



SPECIAL SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councilman Robert J. Ferri, Chair
Council Vice-President Lammis J. Vargas, Vice-Chair
Councilwoman Aniece Germain
Council President Jessica M. Marino, Ex-Officio

Councilman John P. Donegan
Councilman Richard D. Campopiano
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

This special meeting of the Safety Service and Licenses Committee was held **in the City of Cranston Council Chambers, Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02910**, for the purpose of considering the following items listed on the agenda. Remote participation was also available.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert J. Ferri at 8:04 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL BY THE CLERK

The roll was called by the Clerk. Stated as present: Councilwoman Aniece Germain, Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas, Council Vice-President Lammis J. Vargas, Councilman Robert J. Ferri, and Council President Jessica M. Marino. Absent: Councilman John P. Donegan and Councilman Richard D. Campopiano.

Also present: Asst. City Solicitor John Verdecchia and City Clerk Tracy Nelson

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There was no public comment.

V. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE – NEW (*Votes will be taken*)
Tabor-Franchi VFW Post 2396 located at 170 Randall St. (*Cont. from 7/3/2023-no one appeared*)

(*Carlos Barbeiro*) (*Indoor/Outdoor Entertainment*)
July & Aug. – Saturdays and Sundays 4 pm to 10 pm

Mr. Barbeiro was in attendance. He explained this is a trial year to see if it's something they can build on. They are hoping to recruit and build the membership. The entertainment will be indoors and outdoors. Indoors will be a DJ or musicians. Outdoor will be limited to acoustic musicians, from 4pm to no later than 10pm.

At Councilman Paplauskas' request, the clerk read aloud the notes from the traffic engineer from the routing slip. ("Hard barricade to be maintained at all times between pedestrian & vehicle activity during outdoor entertainment.")

Mr. Barbeiro stated there will be food trucks at the outdoor event. They will serve as a barrier.

R. Ferri believes there are also cement barriers in the lot.

Mr. Barbeiro confirmed. Scott from the Parks and Recreation Department has also authorized use of the ballfield if they are expected to draw a large crowd. This is the contingency plan.

Council Vice-President Vargas expressed concern with use of the ballfield and their ongoing cost to taxpayers. The Council should have a discussion with Parks and Rec before use is authorized. She asked if the parking lot will be used for the band, etc.

Mr. Barbeiro replied that half the lot will be used for parking and half will be closed off. There is also parking available across the street and along the ballfield.

Council Vice-President Vargas asked if there will be music every weekend until 10pm.

Mr. Barbeiro responded not every weekend. There will be 3 or 4 events to gauge interest. The timeframe is flexible. He is happy to work within any parameters set by the committee. He wants to be a good neighbor. These will be family friendly events intended to build membership.

Council Vice-President Vargas asked about ticket sales.

Mr. Barbeiro answered the events will be free.

Council Vice-President recalled that not too long ago the committee stipulated for another business in a residential area that they would need to close earlier than 10pm on Sundays, unless Monday was a holiday. She believes the closing was set at 9 or 9:30 pm. If there are no issues reported, the committee can consider extending the time next year. If there are issues, the committee can always convene for a show cause hearing.

Mr. Barbeiro will work within any guidelines set by the committee. He feels the request is reasonable. Originally, they planned on holding events strictly on Saturdays, but included Sundays for rain dates or sports events.

R. Ferri reiterated the stipulations; on Sunday the events will end at 9:30pm unless the following Monday is a holiday, then they may continue until 10:00pm. The lot must be barricaded. The ballfields are not to be used without permission. The license is only requested for six weeks.

The committee wants the events to be successful but also wants to protect themselves and the neighbors.

Council President Marino relayed a concern from Councilor Campopiano, who was unable to attend this evening. He asked about food being served in addition to liquor.

Mr. Barbeiro advised there will be food trucks at each event.

MOTION made by Councilwoman Germain, SECONDED by Council Vice-President Vargas to approve the public entertainment license with the stipulations outlined by the Chair.

VOTE: Unanimously approved by all members present.

VICTUALING LICENSE – NEW (*Cont. from 7/3/2023-no one appeared*)

Rainbow Water located at 2160 Broad St. (*Diana Trueng*)

Ms. Trueng was in attendance. She explained this is only a name change. There are no other changes to the business operation.

Council Vice-President Vargas reminded Ms. Trueng that the license needs to be displayed in the business.

MOTION made by Councilwoman Germain, SECOND by Council Vice-President Vargas to approve the victualing license for Rainbow Water.

VOTE: Unanimously approved by all members present.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Council Vice-President Vargas, SECOND by Council President Marino to adjourn at 8:18 P.M. All Ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy A. Nelson, City Clerk

Minutes approved as written September 11, 2023

Attest: _____
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees