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SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, October 3, 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: Councilman Richard D. Campopiano
Councilwoman Aniece Germain
Councilwoman Lammis J. Vargas (appeared at 6:12 p.m.)
Council Vice-President Robert J. Ferri
Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli, Chair
Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas

Absent: Councilman Matthew R. Reilly, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Councilwoman Jessica M. Marino
Councilman John P. Donegan
Anthony Moretti, Chief of Staff
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
Major Robert Quirk, Police Department
Captain Gerard Carnevale, Police Department
Stephen Angell, City Council Legal Counsel (appeared via Zoom)
David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst
Rosalba Zanni, Acting City Clerk
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2002 and September 12, 2022 meetings and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

VICTUALLING LICENSE
Café Ava (Cont. from 9/12/22 SSM)

48B Rolfe Sq.

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

Under Discussion:

Derek Cabrera and **Andrea Moreno** appeared to speak.

Ms. Moreno stated that this will be a Latin Hispanic-based Café and the hours of operation will be Tuesdays thru Fridays 7-3 and weekends 8-2 to start.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

Diner on Dyer (George Sepulveda) – Ratification

877 Dyer Ave.

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

Under Discussion:

George Spedulveda appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Wednesdays thru Sundays 7-3 and it will a mix of Italian and Spanish food.

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

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE – Renewal

<i>A&T Casali Liquor, Inc. d/b/a A&T Casali Discount Liquors</i>	1776B Cranston St.
<i>Aum Shakti, Inc. d/b/a Cranston Liquors</i>	1219 Cranston St.
<i>Edgewood Liquors, Inc.</i>	1992 Broad St.
<i>Em’s Liquor Store d/b/a Em’s Liquor Store</i>	1285 Park Ave, Unit C
<i>Jay Goga, Inc. d/b/a Capital Liquors</i>	811 Park Ave.
<i>J&J Gasbarro Oaklawn Liquors, Inc.</i>	985 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Not Fade Away, Inc. d/b/a Alpine Wine & Spirits</i>	1 Starline Way.
<i>Reservoir Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Heritage Liquors</i>	59 Reservoir Ave.
<i>The Wine & Liquor Company d/b/a Christy’s Liquor</i>	1350 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>VIPRA, Inc. d/b/a Morins Liquor Store</i>	1621 Elmwood Ave.

On motion by Councilman Campopiano, seconded by Council President Paplauskas, it was voted to take all the license renewal applications as a block except for The Wine & Liquor Co., d/b/a Christy’s Liquor. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Council Vice-President Ferri, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license renewal applications as a block except for The Wine & Liquor Co., d/b/a Christy's Liquor. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor indicated to the application for The Wine & Liquor Co., d/b/a Christy's Liquor and stated that this Committee has on a yearly basis renewed their application and also renewed it last year. Between then and now, an objection was made by some other businesses in the City with regards to that renewal. The Case went to DBR and second stage of Appeal is now in Superior Court. That renewal is being challenged in Superior Court and we are awaiting a decision by a Superior Court Judge. Solicitor suggested that this Committee vote to approve the renewal of the license, but subject to any Judgment from Superior Court

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to approve the renewal application for The Wine & Liquor Co., d/b/a Christy's Liquor subject o approval and Superior Court action.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Donegan asked if Superior Court were to say that the renewal is not valid, how would that impact tonight's vote? Solicitor stated that if Superior Court rules that the renewal from last year is invalid, then it becomes invalid regardless of what the Committee did this evening. The reason he is asking for conditional approval is because if the Committee does not approve it tonight and the Superior Court upholds it, that leaves them in a lurch because the only thing Superior Court is ruling on is the validity of last year's renewal. If this is not renewed tonight, then they are not going to be able to operate without coming back to this Committee for approval.

Councilwoman Germain asked if we have to do anything as a City in this litigation. Solicitor stated that he is representing the City at DBR as well as the Superior Court and The Wine & Liquor Co. has their own attorney that is representing them. Councilwoman Germain asked if we need an Executive Session to go into detail of what happened. Solicitor stated that it would be appropriate to do it in Executive Session if there are questions. Councilwoman Germain asked if an Executive Session can be scheduled to discuss the situation for this license.

Chair asked Clerk to add this in Executive Session to discuss The Wine & Liquor Co. situation to the next month's agenda.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve the renewal application for The Wine & Liquor Co., d/b/a Christy's Liquor subject to approval and Superior Court action. Motion passed unanimously.

CLASS AS LIQUOR LICENSE – Renewal
Tally's

1150 Pontiac Ave.

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

CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE – Renewal

<i>401 Night Life LLC d/b/a Pregame Lounge</i>	349 Dyer Ave.
<i>99 West, LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Lounge</i>	1171 New London Ave.
<i>Amedeo Restaurant & Lounge</i>	1492 Park Ave.
<i>AMF Bowling Centers, Inc. d/b/a Bowlero Cranston</i>	1450 Elmwood Ave.
<i>Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza</i>	220 Hillside Rd.
<i>Antonio's Restaurant</i>	1710 Cranston St.
<i>Apple New England, LLC</i>	
<i>d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Gril & Bar</i>	24 Midway Rd.
<i>Argento Restaurants, LLC d/b/a Bettola</i>	42-44 Rolfe Sq.
<i>Asia Grille GC, LLC d/b/a Asia Grille</i>	140 Hillside Rd.
<i>Avery PTX, LLC d/b/a PTX Lounge</i>	2192 Broad St.
<i>Caffe Itri, Inc. d/b/a Caffe Itri</i>	1636 Cranston St.
<i>CCC, Inc. d/b/a Cranston Country Club</i>	69 Burlingame Rd.
<i>Chelo's Beef Hearth of Cranston, Inc. d/b/a Chelo's</i>	1275 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC</i>	87 Hillside Rd.
<i>d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill #1371</i>	
<i>Cigar World LLC</i>	686 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Fellini Pizzeria</i>	2190 Broad St.
<i>First Shot LLC d/b/a Knightsville Pub</i>	1669 Cranston St.
<i>Franco Bros d/b/a Nino's Pizza</i>	500 Atwood Ave.
<i>G&P Food Service, Inc. d/b/a The Big Cheese</i>	606 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Ichiban Corporation d/b/a Ichiban Restaurant</i>	146 Gansett Ave.
<i>Kelley Gazzerro VFW Post #2812</i>	1418 Plainfield Pike
<i>LSF Cranston, LLC d/b/a Legal Sea Foods</i>	175 Hillside Rd.
<i>Maceras Italian Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Maceras Italian Rest.</i>	957 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Marchetti's Restaurant</i>	1463 Park Ave.
<i>Night Owl Restaurant Group LLC d/b/a Basta on Broad</i>	2195 Broad St.
<i>Ocean Island, Inc. d/b/a China Dynasty</i>	400 Atwood Ave.
<i>Papa Razzi Cranston, Inc. d/b/a Avvio</i>	90 Hillside Rd.
<i>PJs Pub LLC d/b/a PJs Pub</i>	1139 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Red Lounge Restaurant LLC d/b/a Red Lounge</i>	355 Dyer Ave.
<i>Rhode Island Shriners Club</i>	1 Rhodes Place.
<i>Richie, Inc. d/b/a El Tapatio</i>	1045 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Royal Buffet & Grill, Inc. d/b/a Royal Buffet & Grill</i>	272 Garfield Ave.
<i>Spain III, Inc. d/b/a Spain Restaurant</i>	1073 Reservoir Ave.
<i>T's Restaurant</i>	1059 Park Ave.
<i>Ted's Stadium Pub</i>	1145 Park Ave.
<i>The Gentleman LLC d/b/a The Gentleman</i>	100 East St.
<i>Tommy's Pizza Too d/b/a Tommy's Fine Italian Food</i>	870 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Touch Me Lounge, LLC</i>	961 Dyer Ave.
<i>Twin Oaks, Inc. d/b/a Twin Oaks Restaurant</i>	100 Sabra St.
<i>Yuang Hing Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Young Sing</i>	192 Gansett Ave.

Council President Paplauskas stated that he will be recusing from voting on the license renewal application for Tommy's Pizza Too d/b/a Tommy's Fine Italian Food.

On motion by Councilman Campopiano, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to take all the license renewal applications as a block except for Tommy's Pizza Too d/b/a Tommy's Fine Italian Food. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license renewal applications as a block except for Tommy's Pizza Too d/b/a Tommy's Fine Italian Food. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Council Vice-President Ferri, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to approve the license renewal application for Tommy's Pizza Too d/b/a Tommy's Fine Italian Food. Motion passed on a vote of 5-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwomen Germain, Vargas, Councilman Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Councilwoman Renzulli -5. Council President Paplauskas recused.

CLASS BVL LIQUOR LICENSE – Renewal

<i>Baja's Fresh Grill</i>	624 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Gateways to Change, Inc. d/b/a Artists' Exchange, Theatre 82</i>	82 Rolfe Square
<i>Hong Kong Buffet, Inc.</i>	1776 Cranston St.
<i>Michael- John Culinary Affair, Inc. d/b/a Culinary Affair</i>	650 Oaklawn Ave.

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

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

CLASS D LIQUOR LICENSE - Renewal

<i>Columbian Realty Corp d/b/a Knights of Columbus</i>	70 Pattaconsett Ave.
<i>Laurel Hill Social & Athletic Club</i>	49 Governor Street
<i>Nelson Mack VFW 4651</i>	7 Haven Ave.
<i>Pawtuxet Athletic Club</i>	12 Aborn St.
<i>Rhode Island Yacht Club</i>	1 Ocean Ave.

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

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

B. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

19-HOUR BV ALCOHOL LICENSE

RI Aviation Hall of Fame (Frank Lennon)
(11/19/22 5:00pm-10:00pm)

2115 Broad St.

Frank Lennon, 37 Cathedral Ave., Providence, President of RI Aviation Hall of Fame, appeared to speak.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

VICTUALLING LICENSE

Boba Lova Tea & Snack Bar (Soeuth Ky)

1375 Park Ave.

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

Under Discussion:

Soeuth Ky appeared to speak and stated hours of operation will be Mondays thru Fridays 12-8 and weekends 10-8.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

Oriental Taste RI, Inc. (Guanglin Yan) (New Owner)

2244 Plainfield Pike.

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

Under Discussion:

Guanglin Yan appeared to speak and Bilin Li appeared to translate for applicant and stated that hours of operation will be Mondays thru Fridays and weekends 11-10.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

III. TRAFFIC ENGINEER

- ***Traffic Safety - Traffic Engineer, Stephen Mulcahy (Councilwoman Renzulli and Councilman Reilly)***

Chair asked Stephen Mulcahy, City's Traffic Engineer, to address the Committee and state what his office does about traffic safety.

Mr. Mulcahy stated that regarding traffic safety, as traffic proposals are referred to the Ordinance Committee, that is when he receives them in which case, by Charter, he is given 60 days to prepare an analysis or traffic report. He undertakes that process using Engineering judgment, looking at the site, looking at traffic data, looking at crash data and looking at the

appropriateness of the proposal based on the principles that are laid out by the Federal Highway Administration under the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Once that report is prepared, he ultimately gives a recommendation in the report as to whether to approve or not to approve the proposed traffic Ordinance.

Chair asked Mr. Mulcahy if he was the Traffic Engineer in the past when the Traffic Safety Commission was activated. She believes the last meeting took place in 2015. Mr. Mulcahy stated, yes, he was. Chair asked if that Commission held up to what he had to do. Mr. Mulcahy stated that in his tenure he was not even aware that there was a formulation of the Commission.

Councilman Donegan asked Mr. Mulcahy what proactive measures we can take as a City to make it safer not just for vehicles but also for those that get around both for recreation and work on bike, in buses or by foot. Mr. Mulcahy stated that he would guess that that is a great challenge for probably just most jurisdictions in the US and probably other countries too. He thinks it comes down to human behavior and personal responsibility. There is only so much that we can do. In the City of Cranston there is an overuse of Stop controls on residential streets. The problem with overusing a control like that is that it tends to generate disrespect for the signs. It is the misuse of these traffic controls that tends to be problematic. As to how we can make the streets safer, there are all kinds of suggestions of things like speed bumps, all of which in theory may be nice, but in practicality, especially in a region like ours, where we have to deal with snow, is one of the biggest issues and emergency services are dramatically slowed. It comes down to the question of changing behavior and, unfortunately, a sign does not change irresponsible behavior. Councilman Donegan stated that Hope St. in Providence right now is implementing temporary bike lanes. He asked if that is something that we can explore doing in Cranston to make bike infrastructure more readily accessible for people that do not use a vehicle to get to work or for a primary mode of transportation. Mr. Mulcahy stated that given the age of the City, in many cases we do not have the roadway geometry or the appropriate geometry to be able to facilitate dedicated bike lanes. He understands Providence is experimenting with a lot of these things. He also understands there is a good amount of pushback of what they are proposing. He does not know all the specifics so he can't really speak to it, but it is evident that there is a lot of pushback from businesses and other motorists. In the areas where we can do it, we have done it. We have done some road diving Narragansett Boulevard and Norwood Ave., but at some point, you run out of place to connect. He does not think there is a whole lot of places where bike lanes or dedicated bike lanes can be incorporated. Councilman Donegan stated that he thinks that in a lot of cities some of the issues we face is development and sprawl and at overdependence and planning. When we do so much of our planning work, it is centered on vehicles and parking and traffic, vehicular traffic and if Planning and Economic Development talk to one another to create cities that are not only better, he thinks for all of our safety, makes it more equitable for transportation, but it is also better for the environment. Those are long-term systemic changes and approaches that we can take to make our streets safer and make our cities healthier.

Chair asked if the makeup of the Traffic Safety Commission, established by former Councilman Santamaria, has the skills or expertise or training to properly make recommendations to this Council or Administration on speeding mitigation tools. Mr. Mulcahy

stated that he does not see where the makeup speaks to qualifications of the individual members so if they were just more uninformed members of the Commission, then he is not sure what purpose that would serve. He gives recommendations in a formalized report to the Council and on many occasions they do not adhere to the recommendation so he is not sure what purpose it would serve to have more people.

Director Moretti thanked Mr. Mulcahy on behalf of the Administration for being present this evening. He stated that he does a very diligent job and anytime he has recommendations, he is extremely thoughtful and he is looking for compliance with National Standards and what is best for the City of Cranston. The Administration would urge deeper consideration when he submits his reports and his recommendations to some of the proposed Ordinances. As to the speeding issues, since the Hopkins Administration took over, traffic safety concerns, particularly speeding, has been called to our attention and to various Council persons. The Administration does follow-up with the concerns that are registered and sent to the Police Department and Captain Carnevale and Major Quirk are present this evening and can expand on that, but we respond to each and every one of them. For those concerns that the Police feel are credible, they will install diagnostic cameras and in a year and $\frac{3}{4}$ he is not sure if any results have come back where there is any substantial speeding that has been taking place, which is a good thing. Certainly it is the Council's authority to get a Traffic Safety Commission going, but he thinks it would slow down the responsiveness that the Administration and for the City Council in acting upon their concerns.

Councilman Donegan asked how the convening of the Traffic Safety Commission would slow anything down for the Administration. Director Moretti stated that he assumes that the Commission would be evaluating the complaints of what deserves attention probably to be whatever frequency it is going to be meeting so we would be anxious to see what the Commission would recommend and funnel to the Administration of where the areas of concern would be rather than responding on day to day basis or week by week basis.

Captain Carnevale appeared to speak and stated that the Traffic Safety Commission meetings used to take place once a month so you would get the information from the constituents, bring them to the Commission and they would meet to discuss it and then do something from there. It was way too time consuming. People should be calling the complaints to the Police Department rather than going through the Commission. It has been streamlined so much that now issues are addressed faster.

Council President Paplauskas stated that knowing that there was going to be discussion about the Traffic Safety Commission this evening, he went through the Code and found some other Commissions and Boards that do not meet or have not met. He thinks that at some point we need to look at all of them because a lot of them are defunct and not needed anymore.

Councilwoman Marino stated that she agrees with Council President Paplauskas and sees herself that there are a lot of Commissions that we do not need, but the Traffic Safety Commission, Council President specifically asked the Council to appoint someone in the

beginning of the current Council's term. That is why we all did it and we thought there was a need. It is unfortunate that it took us all this long to now come to light to have to say that we do not need the Commission. She does not disagree with the Administration and the Police Department's assessment as to what is needed with respect to whether or not this Board would be of assistance. It was created before most of us were on the Council, but she wants to make sure we are clear this is a whole different Commission compared to the other ones that have been mentioned.

Council President Paplauskas stated that he knows that back in the beginning of the term he certainly did ask for everyone to give names with the expectations of bringing this back, but two things happened: 1) we did not forward any work to the Commission to activate it to do anything and 2) once you get into the role as Council President, you learn a little bit more about what Mr. Mulcahy does and what the Traffic Division actually does very day at the Police Department. He knows that in the meantime, we are in very good hands and thanked Mr. Mulcahy as well as the Police Department and the Traffic Division.

Chair stated that she does think it is critically important that we cultivate citizen involvement with our local government and our decisions, but implementing these Commissions has to be done purposefully and for this Commission to write reports and study speed with nine residents who do not have the expertise in doing so, she thinks we would have to ask for money from the Administration, which we do not have, and unlike something like the Diversity Commission, we do have two departments between the Administration with Mr. Mulcahy and the Police Department who do take care of traffic. She personally did not call a meeting because she did not want to have any red tape or to slow down a process and within the Code it is different than other Advisory Commissions or groups where it does not say when or how many times a year such Committee should meet so it did not meet for four years before she was on the Council and everything seemed to be getting done so if someone wants to activate the Committee, they can chose to do so. She does not think we need to take it out of the Code because one day it might be necessary to have if things go differently, but for now, she is hearing from the Police and Administration and everyone else here that it is not necessary to meet for that purpose.

Chair asked Attorney Angell if we are in compliance as far as this Traffic Safety Commission goes for not being activated or how is it that he sees this legally if we are not going to activate it. Attorney Angell stated that he thinks Mr. Mulcahy made a very eloquent case that the Committee, such as it is, is superfluous and he thinks that the Police Department's testimony supports that.

Major Quirk appeared to speak and thanked Mr. Mulcahy. He stated that they have a great working relationship with his Office. As to the issues of speeding, the answer is more Police Officers. Still not going to have a Police Officer at every complaint paid an eight hour shift, but it is going to help the situation. Does he personally feel that a Traffic Commission would go ahead and help the speeding? No. He believes the process in effect now is streamlined perfectly.

IV. SHOW CAUSE

Food and Fuel (Cont. from 9/12/22)

837 Cranston St.

Mian Saleem, applicant, was present.

Solicitor stated that he spoke to Sergeant Sweeney this afternoon and she informed him that the subject of the Show Cause Hearing and his understanding is that there is a Municipal Court date set for October 28th and a proposal has been made by Solicitor Orton to resolve that part of the case and that concerns the violations that have accumulated over the past few months and his understanding is there is a proposed fine along with a suspension of the Tobacco License. Sergeant Sweeney and himself are in agreement that the best thing to do at this point is to ask the Committee to continue this to the November meeting so that we can see what transpired out of the Municipal Court proceeding.

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to continue this item to the November meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

V. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Traffic Safety (Councilwoman Renzulli and Council President Paplauskas)

Discussed earlier in the meeting under “Traffic Safety”.

VI. FIRE DEPARTMENT

No Business.

VII. LICENSE RENEWALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

19-HOUR ALCOHOL LICENSE

St. Mary’s School (12/3/22 6:00pm-9:00pm)

85 Chester Ave.

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

EXTENDED HOURS LICENSE

7 Eleven #33614D (24 Hours)

1394 Plainfield St.

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

PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE

Thomas Giorgio #324

780 Reservoir Ave.

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

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

401 Night Life LLC d/b/a Pregame Lounge

Amedeo Restaurant & Lounge

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Solicitor stated that he assumes that the Committee will take the Public Entertainment and Victualling License Renewals all as a block. He indicated that 401 Night Life d/d/a Pregame Lounge is listed on both of those lists. He stated that the Entertainment License was revoked by this Committee from a Show Cause Hearing this Committee had approximately 4-5 months ago. This should be taken out of the block and he is going to ask the committee to pull this out and asked the Clerk to place this on next month's calendar in Executive Session that is going to be scheduled with regards to The Wine & Liquor Co. because there are some things he needs to raise to the Committee of legal matters regarding Pregame Lounge.

Chair asked if the Administrative Hearing results ever took place. Solicitor stated, yes, and that is part of what he needs to discuss with the Committee. What DBR did was the Liquor License aspect of the hearing was held was heard on appeal by DBR who reinstated the Liquor License subject to conditions, then the Director slightly modified the ruling of the Hearing Officer. Solicitor stated that he would rather explain this to the Committee further in Executive Session. He indicated that Pregame Lounge is operating still, but do not have an Entertainment License.

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to take all the above-listed license renewal applications as a block except for 401 Night Life LLC d/b/a Pregame Lounge. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Campopiano, seconded by Council Vice-President Ferri, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license renewal applications as a block except for 401 Night Life LLC d/b/a Pregame Lounge. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Campopiano, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to continue the license renewal application for 401 Night Life, d/b/a Pregame Lounge. Motion passed unanimously.

2 Sista's Catering	39 Warwick Ave.
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VICTUALLING LICENSE (Cont.)

<i>Greater Providence Donuts LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts</i>	235 Atwood Ave.
<i>Green Life Nutrition</i>	1267 Cranston St.
<i>G&P Food Service, Inc. d/b/a The Big Cheese</i>	606 Reservoir Ave.
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<i>Hong Kong Buffet, Inc.</i>	1776 Cranston St.
<i>Ichiban Corporation d/b/a Ichiban Restaurant</i>	146 Gansett Ave.
<i>Latte Love Coffee</i>	11 Comstock Pkwy.
<i>LSF Cranston, LLC d/b/a Legal Sea Foods</i>	175 Hillside Rd.
<i>Lucy Juicy</i>	2180 Broad St.
<i>Macera's Italian Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Macera's Italian Rest.</i>	957 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Marchetti's Restaurant</i>	1463 Park Ave.
<i>Mega Solutions LLC d/b/a Piezoni's</i>	640 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Mesa Café and Grill</i>	100 Rolfe Square.
<i>Michael- John Culinary Affairs, Inc. d/b/a Culinary Affair</i>	650 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Mindful Nutrition Wellness Spa</i>	180 Gansett Ave.
<i>Minh Hai Restaurant</i>	1096 Park Ave.
<i>Nelson Mack VFW 4651</i>	7 Haven Ave.
<i>New York Style Pizza LLC</i>	152 Gansett Ave.
<i>Newport Creamery</i>	100 Hillside Rd.
<i>Night Owl Restaurant Group LLC d/b/a Basta on Broad</i>	2195 Broad St.
<i>Ocean Island, Inc. d/b/a China Dynasty</i>	400 Atwood Ave.
<i>Ocean State Market</i>	341 Dyer Ave.
<i>Panera Bread</i>	4000 Chapel View Blvd.
<i>Papa Razzi Cranston, Inc. d/b/a Avvio</i>	90 Hillside Rd.
<i>Papi's Tacos Express</i>	342 Budlong Rd.
<i>Papi's Tacos</i>	690 Oaklawn Ave Unit5
<i>Pawtuxet Village Café Corp. d/b/a Beans and Buns</i>	2166 Broad St.
<i>Pizza Fair</i>	685 Park Ave.
<i>PJs Pub LLC d/b/a PJs Pub</i>	1139 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Red Lounge Restaurant LLC d/b/a Red Lounge</i>	355 Dyer Ave.
<i>Rhode Island Shriners Club</i>	1 Rhodes Place.
<i>Rhode Island Yacht Club</i>	1 Ocean Ave.
<i>Richie, Inc. d/b/a El Tapatio</i>	1045 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Royal Buffet & Grill, Inc. d/b/a Royal Buffet & Grill</i>	272 Garfield Ave
<i>Shorty's</i>	876 Atwood Ave.
<i>Spain III, Inc. d/b/a Spain Restaurant</i>	1073 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Stadium Fish & Chips, Inc.</i>	1079 Park Ave.
<i>Starbucks Coffee #7355</i>	4 Midway Rd.
<i>Starbucks Coffee #49910</i>	1 Chapel View Blvd.
<i>Stykee's New York System</i>	1617 Elmwood Ave.
<i>T's Restaurant</i>	1059 Park Ave.
<i>Ted's Stadium Pub</i>	1145 Park Ave.
<i>The Gentleman LLC d/b/a The Gentleman</i>	100 East Street
<i>The Margot Group LLC d/b/a Goal Food</i>	800 Oaklawn Ave.

VICTUALLING LICENSE (Cont.)

Tommy's Pizza Too d/b/a Tommy's Fine Italian Food

Tony's Pizza Palace of Cranston, Inc.

Touch Me Lounge, LLC

Twin Oaks, Inc. d/b/a Twin Oaks Restaurant

Walmart #1873

Walt's Roast Beef

Wildcat Concessions (Jonson & Wales University)

Yuang Hing Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Young Sing

870 Oaklawn Ave.

531 Pontiac Ave.

961 Dyer Ave.

100 Sabra St.

1776 Plainfield Pike.

680 Reservoir Ave.

60 Harborside Blvd.

192 Gansett Ave.

Solicitor stated that 401 Night Light LLC d/b/a Pregame Lounge is listed in this block, however, there is not an issue with the Victualling License so the Committee can vote and renew that.

Council President Paplauskas stated that he will be recusing from voting on the license renewal application for Tommy's Pizza Too d/b/a Tommy's Fine Italian Food.

On motion by Councilman Campopiano, seconded by Council Vice-President Ferri, it was voted to take all the above-listed license renewal applications as a block except for Tommy's Pizza Too d/b/a Tommy's Fine Italian Food. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Council Vice-President Ferri, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license renewal applications as a block except for Tommy's Pizza Too d/b/a Tommy's Fine Italian Food. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Council Vice-President Ferri, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to approve the license renewal application for Tommy's Pizza Too d/b/a Tommy's Fine Italian Food. Motion passed on a vote of 5-0. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwomen Germain, Vargas, Councilman Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Councilwoman Renzulli -5. Council President Paplauskas recused.

VIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES

HISTORIC PARK THEATRE

None.

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to accept the list of events for Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. Motion passed unanimously.

CRANSTON STADIUM

None.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

GRAVEL BANK LICENSE

Request for extended hours from PJ Keating

Donna Corcoran, 15 Pine Hill Dr., appeared to speak and stated that she has lived at this address for 26 years and for all 26 years, they have lived with multiple owners of the Quarry and multiple issues with the Quarry and over the years she has replaced floors, she has had cracks in her placed, she has had her driveway replaced and she has had to replace stairs. She has spent thousands of dollars just because of the Quarry and now we have the dust issue where on certain blasts you will see a plume of dust which covers their homes. She lives closer to the buffer of the Quarry so it depends on where they are blasting and the plume of what it looks like smoke, but dust will come and cover their homes so it requires multiple washing. She cannot keep the windows open because the dust will also comes into the house. Over the years, they have tried to get a resolution but they just have not been good neighbors and now they want to extend their hours. They are already starting earlier than their start time. They can hear the machines start up. It is a complete disruption. She is totally against having them open any longer than they have to be because she just cannot keep up with the damage to her house anymore.

Jim Rocchio, 14 Pine Hill Dr., appeared to speak and stated that the crusher from PJ Keating is 1600 ft. away from his property. He has lived at this address since 1997 and he has seen PJ Keating which started out as MA Gammino to go to a \$30 billion multi-international company that is publicly traded. The neighbors have been able to deal with Managers in the past, but it seems like the more they deal with the Managers now when you come to a consensus with the Management, PJ Keating changes the Manager. He asked the Committee to vote against extending the operation because PJ Keating already opens before 6:30 in the morning. He has witnessed many trucks being lined up in the Cranston Ice Rink parking lot at 5:30. He has seen them leaving and entering Route 37 at 6:30 in the morning loaded when he is leaving to go to work. He thinks we need to deal with the dusting problem which leaves the Quarry with the trucks and PJ Keating thinks that it is ok just to wet down the street and wash the dust down into our catch basins. He is also concerned about the dust that leaves their property through Mother Nature. They cannot keep the windows open because the window sills are covered with the gray stone dust. Turn to 10 did a segment on this and found out that the Quarry dust that is leaving there does have silica dust into it and he is afraid of the health of his family. He asked that the Council think about the citizens of Cranston instead of big business and before an extended permit is handled, he thinks they should handle the problem that they have.

Chair stated that she received two e-mails to be made part of the record and she read them into the record.

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to deny the request from PJ Keating.

Under Discussion:

Derrick Hill, President of PJ Keating, appeared to speak and stated that relative to the request for extended hours, they are currently providing the aggregates to D'Ambra Construction Company and they are paving the fast track project that has been publicized by Governor Dan McKee and RIDOT. This is a multi-year contract and they have fast tracked this job which puts quite a bit of demand on the aggregates that they are producing for the project. The request is a temporary increase on the production side of their business and not a change in operating hours over the scale. As to the comments outside of what he is here to talk about this evening, he would be happy to sit down and listen to the individuals that issued these complaints and understand what is going on. He certainly wants to be proactive to the neighborhoods around them. Relative to the dust, they currently have a contracted sweeper and a water truck that they apply daily and they are on site and they are constantly using water for dust control and looking at other erosion wind erosion control techniques and they are using a back sweeper and they can also provide a seismic data for those individuals or abutters of the property and provide a seismograph on the property during the days of the blast.

Council President Paplauskas asked Mr. Hill if they post their seismic readings online or anywhere where anybody from the public can see them. Mr. Hill stated that they have not posted their readings, but they can entertain that as an option.

Council President Paplauskas stated that he lives a mile from this facility and his tiles on his floor are cracked and he believes every email and everyone that has called here because he had a home inspection done on his house and now he has tiles in his kitchen that are all cracked. They were not cracked when he moved in. His house is 100 years old and it shakes like there is an earthquake when they blast. He addressed the road and stated that he cleaned his car Saturday morning and it was spotless and waxed and he drove up Phenix Ave. and took a left and went down Phenix Ave. to get on the highway and it was like he went through off roading because PJ Keating had just come through with the wash for the road and wet cement or byproduct or mud or whatever they are wetting the road to keep from blowing around got all over his car and everyone else's car that was on that road that day. He can't drive that way now because his car is going to get ruined. That is what the neighbors are dealing with. This is why he made a motion to deny the request.

Councilman Campopiano stated that this facility is in his Ward and he has received several complaints. He does not think PJ Keating is being respectful to the neighbors and for that reason, he will vote to deny the request.

Councilwoman Marino echoed sentiments of Council President Paplauskas and Councilman Campopiano and stated that to the point of the dust, it is unprecedented. She has lived in the City for 25 years and 20 years of that in the Western side of the City. Herself and others do not want to drive down Phenix Ave. anymore because you will get the gray cast of dust struck on your car. Residents in both Wards 4 and 5 are impacted by this. She has spoken to residents who have lived in this area for 25 years and they have door jams that are no longer lined up and it is from the blasting according to them and she believes them. People who have

cracks, people who have taken her into their homes and have sown her and they understand it is a Quarry of a business to do , but the activity has increased and on top of that, the hours of operation are of concern. While she is not a member of this Committee, she asked that the members give difference to what others on the Council have said and what the people have said this evening. Her husband has photographs of PJ Keating's trucks going into the facility at 6:14 and 6:15 a.m. PJ Keating really needs to abide by and respect the rules and operate the business in that order and be a good neighbor.

Mr. Hill stated that he is not going to deny that that is happening, but clarified that he thinks there is a difference between the customers that could be going in to pick up aggregates. They are not loading and putting trucks on the scale and they would be happy to share their point of scale information relative to tickets and first loads going out. The ready-mix operation is owned by Cullion. They are a sub-lessee to the property and he will follow-up personally with Mark Cullion about the spillage that is coming out of the ready-mix trucks. They will also double back on the water. They use water from Quarry, but they also have been using water from the Town relative to a metered account and they can make sure that what they are putting out when they are dealing with road is clean water. The request is temporary and the request for increase was around the manufacturing of the aggregates. It is not extending the hours of operation for the scales. The request was only a temporary request to get us through this fast track job that did not really come up on anyone's radar from a planning standpoint until it was advertised late in July and it started on September 7th.

Carl Turgeon, Quarry Manager, appeared to speak and stated that the hours of operation at PJ Keating is attached to the operating of the plant itself and not the Quarry. The physical plant that actually does the crushing, those are always from 7-5. The truck traffic has no hours that he is aware of. Cullion Concrete are doing the Amazon job in Johnston and those trucks are out of there at 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning.

Rob Robinson, Vice-President of aggregates for PJ Keating, appeared to speak regarding the time and stated that they try to aim between 12 and 2 when they blast. There are times when they have gone later because sometimes there are some issues that are unforeseen when they are loading the shot. They are covered by the State Fire Marshall and they notify the Fire Department when they are blasting and they are also onsite when they blast. All the blasting they have done, they have been within the State limits for vibration and for air blast.

Roll call was taken on motion to deny the request and motion passed on a vote of 5-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilwoman Renzulli, Councilman Reilly, Councilwoman Vargas, Councilman Campopiano, Council Vice-President Ferri and Council President Paplauskas -5. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Councilwoman Germain -1.

MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE - NEW
Sweet Daddy Joes (Joseph DiSefano)

28 B Harrison Ave.

Informational only. No action needed.

MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE - RENEWAL
Farm to Sandwich

14 Abbott St.

Informational only. No action needed.

- **PRESENTATION**

None.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

/s/ Rosalba Zanni
Acting City Clerk