPLAY LICENSE** (*vote to be taken*)  
*Cranston Cares* (Date: July 4, 2021)  
Justin Erickson

Randall Field

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

Under Discussion:

**Justin Erickson** appeared to speak and stated that this is a Cranston Cares charity event founded by himself and the last Sergeant Adam Pacheco, who served our Country very well and his goal was to give back to the community in Cranston. They are going to start with the Atwood Ave. Softball field and, hopefully, next year move it to either Bain or the Stadium and the following year Park View and do this every year on a rotation for the City. They are committed to \$7,000 already and almost at their goal of the \$10,000 and they look forward to doing this every year and start a tradition for the City of Cranston.

**Council Vice-President Brady** stated that he will abstain because he was their business partner in his restaurant and has known Mr. Erickson since he was five years old. This is touching for him. Adam would always find a way to make his crazy ideas happen whether it was helping veterans in hotels that could not afford food or getting hundreds and hundreds of turkeys to veterans during Thanksgiving or collecting thousands of toys for Christmas for families of veteran community. He remembers Adam going to Justin and said “hey I want to do this nonprofit called Cranston Cares” and it was two weeks before he tragically died and to see this come to fruition and being on Independence Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, in his honor and watching his honor and legacy moving forward for many community events throughout Cranston, he commends Justin and for him working with the family.

**Council President Paplauskas** stated that he sees nothing more fitting in Adam’s honor and in celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to have fireworks not only for him and his family, but for the City to enjoy.

No one appeared to oppose.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve this license application and motion passed unanimously with Council Vice-President Brady abstaining.

**HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE** *(vote to be taken)*  
***Em’s Liquor Store, Inc. d/b/a Em’s Liquor Store***

1285 Park Ave.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

**MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE** *(vote to be taken)*  
***The Ish LLC.***  
Steven Fuson

56 Hawthorne St. Providence

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

Under Discussion:

**Steven Fuson** appeared to speak.

**Council President Paplauskas** asked Mr. Fuson where he plans to operate the food truck. Mr. Fuson stated that he opened the food truck approximately two years ago. He just wants to expand his business and he operates most of the time with the PVD Food Truck events and he tries to operate at local businesses. He currently does not have any dates scheduled in Cranston at this time.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

**PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE** (*vote will be taken to ratify event*)  
*Artists' Exchange-One Act Play* (Dates: 6/24-6/27/21)

50 Rolfe Sq.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

**VICTUALLING LICENSE** (*vote to be taken*)

*Asian Eatery, Inc. d/b/a Yummy Cafe*

736 Park Ave.

Yan J. Liu

**Yan Liu** appeared to speak and stated that this changing ownership.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

*Metropolitana LLC. d/b/a Subway #04415* (*vote to be taken*)

626 Reservoir Ave.

Paul Del Toro

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

Under Discussion:

**Paul Del Toro** appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

*CCAP (Farmers Market-at Hugh B. Bain Middle School track)*

135 Gansett Ave.

William Hochstrasser-Walsh (*vote to be taken*)

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

Under Discussion:

**William Hochstrasser-Walsh** appeared to speak and stated that CCAP runs one of the many programs and one is the Cranston Health Equity Zone. They plan to bring healthy produce to low-income areas and they are looking for a license to do that at Tate Field abutting Bain School, which is one of the areas that they are focusing on as low-income residents.

**Councilman Donegan** encouraged the Committee to approve this license.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

**TEMPORARY STRUCTURE LICENSE** (*votes to be taken*)  
**CCAP (Farmers Market-at Hugh B. Bain Middle School track)**  
William Hochstrasser-Walsh (*vote to be taken*)

135 Gansett Ave.

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

**III. TRAFFIC ENGINEER**

None.

**IV. SHOW CAUSE**

None.

**V. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

None.

**VI. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

None.

**VII. LICENSE RENEWALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

**AUTO REPAIR LICENSES** (*votes will be taken*)

<i>Accu Auto Service</i>	1570 Elmwood Ave.
<i>Airport Radiator d/b/a Ranaldi Motors</i>	599 Atwood Ave.
<i>Andy's East Coast Speed</i>	1528 Elmwood Ave.
<i>American Auto Body</i>	1006 Cranston St.
<i>American Muffler &amp; Brake Shop</i>	1380 Park Ave.
<i>American Performance Petroleum</i>	964 Cranston St.
<i>Arlington Auto Body</i>	1211 Cranston St.
<i>Autorust Technicians</i>	275 Niantic Ave.
<i>Autosport Sales &amp; Collision</i>	640 Atwood Ave.
<i>Balasco's Garage, LLC.</i>	1850 Cranston St.
<i>Bautista Auto Repair</i>	107 Fletcher Ave.
<i>Bless Auto Repair, LLC.</i>	11 E. Josephine St.
<i>BMC Petroleum</i>	905 Cranston St.
<i>CarMax Auto Superstores</i>	153 Bald Hill Rd.

**AUTO REPAIR LICENSES (Cont.)**

***CB Truck Tire***

***Central Truck Service***

***Centry Auto Body***

***Chestnut Hill Truck & Auto***

***Clark's Auto***

***Classic Car & Van Sales***

***Conti's Service***

***Cranston Auto Ignition Sales & Service***

***Cranston Collision Center***

***Cullco Auto Sales***

***D&M Tyre Sales***

***Dino's Service Center, LLC.***

***Dyer Ave. Motors***

***E&K Electromechanics***

***East Side Collision Center, Inc.***

***Edgewood Service***

***Elmwood Auto Service***

***Ercilio's Electro Auto***

***Funes Auto***

***\*Gershkoff Auto Body***

***Glass America***

***Ideal Auto Body***

***Interstate Auto Repair, LLC.***

***Interstate Repair Services***

***James A. Clark Inc. d/b/a Harold Crooks Garage***

***JD Byrider***

***J&S Auto II d/b/a Royle Auto Repair***

***Joe & Son's Service***

***Josy Auto Repair***

***Kayros Auto Tech***

***Knightsville Service Center***

***LaSalle Auto***

***MAACO***

***Manny & Son Auto Repair***

***M. C. LLC. d/b/a Jiffy Lube #673***

***Miracle Auto Sales***

***Oaklawn Auto Service***

***Oil & Grease on Wheels***

***Park Avenue Auto Sales***

***Passport Auto Body***

***Passport Automotive Group***

***Pawtuxet Sunoco***

140 Farmington Ave.

131 Fletcher Ave.

510 Atwood Ave.

21 Calef St.

364 Wellington Ave.

971 Cranston St.

226 Warwick Ave.

1152 Park Ave.

30 Walnut Grove Ave.

1300 Park Ave.

50 Libera St.

265 Station St.

454 Dyer Ave.

298 Montgomery Ave.

2050 Plainfield Pike

1647 Broad St.

71 Glen Rd.

173 Niantic Ave.

36 Dewey St.

1085 Cranston St.

140 Comstock Pkwy.

1398 Park Ave.

1163 Cranston St.

1400 Cranston St.

10 Gansett Ave.

615 Reservoir Ave.

899 Pontiac Ave.

855 Atwood Ave.

1640 Elmwood Ave.

529 Dyer Ave.

1487 Park Ave.

492 Reservoir Ave.

1452 Park Ave.

391 Dyer Ave.

1440 Park Ave.

580 Reservoir Ave.

975 Oaklawn Ave.

154 Fletcher Ave.

716 Park Ave.

55 Budlong Rd.

85 Budlong Rd.

2175 Broad St.



**AUTO REPAIR LICENSES (Cont.)**

<i>Perry Bros. Auto</i>	460 Atwood Ave.
<i>Phoenix Truck &amp; Auto</i>	86 Calder St.
<i>Pontiac Service Center</i>	734 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Power Products Systems</i>	1 Southern Industrial Dr.
<i>*Precision Collision</i>	350 Wellington Ave.
<i>R&amp;R Auto Repair</i>	125 Niantic Ave.
<i>R&amp;S Automotive Inc. d/b/a R &amp; S Auto</i>	266 Park Ave.
<i>R&amp;S Auto</i>	1650 Cranston St.
<i>Ramoncito Auto Imports Solutions</i>	19-21 Calef St.
<i>Royal Repairs, Inc. d/b/a Midas</i>	525 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Rolando Catalan d/b/a Stamas Auto &amp; Truck</i>	1045 Cranston St.
<i>Safeway Oil Change &amp; Automotive Services</i>	380 Atwood Ave.
<i>Sam's Auto Group</i>	936 Cranston St.
<i>Spring Green Auto</i>	1664 Elmwood Ave.
<i>Steven's Auto Service</i>	90 Libera St.
<i>Tasca Automotive Group</i>	1300 Pontiac Ave
<i>The Car Lot, Inc.</i>	441 Dyer Ave.
<i>Toups Auto</i>	1478 Elmwood Ave.
<i>Ultra Motor Car</i>	446 Dyer Ave.
<i>Valley Auto</i>	9 Cory Ave.
<i>Vang Auto</i>	750 Park Ave.
<i>Volare Motors</i>	1003 Park Ave.
<i>Woodward's Auto Spring Shop</i>	8 & 9 Cutting Ave.
<i>Zink's Auto Sales</i>	550 Atwood Ave.

**BILLIARDS TABLE LICENSE (vote will be taken)**

<i>Pawtuxet Athletic Club</i>	12 Aborn St.
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**CANDLE LIGHT PROCESSION LICENSE (vote will be taken)**

<i>St. Mary's Feast Society (Date: 7/16/21)</i>	15 Phenix Ave.
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**CARNIVAL LICENSE (vote will be taken)**

<i>St. Mary's Feast Society (Dates: 7/14-7/18/21)</i>	15 Phenix Ave.
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**FIREARMS DEALER LICENSE (votes will be taken)**

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

**FIREWORKS LICENSE (vote will be taken)**

<i>St. Mary's Feast Society (Date: 7/18/21)</i>	15 Phenix Ave.
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**PARADE LICENSE (vote will be taken)**

<i>St. Mary's Feast Society (Date: 7/18/21)</i>	15 Phenix Ave.
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**ROAD RACE LICENSE** *(vote will be taken)*  
**St. Mary's Feast Society** (Date: 7/17/21)

15 Phenix Ave.

**PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE** *(vote will be taken)*  
**Ronald DeLalla** #501

131 Blackamore Ave.

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

### **VIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES**

***RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET*** – *(vote will be taken to accept list of events)*

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to accept this monthly schedule. Motion passed unanimously.

### **IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **INFORMATIONAL ONLY-AUTO REPAIR LICENSE**

**\*Gershkoff Auto Body-new owner** *(No vote will be taken)*  
Robert Legault  
No action needed.

1085 Cranston St.

**\*J&S Auto Repair II d/b/a Royle Auto Repair-new dba name**  
Joseph Hoyle *(No vote will be taken)*

899 Pontiac Ave.

No action needed.

**\*Precision Collision-new owner** *(No vote will be taken)*  
Corey Smith

350 Wellington Ave.

No action needed.

- **COVID-19 EVENTS**

**Rhodes on the Pawtuxet** *((vote to be taken to Ratify the Action)*  
RI Republicans –GOP Meeting (Date: May 24, 2021 at 6:30pm)  
*\*Per DBR/Franklin Paulino, no Covid plan needed after May 21<sup>st</sup>*

@ Rhodes Place

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

- **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **Mega Disposal** 19 Industrial Way, Seekonk, MA 02771
- 5/7/2021 received \$800.00 Violation payment received by Clerk's Office regarding Waste Connections noise violation on 3/5 and 3/8/2021 (*No vote will be taken*)

No action needed.

- **PRESENTATION**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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