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SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, March 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 6:20 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 President Jessica M. Marino

Absent: Council Vice-President Lammis J. Vargas, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli
Anthony Moretti, Chief of Staff
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
Stephen Angell, City Council Legal Counsel
Chief James Warren, Fire Department
Tracy Nelson, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Campopiano, seconded by Council President Marino, 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 BV LIQUOR LICENSE – NEW

The Spot Bar and Grill (Attorney Thomas Hanley)

20 Rolfe Square.

(Cont. from 2/6/23 SSM) (Over the Cap-needs full Council approval)

- 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

VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW

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(Cont. from 2/6/23 SSM)

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Chair asked if anyone is present in person or on Zoom for this establishment. No one was present in person or on Zoom.

Chair asked for motion to remove the applications for Liquor License and Victualling License for this establishment from the agenda until further notice.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to remove the above to applications from the docket until further notice.

Under Discussion:

Councilman Donegan asked Clerk if removing this from the docket would require any form of new application to be processed. Chair referred question to Counsel. Solicitor stated that the better way to go here is when you say motion to remove it, it is very similar, he thinks, as to laying it on the table, which creates a whole other procedural morass sort of speak. The attorney was present a month ago and stated that there were quite a few documents that they needed. He does not know if those have been produced. It might be better, but it is up to the Committee, to perhaps put this out to the April meeting or even the May meeting just to keep track of it.

Chair asked for motion to move this to the May meeting.

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Council President Marino, it was voted to continue the above two license applications to the May meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The Kader Group, LLC – NEW
(Sheraz Kader & Fraz Kader)
(Cont. from 1/9/23 & 2/6/23)

280 Atwood Ave.

Fraz Kader appeared to speak and stated that he has everything needed for a vote this evening. No one appeared to oppose.

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

Chair stated that he knows there are people in the audience that would like to testify regarding the Edgewood Laundromat issue. He asked Solicitor if the Committee can move this after Public Hearings or have discussion on it now out of order. Solicitor stated that this is within the purview of the Committee whether it wants to take it out of order and address it now or move it later in the meeting and take other business first.

Chair asked for motion to move this item to the end and take agenda out of order.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to move this item to the end of the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Edgewood Laundry (Cont. 2/6/2023) 1980 Broad St.
(Discussion regarding Issues and Complaints of vibration allegedly from this establishment.)

Joseph Manera, Esq., appeared to represent Edgewood Laundry and stated that he got involved in this matter approximately one month ago. He knows that the neighbors' complaints are. He filled the Committee in on what he has done with his client's cooperation in the last thirty days. From the meeting of February 6th, he first contacted a client of his, Bellini Construction, and had Mr. Bellini look at the structure just to see if structurally it was intact. This is an old building, approximately 90 years old. He really could not find any problems in the building. There was no noise, but the issue here is not noise, it is the vibrations and neighbors have been complaining about vibrations in the neighborhood. Edgewood Laundry has been in business for 43 years. The machines they have been complaining about that are allegedly causing the vibrations have been installed approximately two years go. He contacted a company called Garments Manufacturing Company, who installed the machines. He spoke to a Charles Murphy and he met him at Edgewood Laundry on Saturday morning, February 18th and Mr. Kelleher will acknowledge that he has kept him up to date on everything, in fact, on February 18th, when they went to Edgewood Laundry, Mr. Kelleher was with him and he is attorney for the neighbors. They are trying to rule out the issues and trying to narrow the situation down. Mr. Murphy thought that if they lowered the speed of the machines down, that would help rectify the problem. That took a week to get done and he found out tonight that the neighbors still have not found any relief with lowering the machines down. He also spoke to an Engineer very

briefly, although he indicated to him that this was not his field of engineering, he recommended something called ‘isolation dampers’ and he gave him the name of the manufacturing company. He dealt with Mesa Industries, who manufactures these isolation dampers that absorb the vibrations. They are not located in Rhode Island, but they put him in touch with the local distributor, JT Morgan in West Greenwich. He spoke to a Jim Morgan ad after some prodding, finally went to Edgewood Laundry last Thursday. He looked at the situation and said to him quite candidly that there was no simple answer, but he was going to talk to some installers and see what they could brainstorm and come up with a solution. He has kept everyone informed and he is working on this practically every day. He is doing the best to cooperate with the neighbors and realizes this is his client and he wants to represent them intelligently and logically. This is an unusual problem and wishes there was a simple solution. He is doing his best to handle the situation. His client is willing to cooperate and he is working on this.

James Kelleher, 55 Alhambra Circle, appeared to speak and stated that he is also an attorney and is speaking on behalf of a group of neighbors. Mr. Manera and the Renzi brothers have been cooperative and the neighbors are very much looking forward to them continuing to be cooperative. Since the last meeting, the group of neighbors have met and now working cohesively and one thing that they have done is begun to gather hard data and they have preliminary data this evening available for Mr. Manera and his client and for the Committee if they are inclined to accept paper copies into the record. If they prefer electronic copies of that data, they can also be provided. At least at this stage, there are sixteen households that have been recoding the data. There are others involved that just have not been able to collect the data from everyone, but from those sixteen households they have in excess of 900 data entries. They are also in the process of reaching out to an Engineer to have a proper study done, but it has become increasingly clear that it is now beyond dispute that it is the laundry. He fully appreciates that Mr. Manera is working on this diligently. He is doing what he can and he further appreciates the fact that every time he has to contact someone else, there is a delay in time getting back. In the meantime, there are families that are being woken up at 4:30 and 5:00 in the morning six days a week so as every day goes by that situation continues unabated. The patience of the neighbors is clearly wearing thin and he understands Solicitor Verdecchia’s assertion at the previous meeting that this constitutes a private nuisance and he may be right about that. He is not certain that private public nuisance are an either or mutually inclusive proposition because there is now significant concern among the neighbors to the structural integrity of their homes as well as whatever is going on underneath the roadway and the roadway, of course, is under the City’s purview so we have a very very serious situation and we need the City Council and this Committee to stay on top of it in a diligent manner.

Jessie Ciero, 53 Berwick Lane, appeared to speak in regards to the laundromat’s lawyer saying that they are cooperative and willing to address this issue. She would like to explain that the brothers that own the laundromat have voiced that “(expletive) the neighbors”. Chair indicated to the speaker that she is out of order and not to use that language again. Ms. Ciero stated that she agrees that it is horrible language especially in a neighborhood as close-knit as theirs, but that was their response and what they said to one of the neighbors. Chair asked Ms. Ciero to sit and stop speaking and asked that her microphone be shut off.

Councilman Donegan asked if Inspections Department has inspected the structural integrity of the building that constitutes any sort of public health concern or have they inspected to see if there is any sort of violation of the City Code. Director Moretti stated that they have been out there a few times and there is no violation of City Codes. Councilman Donegan stated that to Mr. Kelleher's point about any potential damage underneath the roadway to any sort of City infrastructure, he asked if the Engineering Department of Public Works inspected any of that. Director Moretti stated, no, not to his knowledge, but he can pass this along to our Public Works Department if there is a concern.

Councilman Donegan asked for an update on that at the next meeting.

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

Chair asked if anyone would like to speak on items on the agenda except for Edgewood Laundromat to approach the podium.

Carl Derosa, General Manager of Lang's Bowlarama, 225 Niantic Ave., appeared to speak on behalf of the owner and asked for help with trucking problems on Kenwood Rd. It is out of control and has been that way for over two years. He calls the Police Department almost every day there are 15-20 tractor trailers blocking all the businesses in the view of their building. There is nothing worse than seeing tractor trailers blocking everything and it has been this way for a long time. He gave up and does not call the Police Department anymore, he does not have the time and they just won't help. It is a very serious matter and it is a very dirty mess. He cleans up approximately 1,000 feet every week of garbage, which is thrown from these folks. They are not against anybody that is in business, it is just not right. There is a two-hour parking ad there has been same trucks parked there for three months. Any help the Council can give to them and all the businesses on this road would be greatly appreciated.

Chair stated that later on in the meeting there will be a discussion, as a Committee, regarding this topic and will ask Administration to weigh in on this.

Alfred Scholinger, 7 Scotland Rd., appeared to speak regarding the Police Gun Range. He stated that it has been over two and a half years since the residents first requested from Senator Gallo and State Rep. Baginski that something be done about the larger guns being used, the louder noise they make and the health effect from them and also major concerns about how the range has outgrown the current facility for the past 75 years it has been there. Since then, they have been lied to, brushed off, ignored and so far, denied the opportunity to sit down with Council Members to talk or even given any realistic solution to their concerns. He questioned the Council is what cities and towns are allowed to shoot there now? If more than Cranston, who pays for it and where does the money go? He has been trying to research that and can't get anything. He also asked if the range is going to be enclosed or moved. If they do remain open, is the City going to request the test of the soil and the water runoff of all that lead pollution of the thousands of bullets that are still sitting there for the past seventy five years for the health of the

Cranston residents. He asked if anything was going to be done about that. He also asked if anyone is going to request a test of the sound levels be done that are clearly over an unacceptable level allowed and can danger the hearing and mental health of the residents. He played a recording from his phone of what the residents hear all the time.

Lauren Pagone appeared to speak regarding the gun range and stated that the noise from the gunfire is incredibly loud and disruptive to all life nearby the range. The City Council has recently acknowledged, even so tonight, there is a nuisance, a noise nuisance because of a laundromat in Edgewood. The Council even stated that the noise impacted residents' quality of life. Council Members stated to these neighbors that their problem is our problem with a lot of empathy, yet when the neighbors of Ward 5 have addressed their issue in the past at other Council meetings, they have been met with minimal empathy, if any, and also at best, pushback from the Cranston Police Department so to her, it is very clear where the interests lays. Also, up until now, there has been minimal movement on the City's action to address this. She knows there has been some concerns with funding. She knows there has been additional concerns that precede her time even living in the neighborhood, but she wants to know what the City's action plan is to remedy this persistent and significant health issue that the gunfire presents to the community and the sound that is just incredibly disruptive to life, not just even as a community of humans, but all of the wildlife that lives in the area as well.

Martha Dimaio, 69 Laconia Rd., appeared to speak regarding the gun range and stated that fifteen months ago, Mayor Hopkins singled her out, looked at her directly in a room full of people and said to her 'you trust me to get this done'. What he was referring to was \$4 million that he committed to building an indoor shooting range across from the schools. If everyone recalls, \$2 million he thought would come from ARPA and \$2 million would be on the backs of the taxpayers. If everyone recalls, ARPA funds had just been announced in December of 2021. It was clear to anyone who did a cursory reading of the guidelines, that a state of the art shooting range does not prepare us for the next pandemic, but no one questioned Mayor Hopkins on that, so we wasted fifteen months. There is something else that was not questioned, \$4 million. You all know \$2 million is what it is going to take to build a gazebo and a few bocce ball courts, how is \$4 million going to build a state of the art shooting range? Here we are fifteen months later, but these fifteen months have not been a total waste because three things were learned:

1) We have a public health emergency. She indicated to the ARPA application where Colonel Winqvist put his name on that document and checked off a box 'noise pollution control public health emergency', so, no fear of favor, you all can question what is going to be done for Ward 5?

2) Physical and psychological harm. You learned of gunfire and what this kind of noise pollution does to the human body. You all received this open letter from Dr. Melissa Jenkins Mangelli, a neuropsychologist with specialty in brain trauma. She writes outcomes included anxiety, depression, high blood pressure, heart disease, possible hearing loss and tinnitus. She also called that it was unacceptable to continue to barrage residents and students with assault on their physical and mental health for any length of time.

3) The lead. Sixty years of lead in the air, water and soil. You learned about bullet casings being found as far away as Oaklawn Ave. and all around the schools. Providence spent \$3 million in 2017 to clean up their range. How much toxins, how much pollution is in Meshanticut and why are other cities allowed to come to her neighborhood and pollute her neighborhood? Is that not a burden? Is that any different than the burden you all fought for for Ward 6? So now what? You are going to learn when their City gives their report, the ARPA money is coming and you are also going to learn the Bond money has not been allocated. The Solicitor told you you have the power of the City to protect the health and welfare and the morals of the citizens. You need to hear what Mr. Moretti is going to give in the update and you need to ask him pointed questions, the same questions you asked about the washing machines. You need to express the same dismay for her and her neighbors' quality of life and the irreparable harm being inflicted on them. They can't be placated any more. Seven years have been going by. They have been promised about grants and you can ask her Councilman, Councilman Paplauskas, about the grant he promised her seven years ago. You can't kick this down the road anymore. Too much is on the line. Councilman Paplauskas, her Ward Councilman, stated about the washing machines that it sounded like it had outgrown the location. Is that not true about the shooting range, have they outgrown that location and what are you going to do about it? Something needs to be done here tonight. The residents can't leave without an answer tonight.

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

AUTO REPAIR LICENSE – NEW

Chapin Auto Service, LLC (Cesar Alvarado)

1650 Cranston St.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

EXTENDED HOURS LICENSE – NEW

Seasons Corner Market (Mario Vendittelli)

2050 Plainfield Pike

David Webster, Esq. of Adler, Pollock and Sheehan, appeared to represent applicant. He request that this evening is for Extended Hours of operation to be open 24-hours a day and also a Victualling License. As noted on the agenda, they are missing Certificate of Occupancy, RI Health Retail Sales Permit and RI Department of Health Final Inspection. This would be due to the fact that the redevelopment of the property is in its early stages and the store has not been built yet, therefore, they respectfully request the Committee issue an approval to the City Clerk under the conditions of receipt of approvals he stated earlier before the issuance of the license from the City Clerk. They are looking to open in 2023, but not exactly sure of when the redevelopment is going to occur.

Chair stated that it is not common practice for the Committee to approve a Victualling License if in fact the establishment is not even finished to be constructed yet and not ready to open. He would prefer to move this item down the road and applicant can request to be placed back on the docket for a vote when they get closer to opening. He asked that the Attorney keep in communication with the Clerk's Office and give them a timeline and they will know when to place this back on the agenda.

No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to continue the Extended Hours application and also the Victualling License application to the May meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

B. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

BOXING LICENSE – NEW

Classic Entertainment & Sport, Inc. d/b/a CES Boxing 848 Park Ave.
(Hosted at Park Theatre & Event Center)
(3/25/23, 5/20/23, 8/19/23 1:00-4:00pm & 7:00-10:00pm)

Jimmy Birchfield, Jr., appeared to speak.

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

Under Discussion:

Mr. Birchfield stated that the application is for three event series, March 25, May 20 and August 19. It will be a pro-am card. Amateur fights during the day and pro cards at night. They are working very closely with the venue as far as safety and security and they have a private security company working that day and evening of the event as well as whatever the requirements are for fire employees.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW

Edgewood Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts (new owner) 283 Park Ave.
Pontiac Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts (new owner) 480 Pontiac Ave.
Oaklawn Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts (new owner) 1288 Oaklawn Ave.
Oaklawn Gas Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts (new owner) 644 Oaklawn Ave.

John Catafamo, 15 Meadow Lark Dr., appeared to represent all four locations.

No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to take all four locations as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Campopiano, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve all four locations as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

Seasons Corner Market (Mario Vendittelli) 2050 Plainfield Pike
- Certificate of Occupancy
- RI Dept of Health Final
- Retail Sales Permit

Discussed and voted on earlier in the meeting.

Sweetgreen (Sanjay Baidya) 111 Hillside Rd.
- RI Dept of Health Final (scheduled to inspect on 3/20/23)

Sanjay Baidya appeared to speak.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

Under Discussion:

Solicitor stated that agenda indicates that RI Health final inspections is scheduled for April 20th. As Committee knows, he and Attorney Angell have given opinion that all documents and all requirements should be met before the licenses are actually issued. To be consistent, he thinks we should take same position, but it appears here that there is one document. He does not want to set a precedent, but this may be factually different since there is an inspection with a date certain and it is only one document, however, to be consistent, he would have to say that from a legal standpoint, the Committee probably should have all of the documents required before it grants the license, but it is the Committee's discretion keeping in mind his legal opinion.

Chair stated that he would like to take a vote and approve this license pending applicant handing in the document needed to the Clerk's Office in a reasonable amount of time.

Council President Marino stated that while she understands the desire to be of assistance to this business, but for consistency, she believes that we should wait until the actual final inspection is conducted because we do not know if it is going to pass inspection and, in her opinion, that is a big risk for us to take so she would not be in favor of looking to approve it, but perhaps as Chair of this Committee, could have discussion with the business owner after March 20th and perhaps scheduling a Safety Services meeting on the night of the full City Council meeting to approve this.

Councilwoman Germain stated that based on what Solicitor stated, everyone has exceptions so if they have an appointment on the 20th and we have our Council meeting on the 27th, we could give the applicant the approval pending attendance at the meeting of the 27th and bring in the document at that time.

Councilman Paplauskas stated that he is one that appreciates consistency and certainly understands the legal opinion that we received from both attorneys when there has been numerous items needed, as someone who has Chaired this Committee in the past, you need a little flexibility at times. With it only being one item, he is fine with passing this with contingency.

Motion to approve and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Council President Marino, it was voted to continue this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

III. TRAFFIC ENGINEER

No Business.

IV. SHOW CAUSE:

CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE

Em's Liquor Store, Inc.

(Selling to minors)

1285 Park Ave.

Louis Almagno, Esq., appeared to represent the applicant, Chad Kelleher, and stated that Mr. Kelleher is also present. He stated that with respect to the Show Cause, this establishment back in February had a new employee working that shift who has since been fired. With respect to the remedies that they have made, they pass out new manual that was constructed by himself, that all employees have to sign regarding training on a new system that is going to be implemented with age verification software for all their licenses or passports or any other State ID. That is going to be implemented sometime in the next thirty days by their point of service provider and they have also put up new signage with respect to carding everybody. Also, currently, all employees and all future employees are going to be TIP Certified. Everyone currently working is TIP Certified. They do understand the seriousness and the civil liability as well as possible criminal liability and the nuisance it provides should anyone under the age of 21 purchase alcohol from the store.

Solicitor stated that for the Committee's information, what took place at this establishment was three compliance checks by the City of Cranston Police Department on various dates commencing March of 2022 and again in July of 2022 and most recently in February of 2023. On all three occasions, the Cranston Police were able to conduct what they refer to as an undercover sting where they send in an underage person pursuant to State Law,

which authorizes that and on all three occasions, the minor was able to purchase liquor from this establishment. He was also contacted by Sgt. Sweeney, who is in charge of compliance checks. He also stated that this is a serious matter, it is three violations within the past year. We did issue the Show Cause citation for this evening, however, he has spoken at length with Attorney Almagno and thanked him for his efforts and it appears to him that this establishment is taking this seriously and they are going to implement changes. All he is going to ask when he is done, is having the Committee accept those documents as part of the record so it goes into the file because that is going to become an important aspect of this case pursuant to the recommendation he is going to make to this Committee. He has copies of three reports, which he provided to Attorney Almagno and assumes he has no objections to them going into the record in lieu of testimony by Sgt. Sweeney. He asked that the Committee accept the three reports that were drafted by the Cranston Police Department as full exhibits.

On motion by Council President Marino, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to accept the Police reports into the record. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor asked the Committee to make another motion to accept Mr. Almagno's submissions as full exhibits as well.

On motion by Council President Marino, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to accept Mr. Almagno's records as exhibits. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor proposed that the Committee set a \$500 fine and hold this fine in abeyance and for the next year, they will be on probation, meaning that if there are any further violations, that \$500 fine will automatically be imposed with no discussion, no mitigation, no nothing, in addition to any other action the Committee may want to take. He noticed that the license is also up for renewal this evening, so if the Committee deems it fit and he sees no reason why it should not at this point, to renew the license, he asked that the license renewal be subject to the condition that he just mentioned. He also asked for a 90-day review.

On motion by Council President Marino, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to approve Solicitor's recommendation of 90-day review of Show Cause for Class A Liquor License and \$500 fine held in abeyance provided there are no other issues within a year. motion passed unanimously.

VICTUALLING LICENSE

Cranston Little Caesars LLC

(Operating without a victualling license 2022-2023)

763 Reservoir Ave.

Solicitor stated that strictly speaking, this is not a Show Cause in the sense that, and there may be a difference of opinion, and there is a little bit of confusion as to whether or not Little Caesars was in fact and has been licensed for the past two years and he says that because after discussions with the Clerk, it appears that there were outstanding obligations that had not been paid by them. One of them, he believes was City taxes in addition to other obligations and, so

efforts to contact them, until Attorney Murray got involved, were fruitless so the Clerk reached out to him and he in turn decided to put it down as a Show Cause, but he thinks the first point of order is to determine whether or not they are in fact licensed. There seems to be a little bit of confusion as to the way the license is even listed on the docket. His understanding is that there has been no license for the past two years and one of the primary reasons was because of outstanding financial obligations owed to the City. He did receive a call from the Clerk of Municipal Court that Little Caesars has in fact satisfied everything that was owed to the City through the Municipal Court and he also believes that they were on a payment plan through Rossi Law Office for past due amounts that were due to the City and he believes that that has also been satisfied. He thinks that the financial obligations have been satisfied. What is still a bit confusing is whether or not that license has in fact lapsed and needs to be applied as New or if it has been ongoing and simply for Renewal, so he does not have the answer to that and is hoping to get that within the next few minutes discussing this with Attorney Murray as well as the Clerk. He asked that the Committee hear from Attorney Murray first to tell us what has been done.

Robert Murray, Esq., appeared to speak and stated that he represents the owner of the property and Cranston Little Caesars's landlord, Kelly & Picerne, Inc. he got involved in this on Friday when he saw it on the agenda. In December of last year, this Committee renewed the Victualling License for Little Caesars, on December 5th, so he is a little confused of the suggestion that they are operating without a license. That being said, there was some tangible tax that they owed the City. The Principal of Cranston Little Caesars LLC are based in Virginia and he was in Cranston on Friday and he had him square away any tangible tax that was owed the City and he has receipts. There apparently was also a pending fine or fee owed to the Cranston Police Department for false alarms. The gentleman went to the Police Station and square that away so as he stands here tonight, as far as he knows, all financial matters with the City have been cleared off and he would suggest to the Committee that he thinks that they have a license, but perhaps he can work that detail out with the Clerk's Office tomorrow.

Solicitor stated that he thinks that the important thing is that Little Caesars has responded obviously through Attorney Murray and it appears that all the financial obligations have been met so this really is not a Show Cause hearing in the true sense of the word, but it was done as an opportunity to get this information upfront and out in the open. Now we have a little more guidance a little more clarity so he will be suggesting at this point that he is not going to ask for any action whatsoever from the Committee. He thinks at this point, the Committee should pass this from the agenda and no action taken and Attorney Murray is more than capable of communicating with the Clerk's Office and hopefully this is just an administrative thing that can be cleared up. The important thing was the money that was owed and that apparently has been paid.

Clerk stated that Attorney Murray is correct. The applicant renewed in 2022, but late. He applied in August so that was approved, but never picked up for the 2022 year. For the current year, 2023, that is when the Clerk's Office has been trying to get the applicant to comply with and he faxed an application in November, which was not placed on this agenda because we were going to process it as a new application, so at this time, this applicant does to have an active license.

Attorney Murray stated that he will accept the license tonight if the Clerk would like. Chair asked if the license are paid for. Clerk stated, yes, they did pay when they applied, but they have been operating without a license. Attorney Murray stated that he will arrange in the morning to pick up the license.

Chair stated to Attorney Murray that he had a discussion with the License Clerk this afternoon and she was awaiting for a check from Attorney Rossi for \$2,000. He asked Attorney Murray if he is stating that this has been cleared up. Attorney Murray stated that he has given Solicitor Verdecchia the contact information. Solicitor stated that he did try to reach out yesterday, but was unsuccessful in reaching Mr. Morin. Attorney Murray stated that when he printed out the receipt from the Tax Collector and on his version, there is a note that states there is a check for \$915 in transit from Rossi Law Office. Apparently, the franchise was on a payment plan with Rossi Law Office. They sent the payment and it had not been transmitted to the City Tax Collector yet. He gave Solicitor the gentleman's name, the Account Manager's name at Rossi Law Office, but as far as he knows all payments have been made whether they have actually been received, he does not know, but his position would be Rossi Law Office is an authorized agent of the City. They have made payment and no one is disputing that so from his position, they are current with the taxes. Solicitor stated that in fact, Rossi has received it and he has no reason to doubt Attorney Murray's word on that. He tried to reach out to them, but they are very difficult to get a hold of, but if that is true and the money has been received by Rossi, that is the equivalent of the City receiving the same and that obligation would be lawfully satisfied. He will double check again tomorrow, but he has no reason to doubt that.

Solicitor recommended no action be taken on this at this time and this matter be passed from the calendar.

V. POLICE DEPARTMENT

No Business.

VI. FIRE DEPARTMENT

No Business.

VII. LICENSE RENEWALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

AMUSEMENT MACHINE LICENSE

Miller's Crossing

43 Old Bald Hill Rd.

BILLIARDS TABLE LICENSE

Miller's Crossing

43 Old Bald Hill Rd.

EXTENDED HOURS LICENSE (24 HOURS)

Cumberland Farms #1279

Laundromax- 1025 Cranston St. LLC

(Years 2021-2022 & 2022-2023)

659 Reservoir Ave.

1025 Cranston St.

FLOWER VENDOR LICENSE

Alan Linsky (4/8/23, 4/9/23, 5/13/23 & 5/14/23)

34 Falmouth St.

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE

Aaron's Sales & Lease Ownership

A&B Mart

Advance Auto Parts #8907

Athleta #1705

Banana Republic #1605

Bath & Body Works #1375

Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corp. #551

City Line Convenience Plus

Confreda Greenhouses & Farms, LLC

Chico's #107

CVS Pharmacy #2021

CVS Pharmacy #1414

CVS Pharmacy #469

CVS Pharmacy #212

CVS Pharmacy #5868

Dollar Tree #04792

Dollar Tree #01599

Dollar Tree #05804

Dollar Tree #07804

Doomed Records LLC

Durfee Hardware

Em's Liquor Store

Family Dollar #32418

Family Dollar #32225

Garden Hills Fruit & Deli

Gap #2237

Golfer's Warehouse, Worldwide Golf Shops LLC

J&J Gasbarro Oaklawn Liquors Inc.

Jos A Bank Clothiers #59

Lakeshore Learning Store

LEV Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Majestic Liquors

Lululemon

MAB Liquors, LTD d/b/a Atwood Wine & Spirits

Morin's Liquor Store

Petco #3705

Oaklawn Avenue Food Mart, Inc.

Old Navy #9623

Omaha Steaks

Quick Mart

Rainbow #218

460 Reservoir Ave.

951 Pontiac Ave.

250 Atwood Ave.

79 Hillside Rd.

72 Hillside Rd.

69 Hillside Rd.

310 Garfield Ave.

1015 Narragansett Blvd.

2150 Scituate Ave.

64 Hillside Rd.

205 Atwood Ave.

1196 Oaklawn Ave.

1188 Pontiac Ave.

681 Reservoir Ave.

1776 Broad St.

1776 Plainfield Pike.

1400 Oaklawn Ave.

1285 Reservoir Ave.

819 Park Ave.

2180 Broad St.

65 Rolfe Sq.

1285 Park Ave.

570 Pontiac Ave.

480 Atwood Ave.

263 Oaklawn Ave.

81 Hillside Rd.

60 Freeway Dr.

985 Oaklawn Ave.

210 Hillside Rd.

1400 Oaklawn Ave.

1075 Park Ave.

65 Hillside Rd.

426 Atwood Ave.

1621 Elmwood Ave.

10 Chapel View Blvd.

983 Oaklawn Ave.

156 Hillside Rd.

1000 Chapel View Blvd.

164 Park Ave.

1200 Oaklawn Ave.

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE (Cont.)

Rainbow #1489

Ruggieri Flooring, Inc.

Sam's Food Store

Soma Intimates #5304

Sonya's

Tedeschi's Greenhouses

The Color House

The Container Store, Inc.

The Pool Source

The Time Capsule

The Yankee Candle Company

Victoria Secret

Walgreens #03491

Walgreens #02850

Wines & More of RI, inc.

White House Black Market #3106

242 Garfield Ave.
1191 Pontiac Ave.
460 Pontiac Ave.
16 Hillside Rd.
766 Oaklawn Ave.
47 Church St.
1107 Reservoir Ave.
150 Hillside Rd.
40 Freeway Dr.
537 Pontiac Ave.
75 Hillside Rd.
51 Hillside Rd.
1763 Broad St.
1010 Park Ave.
125 Sockanosset Crsdrs.
45 Hillside Rd.

LEASING/RENTAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES LICENSE

East Side Auto Leasing/Rental

Ultra Motor Car, Inc. d/b/a Brian's Auto Rental

2050 Plainfield Pike.
1085 Cranston St.

SECONDHAND LICENSE

Back 2 Back Luxury Consignments

Bruneau Antiques

Christopher III

Delman Watch Service

Fifth Ave Jewelers

Funes Towing

Golden Era Classics LLC

House of Cards

Innercity Recycling Service LLC

Roman Jewelers

The Sneaker Spot

The Time Capsule

Village Art & Antiques

690 Oaklawn Ave.
63 Fourth Ave.
151 Park Ave.
650 Oaklawn Ave.
6 Rolfe Square.
37 Dewey St.
695 Oaklawn Ave.
310 Atwood Ave.
85 Carlsbad St.
1000 Reservoir Ave.
310 Atwood Ave.
537 Pontiac Ave.
2145 Broad St.

USED CAR LICENSE

Carmax Auto Superstore, Inc.

D&M Motor Sales

East Side Auto Sales

Funes Towing

Interstate Auto Sales

J.D. Byrider

Josy Auto Repair

153 Bald Hill Rd.
50 Libera St.
2050 Plainfield Pike.
37 Dewey St.
1400 Cranston St.
615 Reservoir Ave.
1640 Elmwood Ave.

USED CAR LICENSE (Cont.)

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| <i>Lajara Auto Sales</i> | 1141 Cranston St. |
| <i>Miracle Auto Sales</i> | 580 Reservoir Ave. |
| <i>Moretti's Auto Sales</i> | 510 Atwood Ave. |
| <i>Park Avenue Auto Sales</i> | 716 Park Ave. |
| <i>Passport Automotive Group</i> | 85 Budlong Rd. |
| <i>Russo's Auto Sales, Inc.</i> | 519 Dyer Ave. |
| <i>Ultra Motor Car, Inc. d//b/a Gershkoff Auto Sales</i> | 1085 Cranston St. |
| <i>Volare Motors</i> | 1003 Park Ave. |
| <i>Zink's Auto Sales & Service</i> | 550 Atwood Ave. |

VICTUALLING LICENSE

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| <i>The Protein Parlor</i> | 330 Atwood Ave. |
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On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Council President Marino, it was voted to take all the above-listed license renewal applications as a block except for “EM’s Liquor Store’. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license renewal applications as a block except for “EM’s Liquor Store’. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Council President Marino, it was voted to approve the license renewal application for “EM’s Liquor Store’ with same conditions Committee imposed in Show Cause Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET

On motion by Council President Marino, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to accept this list of events into the record. Motion passed unanimously.

HISTORIC PARK THEATRE

List of events: March through October)

On motion by Council President Marino, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to accept this list of events into the record. Motion passed unanimously.

CRANSTON STADIUM

None.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS:

MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE *(Informational Purpose/No Votes Taken)*

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| Blount Clam Shack Food Truck – NEW | 383 Water St. |
| Gorditos Sno Cones – RENEWAL | 9 Whelan Rd. |
| Little B’s BBQ – RENEWAL | 14 Sawmill Rd. |
| Palagis Ice Cream – RENEWAL | 55 Bacon St. |
| Totten Foods LLC d/b/a Big Dog Eats – RENEWAL | 23 Gibbons Ave. |
| Village Greek – RENEWAL | 21 Marcy St. |

No action needed.

Councilman Donegan:

- ***Dyer Ave accidents***

Councilman Donegan asked that this item be continued.

Councilman Ferri:

- ***Update on changing the Parking Ordinance on Kenwood St.***

Chair asked Administration for an update on how to get rid of tractor trailers that are disturbing many businesses on that street. Director Moretti stated that, per Chair’s request in his e-mail box this evening, he has proposed an Ordinance if he would like to sponsor that. Chair stated, absolutely.

- ***Update on Gun Range***

Chair asked if Administration has anything to report to the citizens of the City as far as the gun range status of enclosing the range, moving it or whatever the plan that we were trying to solve. Director Moretti stated that the Colonel has been taking steps to reduce the amount of volume that is going to be going through the gun range. We will continue to meet with him so to mitigate some of that noise there. We will be getting back to the City Council with some rate as to what has been done and what we have done this year that will change from the past. Not sure about finances, but included in the Capital Budget to the Planning Commission is a line item for the construction of an enclosed gun range, but certainly we will have to collectively, the Administration and the City Council, to weigh that out as part of the discussion over this year’s budget, if it passes the Planning Commission.

Councilman Donegan asked how much that request is for. Director Moretti stated \$4 or \$5 million. Councilman Donegan asked how much it would cost for us to rent another facility, purely hypothetical. Director Moretti stated that he does not know that. Councilman Donegan asked if the Council can be provided with that figure for next month of what the cost would be on an annual basis for the Cranston Police Department to rent another facility that is existing. Director Moretti stated that there has been many many public discussions on that.

Not sure if that is the solution. We do not want to go down a path that is not going to be practical, but certainly they will be happy to discuss that with the Colonel if that is feasible. If it is feasible, then yes, we can ask him to look into that, but for a whole host of reasons previously discussed in public open forums, that was not a very good option for the safety of the people of Cranston. Councilman Donegan stated that he is just looking for a number, that's it.

Councilwoman Germain asked what is being considered to really ease or alleviate the situation right now on a short term because the residents are suffering and need some action. Director Moretti stated that as he indicated, the Colonel is coiling a summary or synopsis as to measures that can be taken with what he feels would be appropriate to reduce the use of the range particularly by others so they will be forthcoming.

Chair stated that the Committee is looking for two things:

1. Recommendation from the Colonel as to what reduction he is going to make until he uses the range and;
2. If in fact, we are going to have a proposal in the budget to enclose the run range.

Councilman Paplauskas asked if the City Council can also get an update from the Grant Writer of that application that was filed for a while ago. Council President Marino stated that she spoke to the Grant Writer and to Director Moretti and the Mayor earlier this month and that grant did not come through at the end of last year, but she did relay that to some of the constituents.

- **PRESENTATION**

None.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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