

(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 2, 2022 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by the Chair.

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

Also Present: Councilwoman Jessica M. Marino
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
David Dimaio, City Council Budget Analyst
Rosalba Zanni, Acting City Clerk
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes to the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE - RENEWAL

CVS Pharmacy #5868

(No Show- Cont. from 3/7/22 & 4/4/22)

1776 Broad St.

Kathy Dailey, 182 Arnold Ave., appeared to speak and stated that at the last meeting, no one appeared from CVS, but she presented a petition and photos of the condition of the parking lot. Since then, the parking lot is being cleaned since they have started their normal cleanup for the season, although, there is trash all under the bushes again and cigarette butts everywhere.

The issue is it appears from October to April, there is no one picking up the trash from the parking lot. This needs to be done on a daily basis. The other issue is the time. They are now open on Fridays and Saturdays until 11 pm when they made a deal with the neighbors that they would close at 10 pm and lights off at 10:30 pm. She is requesting that that continue.

Jarrod Nedvidik, 125 Camden Lane, Cranston, appeared to speak as the District Leader of CVS and stated that as to the hours, they had extended the hours for Fridays and Saturdays because of sales doing well. Once Councilwoman Vargas got in touch with the store, they immediately took care of it. This is not an issue anymore effective as of March and will close at 10 pm Fridays and Saturdays.

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

Under Discussion:

Mr. Nedvidik addressed the trash issue and stated that he did get the parking lot cleaned up. He is working with the Facilities Department to get someone out there at least every other week to make sure the area is cleaned. He also stated that there is a fence in the area that is broken and it will be fixed, which that should alleviate a lot of the trash problems.

Councilwoman Vargas suggested bringing CVS back before the Committee in two months to see how the trash issue is going in that area.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to approve this license renewal application subject to agreed upon by CVS to closing time of 10 pm and applicant is to appear before the Committee in two months to address status of the trash issue. Motion passed unanimously.

ROAD RACE LICENSE

Ragnar Events, LLC

5570 West 1730 South.

(No Show- Cont. from 3/7/22 & 4/4/22)

(Amber Sadlier) (Attending by Zoom-out of state) (May 20-21 8:30pm-2:00pm)

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Councilman Reilly, it was voted to approve this license application pending Police detail and Police approval.

Under Discussion:

Amber Sadlier, Senior Race Director with Ragnar Events, 5570 West 1730 South, Salt Lake City, Utah, appeared to speak via Zoom and explained the event.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS and/ or NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

None.

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ADVERTISED MATTERS

SECONDHAND LICESNE – NEW

Golden Era Classics

695 Oaklawn Ave.

(New Application) (Casey Hanrahan)

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

Under Discussion:

Casey Hanrahan appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Wednesdays thru Saturdays 11-6 and Sundays 12-5. No one appeared to oppose.

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

B. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE – NEW

A.I. Catering & Vending LLC d/b/a Alien Ice Cream

35 Pine Hill Rd.

(New Application) (Shawn Marcoux)

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

Under Discussion:

Shawn Marcoux appeared to speak and stated that they serve schools and food truck events. No one appeared to oppose.

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

Everything “AN” Food Truck and Catering LLC

49 Ada St.

(New Application) (Christina Lemelin)

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

Under Discussion:

Christina Lemelin appeared to speak and stated that this is for the Mulligan’s Island event and they serve different types of foods. No one appeared to oppose.

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

***M&M Food Services d/b/a Atomic Burger
(New Application) (Kevin Millonzi)***

11 Curson St.

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

Under Discussion:

Kevin Millonzi appeared to speak and stated that this is for the Mulligan's Island event. No one appeared to oppose.

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

***Sarcastic Sweets LLC
(New Application) (Nina Reed)***

184 Taunton Ave.

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

Under Discussion:

Nina Reed appeared to speak and stated that this is for the Mulligan's Island event. No one appeared to oppose.

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

***PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE – NEW
Basta on Broad
(Permission to expand to outdoor entertainment on 6/11/22)***

2195 Broad St.

Donna DeBlasio, 15 Woodbury Rd., appeared to speak and presented a handout.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to accept the handout presented by Ms. DeBlasio. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. DeBlasio stated that she was never notified in writing of this meeting and she lives directly behind the parking lot. A neighbor, who is out of town, told her about this meeting. Her biggest issue is not only this day, but it is what is going on in general in the Village with this business. When the neighbors came before the Council a few years ago, they were told Basta would have 40 outdoor seats, which they argued with the neighbors that night that they had had outdoor seating prior, which she grew up in the Village and her husband was a Policeman in the Village, and there was never any outdoor seating for this restaurant. They told the neighbors there would be 40 seats, there are 60 seats. It is getting beyond ridiculous. The neighbors were told that they would close at 9-9:30 the latest. They are hearing garbage up until 11-11:30 dragging across the parking lot. The neighbors are tired of the noise, they are tired of the drinking and the conversations getting louder.

Solicitor stated that this applicant is only before the Committee for a very specific issue, namely the event taking place. This is evolving into a sort of de facto show cause hearing. If there are other complaints, those have to be taken up in a different forum and in a different manner than this. This hearing is for a specific event for one night. The comments should really be directed toward that issue and not just the general objection to what is going on at Basta on a daily and nightly basis. It is just improper to have all these comments coming in because it really does not pertain to what is pending before the Committee right now.

Ms. DeBlasio stated that she has been trying to reach out to her Council person, but have not received response or they would have had this on the docket and hopefully had solved this issue before this meeting. This is the first time the neighbors are hearing about this happening on the 11th. To ask the neighborhood to put up with this music and this noise which starts on Gaspee Day at 7 am in the parking lot next to them and then the neighbors have issue now that they want to be out there until 11:30 at night. How are the neighbors supposed to sleep? They have to close their windows. It is out of control and the neighbors need help and they are asking for help. The neighbors do not want this event.

Chair asked Clerk to confirm the date of the event. Clerk stated that the letter that was submitted states June 11th. She also stated that she believes the applicant had called the Clerk's Office indicating a typo and the date should be June 10th, but deferred to the applicant.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Council President Paplauskas, it was voted to approve this request for this event.

Under Discussion:

Alexander Guarino, 2195 Broad St., appeared to speak and stated that the application was originally made for the 11th, but there was a typo and it should be June 10th, but everything else is the same.

Chair asked Solicitor if notices that went out to neighbors with the incorrect date, where does that leave us now? Solicitor stated that he does not believe it would be an issue. This seems to be a demi mis change and it seems that everything else is identical. Everyone has been on notice of tonight's hearing and anyone who wanted to object can certainly object. He stated that if the Committee is of the mind to do it, he thinks it would be perfectly acceptable to allow the applicant to orally amend the application if the Committee feels that that is appropriate. He does not see any legal impediments, but if the Committee is of the mind to allow him to do that, then do it by vote so that the motion would be a motion to allow the applicant to orally amend the application, taking a vote on it assuming it passes. He does not see any problems in terms of notice and Open Meetings.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to allow applicant to orally amend the application at this time. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Vargas asked Solicitor if there is a radius of abutting property owners that would receive notification for public event or this type of event. Solicitor stated that the only requirement he is aware of is a Site Plan has to be submitted and Police notified.

Clerk indicated that the Clerk's Office did notify the residents within 400' radius of the hearing. Solicitor stated that he believes he may stand corrected.

Councilwoman Vargas asked if the address given by Ms. DeBlasio of Woodbury Rd. is part of that notification. Clerk stated that Woodbury Rd. is on the list and residents were notified and notice was dated April 12th.

Councilwoman Vargas asked applicant what time the band is going to play. Mr. Guarino stated that the band will play continuous starting at approximately 5 pm. he noted that the last time he appeared before this Committee to request a similar approval was seven years ago for their 25th anniversary. It was the exact same format and same hours and it went off without any issues. They paid for Police detail to be present and he is happy to do that again. Councilwoman Vargas asked Ms. Guarino if he would consider instead of having the band play until 11:30, stop earlier. Mr. Guarino stated, yes, he did mention that when they did this seven years go, it was very peaceful with no problems and the Police record would support that, however, if they had to cut back by an hour, he asked to be allowed to have low speaker music instead of an actual performed music. That would cut it down and then at 11:30 they are done. Councilwoman Vargas asked Mr. Guarino if he would consider 10 pm versus band playing until 11:30. Mr. Guarino stated that he would be happy to go to 10:30 as a compromise if that is acceptable.

Council President Paplauskas stated that he will support the application as presented. He realizes that it may bring some inconvenience to the neighborhood at times, but it is the 250th anniversary of Gaspee.

On motion by Councilwoman Vargas, seconded by Councilman Reilly, it was voted to approve this request for the event from 5-10:30 with live band and with the music on the speaker ending at 11:30, Police detail Officer and adding shuttle drop off pulling into Broad St. side versus Woodbury area. Motion passed unanimously.

VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW
Green Life Nutrition
(New Application) (Rosendo Pablo)

1267 Cranston St.

No one appeared to speak.

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

*Think Tea LLC d/b/a Gong Cha
(New Application) (Hank Seing Yan)*

40 Sockanosset Cross Rd.

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

Under Discussion:

Hank Seing Yan appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 11-9. No one appeared to oppose.

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

III. TRAFFIC ENGINEER

No Business.

IV. SHOW CAUSE

No Business.

V. POLICE DEPARTMENT

No Business.

VI. FIRE DEPARTMENT

No Business.

VII. LICENSE RENEWALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

19 HOUR ALCOHOL LICENSE

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church (May 7, 2022 8pm-1am) 175 Oaklawn Ave.

AMUSEMNT MACHINE LICENSE

*Legion Bowl & Billiards
Miller's Crossing*

*661 Park Ave.
43 Bald Hill*

AUTO REPAIR LICENSE

*Airport Auto Radiator d/b/a/ Ranaldi Motors
American AutoBody
American Performance Petroleum
Andy's East Coast Speed
Arlington Auto Body*

*598 Atwood Ave.
1006 Cranston St.
964 Cranston St.
1528 Elmwood Ave.
1211 Cranston St.*

<i>Balasco's Garage</i>	<i>1850 Cranston St.</i>
<i>Bautista Auto Repair</i>	<i>107 Fletcher Ave.</i>
<i>CarMax Auto Super Stores, Inc.</i>	<i>153 Baldhill Rd.</i>
<i>Chestnut Hill Truck and Auto Sales LLC</i>	<i>21 Calef St.</i>
<i>Clarks Auto</i>	<i>364 Wellington Ave.</i>
<i>Conti's Service</i>	<i>226 Warwick Ave.</i>
<i>Cranston Auto Ignition Sales & Services</i>	<i>1152 Park Ave.</i>
<i>Dino's Service Center, LLC</i>	<i>265 Station St.</i>
<i>Edgewood Service</i>	<i>1647 Broad St.</i>
<i>Elmwood Auto Service</i>	<i>71 Glen Rd.</i>
<i>Glass America</i>	<i>140 Comstock Pkwy.</i>
<i>Ideal Auto Body</i>	<i>1398 Park Ave.</i>
<i>J.D. Byrider</i>	<i>615 Reservoir Ave.</i>
<i>Knightsville Service Center</i>	<i>1487 Park Ave.</i>
<i>Maaco</i>	<i>1452 Park Ave.</i>
<i>Passport Auto Group</i>	<i>55 Budlong Rd.</i>
<i>Passport Automotive Group</i>	<i>85 Budlong Rd.</i>
<i>Pawtuxet Sunoco</i>	<i>2175 Broad St.</i>
<i>Phenix Truck and Auto</i>	<i>86 Calder St.</i>
<i>Pontiac Service Center</i>	<i>734 Pontiac Ave.</i>
<i>Power Products</i>	<i>1 Southern Industrial Dr.</i>
<i>R&R Auto Repair</i>	<i>125 Niantic Ave.</i>
<i>R&S Auto Sales</i>	<i>266 Park Ave.</i>
<i>Stamas Auto and Truck</i>	<i>1045 Cranston St.</i>
<i>Steven's Auto Services</i>	<i>90 Libera St. Unit 2</i>
<i>Spring Green Auto</i>	<i>1664 Elmwood Ave.</i>
<i>Tasca Automotive Group</i>	<i>1300 Pontiac Ave.</i>
<i>Ultra Motor Car, Inc. d/b/a Fleet Auto Body</i>	<i>446 Dyer Ave.</i>
<i>Ultra Motor Car, Inc. d/b/a Gershkoff Auto Body</i>	<i>1085 Cranston St.</i>

BAZAAR LICENSE

<i>St. Mary's Ladies Aux (May 21, 2022 9am-3pm)</i>	<i>15 Phenix Ave.</i>
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BILLIARD TABLE LICENSE

<i>Pawtuxet Athletic Club</i>	<i>12 Aborn St.</i>
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BUSINESS IN TEMPORARY STRUCTURE LICENSE

<i>CCAP One Cranston Health Equity Zone Farmers Market (July 1, 2022- October 31, 2022)</i>	<i>@Bain Track</i>
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<i>Pawtuxet Village Farmers Market (May 2022- October 2022)</i>	<i>60 Rhodes Place</i>
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EXTENDED HOURS LICENSE

Dunkin Donuts

630 Reservoir Ave.

FIREWORKS VENDOR LICENSE

CVS Pharmacy #0212

681 Reservoir Ave.

CVS Pharmacy #0469

1188 Pontiac Ave.

CVS Pharmacy #1414

1195 Oaklawn Ave.

CVS Pharmacy #2021

205 Atwood Ave.

Dollar Tree #1599

1400 Oaklawn Ave.

Dollar Tree #1794

252 Garfield Ave.

Dollar Tree #4792

1776 Plainfield Pike.

Lowe's Home Improvement #1505

247 Garfield Ave.

Price Rite #0372

1415 Elmwood Ave.

Shaw's #0625

8 Chapel View Blvd.

Walmart #1873

1776 Plainfield Pike.

Moon Market

1478 Park Ave.

Moon Market

579 Reservoir Ave.

HOLIDAY SALES

Anthropologie

56 Hillside Rd.

Party City

162 Hillside Rd.

Pet Supplies Plus #9005

171 Sockanosset Cross Rd.

MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE

Therapeutic Massage with Cheryl McGuinness

100 Midway Rd.

MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE

GottaQ Brands LLC d/b/a GottaQ BBQ

2000 Mendon Rd.

Pacos Tacos Mexicali LLC d/b/a Rara's Surf Shack

303 Main Ave.

R.P. Winkelton, Inc. d/b/a Sunnyside on the Street

1435 Iron Mine Hill Rd.

The Hot Potato

34 Midland Dr.

PARADE LICENSE

Gaspee Day Committee (June 11, 2022)

@Pilgrim Station

PEDDLERS LICENSE

Northeast Novelty (June 11, 2022)

@Gaspee Day Parade

(Robin Levasseur)

Northeast Novelty (June 11, 2022)

@Gaspee Day Parade

(Susan Arruda Fidalgo)

ROAD RACE LICENSE

Gaspee Day Committee (June 11, 2022)

@Pilgrim Station

SECONDHAND LICENSE

Village Art & Antiques

2145 Broad St.

VICTUALLING LICENSE

*CCAP One Cranston Health Equity Zone Farmers Market
Pacos Tacos Mexicali LLC d/b/a Rara's Surf Shack*

*@Bain Track
100 East St.*

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Council President Paplauskas, it was voted to take all the license renewal applications as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

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

VIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to accept the list of events. Motion passed unanimously.

CRANSTON STADIUM

None.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

TEMPORARY OUTDOOR EXPANSION OF PREMISES

*GCC Wine and Beer Garden –
(See attached letter with dates)*

@Garden City Center

No action needed.

PVDiet

(See attached letter)

1033 Narragansett Blvd.

No action needed.

- **PRESENTATION**

None.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

/s/ Rosalba Zanni
Acting City Clerk