

(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting, but rather a summarization intended for general informational purposes. All motions and votes are the official records).

SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, August 7, 2023 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by the Chair.

II. ROLL CALL BY THE CLERK:

Present: Councilman Richard D. Campopiano
Councilwoman Aniece Germain
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas
Councilman John P. Donegan
Councilman Robert J. Ferri, Chair

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

Also Present: Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli (appeared at 6:45 p.m.)
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
Captain Gerard Carnevale, Police Department
David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2023 regular meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Micky Miller, 708 Dyer Ave., appeared to speak regarding Dyer Ave. traffic safety concerns.

Resident of Dyer Ave., appeared to speak regarding Dyer Ave. traffic safety concerns.

Shawna Sampson appeared to speak regarding Dyer Ave. traffic safety concerns.

V. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

A. CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE – NEW

The Spot Bar and Grill located at 20 Rolfe Square (*Attorney Thomas Hanley*)
(Cont. from 7/3/23 SSM) (Over the Cap; requires full Council approval)

****Applicant asked for continuance to September meeting***

Outstanding items required prior to issuance of license by City Clerk:

- Department of Health Final Inspection
- Food Safety Managers Certificate
- Certificate of Good Standing from RI Division of Taxation
- Alcohol Training Certificates for all staff
- Certificate of Liquor Liability Insurance

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

B. EXTENDED HOURS VICTUALING LICENSE – NEW

Seasons Corner Market located at 2050 Plainfield Pike (*Mario Vendittelli*)
(Cont. from 5/1/23 SSM) *Applicant asked for continuance to October SSM

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

C. VICTUALING LICENSE – NEW

1. *Merlino's Pizzeria* located at 889 Dyer Ave. (*Jeffrey Merlino*)
(Cont. from 6/5/23 SSM)

- Department of Health Final Inspection
- Clearance on City Taxes

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

2. *Seasons Corner Market* located at 2050 Plainfield Pike (*Mario Vendittelli*)
(Cont. from 5/1/23 SSM) *Applicant asked for continuance to October SSM

Outstanding items required prior to issuance of license by City Clerk:

- Certificate of Occupancy
- RI Dept of Health Final
- Retail Sales Permit

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

3. *The Spot Bar and Grill* located at 20 Rolfe Square (*Attorney Thomas Hanley*)
(Cont. from 7/3/23 SSM) *Applicant asked for continuance to September meeting

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

D. Edgewood Laundry located at 1980 Broad St.
(Cont. from 7/3/23 SSM)

Chair stated that the laundromat people had a study done and is completed and have Identified the problem and looking at solving them.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE – NEW

1. *Kaffeology* located at 50 Hillside Road (*Andrea Marin*)
(OVER THE CAP – NEED CC APPROVAL)

- RI Dept of Health Final Inspection
- Certificate of Good Standing

Andrea Marin appeared to speak and stated that Certificate of Good Standing should be issued by tomorrow or Wednesday the latest. Estimated opening date is last week of August.

Chair stated that if clearances are received prior to the next meeting, there may be a special meeting called if there are other scheduled meetings to approve this license application.

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

2. *Topgolf USA CP, LLC d/b/a Topgolf* located at 120 Sockanosset Cross Rd.

- RI Dept of Health Final Inspection
- Certificate of Good Standing
- Food Safety Manager Certificate
- Alcohol Training Certificate

Shanda Berlinson, Director of Topgolf and David DelRossi, Operations Manager, appeared to speak.

Ms. Berlinson stated that they are looking to open late fall, early October and they started hiring today.

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

EXPANSION OF PREMISE- NEW (*Votes will be taken*)
Red Lounge located at 355 Dyer Ave.

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE – NEW

Topgolf USA CP, LLC d/b/a Topgolf located at 120 Sockanosset Cross Rd.

- [Routing Slip](#)

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Ms. Berlinson stated that they are looking to open late fall, early October and they started hiring today.

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

VII. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – NEW

The Wine and Liquor Company d/b/a Christy's Liquors located at 1500 Oaklawn Ave.

Robert Murray, Esq., appeared to represent applicant.

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

VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW

1. **Green Life Nutrition** located at 1267 Cranston St. (*Ramon Mejia*) (*Change of Ownership*)

Ramon Majia appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 7-7 seven days a week.

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

2. **Kaffeology** located at 50 Hillside Road (*Andrea Marin*)

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

3. *Poke Bros Cranston, LLC* located at 40 Sockanosset Cross Rd. (*Yi Fang Guo*)

Nicholas Yang appeared to speak on behalf of applicant and stated hours of operation to be 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 7-7 seven days a week.

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

4. *Shake Shack* located at 30 Hillside Road (*Randall Garutti*)

David Yearwood appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven days a week.

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

5. *Topgolf USA CP, LLC d/b/a Topgolf* located at 120 Sockanosset Cross Rd.

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

VIII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER

No Business.

IX. SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

No Business.

X. POLICE DEPARTMENT

No Business.

XI. FIRE DEPARTMENT

No Business.

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

19 HOUR LIQUOR LICENSE

1. *St. George Church* located at 1493 Cranston St.
(September 15th 5-11pm, September 16th 12-11pm, September 17th 11:30am-5pm)
2. *Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church* located at 175 Oaklawn Ave
(September 8th 5-10 pm, September 9th 12-10pm, September 10th 12-8pm)

AUTO REPAIR LICENSE

1. *Classic Car & Van Sales* located at 971 Cranston St.
2. *Lajara Auto Sales, Inc.* located at 1141 Cranston St.
3. *Manny & Son's Auto Repair* located at 391 Dyer Ave.
4. *R&R Auto Repair* located at 125 Niantic Ave.
5. *E-Z Glass & Tow LLC* located at 987 Cranston St.

BAZAAR LICENSE

1. *Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church* located at 175 Oaklawn Ave
(September 8th 5-10 pm, September 9th 12-10pm, September 10th 12-8pm)
2. *St. David's On The Hill* located at 200 Meshanticut Valley Parkway
(October 21, 2023 from 9am-2pm)

CARNIVAL LICENSE

Santa Maria DiPrata located at 29 Walnut Hill Grove Ave.
(September 1st-3rd 5p.m.-11p.m.)

GAMEROOM LICENSE

Lang's Bowlarama located at 225 Niantic Ave.

FIREARMS DEALER LICENSE

On Target Firearms located 1 Gray Birch Dr.

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE

Village Imprints located at 2164 Broad St.

PARADE LICENSE

Santa Maria DiPrata located at 29 Walnut Grove Ave.
(September 1-3)

PER DIEM PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

1. *Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church* located at 175 Oaklawn Ave
(September 8th 5-10 pm, September 9th 12-10pm, September 10th 12-8pm)
2. *St. George Church* located at 1493 Cranston St.
(September 15th 5-11 pm, September 16th 12-11 pm, September 17th 11:30-5pm)

PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE

Ronald Delalla located at 131 Blackamore Ave.

TEMPORARY MASS GATHERING

1. *Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church* located at 175 Oaklawn Ave
(September 8th 5-10 pm, September 9th 12-10pm, September 10th 12-8pm)
2. *St. George Church* located at 1493 Cranston St.
(September 15th 5-11 pm, September 16th 12-11 pm, September 17th 11:30-5pm)

VICTUALLING LICENSE

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church located at 175 Oaklawn Ave

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

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

XIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES

A. RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET

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

B. HISTORIC PARK THEATRE

None

C. CRANSTON STADIUM

None

XIV. LICENSES ISSUED ADMINISTRATIVELY

A. MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE(S) – NEW

- 1. ABCD Brother's Kitchen*
- 2. Panini Planet*

B. MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE(S) – RENEWALS

Boba Wave

XV. COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Ferri *Donegan:

- Dyer Ave. Traffic Safety Concerns*

Councilman Donegan stated that there have been significant accidents on this street. One thing he would like to see happen is solar powered radar speed signs. Captain Carnevale stated that he likes the idea of signs showing speed. A lot of the problems they saw from a study that they did is there is so much distracted driving where you do not have to go fast to hit someone in a crosswalk. You are just not paying attention. You could be on the phone or speaking to someone in the car.

XVI. PRESENTATIONS

None.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees