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SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, February 6, 2023 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
Councilman John P. Donegan
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas
Councilman Robert J. Ferri Chair
Council Vice-President Lammis J. Vargas, Vice-Chair
Council President Jessica M. Marino

Also Present: Anthony Moretti, Chief of Staff
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
Stephen Angell, City Council Legal Counsel
Chief James Warren, Fire Department
David DiMaio, City Council Legal Counsel (appeared via Zoom)
Rosalba Zanni, Acting City Clerk
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

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

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE

Village Sounds, LLC (Joseph Grady & Jennifer Minuto)

2197 Broad St.

(Cont. from 1/9/23- for missing documents)

Jennifer Minuto, 169 Bluff Ave., appeared to speak and stated that with her present this evening is also Joseph Grady, who lives at 4 Ferncrest Ave. and Casey Minuto of 169 Bluff Ave. Also present are the owners of the building, Steve and Kimberly Russo.

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

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President Vargas asked what the hours of operation will be. Ms. Minuto stated that they will be open 4-11 weekdays and 4-12 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. Council Vice-President Vargas asked how many parking spaces there are. Ms. Minuto stated that 13 spaces are committed that are part of the ownership of the property and businesses that use those parking spots during the day.

No one appeared to oppose.

Franklin Paulino, Director of Economic Development, appeared to speak and stated that he visited the business and believes that with the concept of a piano bar, the applicant will be bringing a brand new business venture to the City and also to Pawtuxet Village.

Motion to approve the Class C License application passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Council Vice-President Vargas, it was voted to approve the Public Entertainment License application. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

Village Sounds, LLC (Joseph Grady & Jennifer Minuto)

2197 Broad St.

(Cont. from 1/9/23 for missing documents)

Discussion and vote taken earlier in the meeting.

VICTUALLING LICENSE

Dos Mundos Restaurant LLC (Nary Vann)

1 Starline Way.

(Cont. from 1/9/23- for missing documents)

Nary Vann and **John Devasques** appeared to speak. Ms. Vann stated hours of operation to be Tuesdays thru Fridays 11-8 and Saturdays and Sundays 10-6.

Chair questioned parking. Mr. Devasques stated that there are 25 dedicated parking spaces. No one appeared to oppose.

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

The Kader Group, LLC
(Sheraz Kader & Fraz Kader)
(Cont. from 1/9/23- no one appeared)
- Department of Health Final inspection needed

280 Atwood Ave.

Fraz Kader appeared to speak.

Chair asked what the status is of the Health Department final approval. Mr. Kader stated that he has called the Health Department a few times and they have not replied back to him, but everything has been submitted. Chair referred to Legal for advice. Solicitor Verdecchia stated that unless application is complete, we cannot delegate the authority to approve a license to the Clerk's Office. We have to remain consistent and that has been the position we have taken and, unfortunately, until all required documentation is submitted, he does not believe we have any discretion.

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to continue this license application.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Paplauskas stated that there have been issues in the past at this location where fire inspection has failed or there has been no inspection. He asked what the status is of that inspection. Mr. Kader stated that they were there last month and everything checked out. Councilman Paplauskas asked Fire Chief to address this. Chief Warren stated that the Inspector was there this morning and the fire suppression system for the gas pumps is up to date and inspected, however, there are some fire code violations that need to be addressed: inside fire alarm panel has not been inspected in two years; no address number on the outside of the building; broken exit door. The Fire Prevention Inspectors will be following up to bring them in compliance.

Clerk asked if applicant is allowed to sell food in the meantime. Chair referred to Legal. Solicitor Verdecchia stated that applicant does not have a license to sell. Until it is approved by this Committee and until that Certificate is produced by the Department of Health, unfortunately, no, he is not licensed. Chair asked if he is allowed to sell gum or is he not allowed to sell anything. Solicitor Verdecchia stated that it depends what the definition of food is. That is difficult to say.

Council President Marino suggested that with respect to if he in fact, as he stated, has the inspection certificate from the Department of Health and giving them to the Fire Department in fact he represented he believes they are in compliance, if that turns out to be so, we could have a special meeting just on this on another night before next month when we are already here for other matters.

Roll call was taken on motion to continue this license application to next month and motion passed unanimously.

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

None.

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE – NEW

The Spot Bar and Grill (Attorney Thomas Hanley)

20 Rolfe Square.

- Department of Health Final Inspection needed
- Food Safety Managers Certificate needed
- RI Division of Tax Certificate of Good Standing needed
- Alcohol Training Certificates from staff members needed
- Certificate of Liquor Liability Insurance needed
- Copy of proposed menu needed

Thomas Hanley, Esq., 1 West Exchange St., Providence, appeared to represent applicant. He stated that the items that have been submitted are: menu, individual food certificate from the Health Department. The Certificate of Good Standing, the accountant has applied for since it is a new business. Only thing that they are having difficulty with is the Health Department will not inspect until all the renovations have been completed.

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

Under Discussion:

Chair stated that his communications with the Clerk's Office this afternoon shows that still not completed on the application are: Food Safety Manager's Certificate, Alcohol Training Certificate for staff members, Certificate of Liability Insurance, RI Division of Taxation Certificate of Good Standing, RI Department of Health final inspection. It is quite obvious at this time that we are not able to vote on this tonight because all the pending requirements. Attorney Hanley stated that he has no problem with a continuation if the committee wishes.

Motion and second to approve were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to continue this license application to next month's meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

B. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

19-HOUR F1 LIQUOR LICENSE

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church (Kevin Phelan) 175 Oaklawn Ave.
(February 11, 2023 7pm-1am)

Kevin Phelan, Vice-President, appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE (*Per Diem*)

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church (Kevin Phelan) 175 Oaklawn Ave.
(February 11, 2023 7pm-1am)

Kevin Phelan, Vice-President, appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

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

ROAD RACE LICENSE

Ragnar Events, LLC (Amber Sadlier attending via Zoom) 5570 W. 1730 S.
(May 19-20, 2023 8:30pm-2:00am)

Amber Sadlier, appeared to speak via Zoom. No one appeared to oppose.

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

Under Discussion:

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

VICTUALLING LICENSE

Jack's New York System (Robert Link) 827 Park Ave.

Robert Link appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 6 am to 10 pm. No one appeared to oppose.

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

The Spot Bar and Grill (Attorney Thomas Hanley)

20 Rolfe Square.

- Department of Health Final Inspection needed
- Food Safety Managers Certificate needed
- RI Division of Tax Certificate of Good Standing needed
- Alcohol Training Certificates from staff members needed
- Copy of proposed menu needed
- Certificate of Liquor Liability Insurance needed

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to continue this license application. 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

EXTENDED HOURS LICENSE

CVS Pharmacy #1414

CVS Pharmacy #212

1195 Oaklawn Ave.

681 Reservoir Ave.

GRAVEL BANK LICENSE

P.J. Keating Company

875 Phenix Ave.

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE

Aldi #36

Aldi #39

American Performance Petroleum

1015 Cranston St.

1138 Pontiac Ave.

964 Cranston St.

<i>Atwood Greenhouses</i>	700 Atwood Ave.
<i>Blooming Mad</i>	1745 Broad St.
<i>Casino Greenhouse</i>	640 Dyer Ave.
<i>Chinese American Mini Market, Inc.</i>	834 Park Ave.
<i>Colbea Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Garden Shell</i>	1207 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Comstock Gardens</i>	55 Council Rock Rd.
<i>Cumberland Farms #1249</i>	921 Cranston St.
<i>Cumberland Farms #1279</i>	659 Reservoir Ave.
<i>GameStop #6145</i>	1000 Chapel View Blvd #112
<i>GameStop #2394</i>	286 Garfield Ave.
<i>GNC #1995</i>	400 New London Ave.
<i>Hana Food LLC d/b/a Mirae Market</i>	602 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Heritage Liquors</i>	529 Reservoir Ave.
<i>J. Jill</i>	78 Hillside Rd.
<i>Jay Goga, Inc. d/b/a Capital Liquors</i>	811 Park Ave.
<i>La Frontera Market</i>	1522 Broad St.
<i>Lowe's Home Centers, LLC #1505</i>	247 Garfield Ave.
<i>Lucky Mart, LLC</i>	880 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Marshall's #102</i>	1400 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Milk N More</i>	1232 Park Ave.
<i>Moon Market</i>	579B Reservoir Ave.
<i>Moon Market</i>	1478 Park Ave.
<i>National Pet Center</i>	726 Reservoir Ave.
<i>Ocean State Job Lot #125</i>	148 Atwood Ave.
<i>Ocean State Job Lot #120</i>	1441 Elmwood Ave.
<i>Ocean State Mobil</i>	1282 Elmwood Ave.
<i>Pet Supplies Plus #9005</i>	171 Sockanosset Crossrds.
<i>Pippin Apple Orchard</i>	751 Pippin Orchard Rd.
<i>Providence Diamond</i>	105 Hillside Rd.
<i>Rossi Tree Farm</i>	1936 Phenix Ave.
<i>Royal Eyebrows Threading</i>	39 Phenix Ave.
<i>Ruthvi, Inc. d/b/a Liquid Assets</i>	995 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Savers Mart</i>	1025 Park Ave.
<i>Sephora</i>	142 Hillside Rd.
<i>Shree Maa of RI/SRL Mart</i>	480 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Sweenor's Chocolates</i>	43 Hillside Rd.
<i>Talbots #262</i>	27-29 Hillside Rd.
<i>TJ MAXX #1228</i>	20 Chapel View Blvd.
<i>Twin Pine Farms</i>	1850 Phenix Ave.
<i>Ulta Beauty</i>	158 Hillside Rd.

LEASING/RENTAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES LICENSE
American Performance Auto Rentals

964 Cranston St.

MASSAGE THERAPY LICENSE

Erin O’Cain, LMT

845 Oaklawn Ave.

PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE

Paul G. Hughes

33 Walnut St.

SECONDHAND LICENSE

2nd Time Around Sports

DKBK Shops

Eddie’s Tire Sales

GameStop #6145

GameStop #2394

Providence Diamond

Sports Heroes

Unicom, Inc.

453 Atwood Ave.

145 Warwick Ave.

9 Cory Ave.

1000 Chapel View Blvd #112

286 Garfield Ave.

105 Hillside Rd.

661 Oaklawn Ave.

881 Dyer Ave.

SEPTAGE HAULER LICENSE

Friendly Septic

9 Dawn Lane.

USED CAR LICENSE

American Auto Body & Sales, Inc.

American Performance Petroleum

Auto Mart, Inc.

Autosport Sales & Collison, Inc.

Caravan Auto

Chestnut Hill Truck & Auto Sales, LLC

Cranston Auto Ignition

Cranston Auto Sales

Edgewood Liquors

Hillside Auto Service

Pavilion Auto Sales

Ranaldi Motors

R&A Auto Sales

Stamas Auto & Truck Center

Tasca Automotive Group, LLC

The Car Lot Inc. Annex

The Car Lot Inc.

The Car Lot Inc.

448 Dyer Ave.

964 Cranston St.

1108 Park Ave.

640 Atwood Ave.

1185 Cranston St.

21 Calef St.

1152 Park Ave.

19 Elena St.

1992 Broad St.

44 Gansett Ave.

1211 Cranston St.

598 Atwood Ave.

1171-1173 Park Ave.

1045 Cranston St.

1300 Pontiac Ave.

1400 Plainfield Pike

441 Dyer Ave.

386 Dyer Ave.

VICTUALLING LICENSE

Coffee Plus #76

Maria’s Pizza LLC

Uncle Sushi and Grill

1511 Pontiac Ave.

949 Pontiac Ave.

570 Reservoir Ave.

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

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

VIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES

HISTORIC PARK THEATRE (*Votes will be taken to accept list of events*)

None.

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET (*Informational Only – No Votes Taken*)

No action needed.

CRANSTON STADIUM

None.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS:

MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE (*Informational Only – No Votes Taken*)

<i>Del's Lemonade – RENEWAL</i>	300 Park Ave.
<i>La Guaguira Del Sabor – RENEWAL</i>	3 Pine Dr.
<i>Rhode Island Kona Ice – RENEWAL</i>	4 Cider Lane.

No action needed.

<i>Edgewood Laundry</i>	1980 Broad St.
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(Discussion regarding Issues and Complaints of vibration allegedly from this establishment.)

Chair stated that since things are moving along in a positive direction and there has been communication, he asked for a motion to continue this matter to next month to see that progress is being made.

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to continue this item.

Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President Vargas asked Legal if there are neighbors from the neighborhood who wish to speak on this item, can they or can they not even though it is being continued? Solicitor Verdecchia stated that if the Committee continues the matter now, basically

that would mean that the matter would come off the docket which there is legally nothing to comment on, however, this is strictly at the discretion of the Committee and the Chair if you want to entertain some comments.

It was decided to wait for public comment until next month and motion to continue passed unanimously.

- **PRESENTATION**

None.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

/s/ Rosalba Zanni
Acting City Clerk