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SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, March 4, 2024 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 6:15 P.M. by the Chair.

II. ROLL CALL BY THE CLERK:

Present: Councilman Richard D. Campopiano
Councilwoman Aniece Germain
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas
Councilman Daniel Wall
Councilman John P. Donegan
Councilman Robert J. Ferri, Chair
Council President Jessica M. Marino

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

Also Present: Christopher Rawson, Assistant City Solicitor
David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst
Tracy A. Nelson, City Clerk
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2024 Regular meeting.*
- B. Approval of the minutes of the February 5, 2024 Regular meeting.*

On motion by Councilman Wall, seconded by Council President Marino, it was voted to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 and the minutes of the February 5, 2024 regular meetings and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

A. CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE – NEW

1. *The Spot Bar and Grill* located at 20 Rolfe Square (*Attorney Thomas Hanley*)
(*Cont. from 9/11/23, 10/2/23, 11/6/23, 12/4/23 & 2/5/24*)
(*Over the Cap; requires full Council approval*)

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

- Department of Health Final Inspection
- Certificate of Good Standing from RI Division of Taxation
- Certificate of Liquor Liability Insurance

Chair asked that all matters regarding Spot Bar and Grill be continued to next month.

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

B. VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW

1. *The Spot Bar and Grill* located at 20 Rolfe Square (*Attorney Thomas Hanley*)
(*Cont. from 9/11/23, 10/2/2023, 11/6/23 & 12/4/23*)

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

- Department of Health Final Inspection

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

C. HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE- NEW

- Jerusalem Meat Market* located at 88 ½ Rolfe Sq.
(*Cont. from 2/5/24 – applicant did not appear*)

Bachar Tanbakji appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 7 am to 9 pm seven days a week.

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

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

EXTENDED HOURS LICENSE

5-Herb Pizza located at 500 Dyer Ave.
10:30am-4:00am

Youssef Al Mall appeared to speak.

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

Under Discussion:

Mr. Al Mall stated that they do deliveries now until 2 am and with extended hours, they would like to use those hours for deliveries.

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

LIQUOR LICENSE- CHANGE OF CLASS: BV TO BVL

Crepe Corner, LLC d/b/a Crepe Corner located at 2170 Broad Street

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

- Fee
- TIPS Certificates
- Certificate of Liability Insurance
- City Taxes

Anthony Abagboyi appeared to speak and stated that he has the TIPS, Insurance and fee.

Chair stated that his recommendation would be to approve this as long as applicant provides the Clerk with the items still outstanding. He asked Solicitor's opinion.

Solicitor stated that applicant did put on the record for that and we can hold him to that and Committee can approve this subject to that. If those items are not received, license will not be issued and this will be placed on next month's agenda again.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to approve this license transfer application subject to receipt of fee, TIPS and Certificate of Insurance. Motion passed unanimously.

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

From: *Michael-John Culinary Affairs, Inc.*

d/b/a Culinary Affairs located at 650 Oaklawn Ave.

To: *Blue Awning, LLC d/b/a Makmak Eatery* located at 650 Oaklawn Ave.

Michael Kudzma

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

- RI Department of Health License
- Letter of Good Standing
- Certificate of Liability Insurance

Joseph Sciacca, Esq., appeared to represent Transferree.

Michael Kudzma appeared to speak.

Chair asked what the status is on the documents still outstanding.

Attorney Sciacca stated that they are working on the Certificate of Good Standing. As to the Certificate of Insurance, they should get that in the next day or so and the Health approval is scheduled for inspection.

Chair asked Solicitor if the Committee can proceed with this this evening or should it be continued.

Solicitor stated that this is at the discretion of the Chair, but the Attorney stated that the documents should be available within days. This could be approved pending.

Chair suggested approving this pending the documents being provided to the Clerk and if they are not provided in time, it be placed on next month's agenda.

On motion by Councilman Wall, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to approve this license transfer application pending outstanding documents being provided to the Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

VICTUALLING LICENSE -NEW

1. *Blue Awning, LLC d/b/a Makmak Eatery* located at 650 Oaklawn Ave.

Michael Kudzma

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

- [RI Department of Health License \(Pending\)](#)

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Councilman Donegan, it was voted to approve this license application pending documents being provided to the Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.

2. *Changing Lives, LLC d/b/a The Nutrition Station* located at 935 Park Ave.

David Najera

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

- [RI Department of Health License \(Pending\)](#)

David Najera appeared to speak and stated that he has an appointment scheduled for the Health Department inspection.

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

3. ***Di Hu Shadau d/b/a AFC Sushi*** located at 550 Pontiac Ave.
Di Hu Shadau

Di Hu Shadau appeared to speak. Ahshim Marip appeared to translate for application and stated hours of operation will be the same as Dave's Market, 7-9.

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

4. ***KIZILKULA, LLC d/b/a Boulevard Pizza*** located at 1031 Narragansett Blvd.
Mevlut Kizilkula

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

5. ***Mustafa Corp d/b/a Bestway*** located at 1353 Park Ave.
Sohel Dvgla

Shaan Maharoon appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Sundays thru Wednesdays 6 am to 10 pm and Thursdays thru Saturdays 6 am to 11 pm.

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

6. ***Nelvas Cakes, Inc.*** located at 37 Phenix Ave.
Novely Giron
Outstanding items required prior to issuance of license by City Clerk:
 - [RI Department of Health License \(Waiting on final inspection\)](#)

Novely Giron appeared to speak.

Solicitor recommended tabling this license application.

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

7. ***One 2 Taco N More, LLC*** located at 690 Oaklawn Ave.
Abner Albano

Abner Albano appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 10:30-9 six days a week and closed Sundays.

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

8. ***TMA Enterprises, LLC d/b/a La Frontera Market*** located at 1522 Broad St.
Anees Gabra

Anees Gabra appeared to speak.

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

9. ***Zwerge, Inc. d/b/a Dunkin*** located at 548 Reservoir Ave.
George Zwiener

George Zwiener appeared to speak.

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

VIII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER

No Business.

IX. SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

VICTUALLING LICENSES - RENEWAL

1. ***La Bandera Bistro*** located at 407 Laurel Hill Ave. *(Cont. from 01/08/24 & 2/5/24 Meeting)*

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

- [Certificate of Good Standing from RI Division of Taxation](#)

No appeared to speak.

It was noted that the this should be listed as a liquor license renewal and not a Victualling License renewal.

Solicitor stated that it is his understanding that for the last few months they have been closed, however, this has been continued for quite a few months and since no one is present this evening to confirm whether they are open or closed, the Clerk has mentioned sending them an affidavit to see when they are open, if they are open or closed and get a status. She will prepare the affidavit and send it to the applicant. The Committee may want to continue this until we hear from the applicant and get a status.

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

1. *Sophie's Sweets LLC* located at 1458 Park Ave.
SERVED BY PD ON 2/22/24; FILED RENEWAL APP FOR 2024 BUT HAS NOT PICKED UP 2023 LICENSE DUE TO TANGIBLE TAXES OWED

No one appeared to speak.

Solicitor stated that applicant was served with a Cease and Desist Order and it is his understanding that they might still be open, which is in violation of this Committee's Order. He recommended Committee move to have the Police take any action to enforce the Cease and Desist Order.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Wall, it was voted to enforce the Order. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair asked what the procedure is to enforce the Order. Solicitor stated that he will contact Colonel Winquist later this week to clarify the logistics and he can be in communication with the Committee.

2. *Summer Food LLC, d/b/a Tomaselli's* located at 693 Oaklawn Ave.
Tangible taxes due **HAS NOT BEEN SERVED BY PD YET; CLOSED UNTIL 4/3**

Solicitor stated that since this establishment is closed until April 3rd, this be continued.

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

3. *Rainbow Water* located at 2160 Broad St.
Tangible taxes due /did not renew for 2024 **HAS NOT BEEN SERVED BY PD YET**

Solicitor stated that since this establishment has not been served, this be continued.

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

AUTO REPAIR LICENSES – RENEWALS (*Cont from 2/5/24 Meeting*)

1. *Glass America* located at 140 Comstock Parkway
Tangible taxes due
Fire Inspection clearance needed **HAS NOT BEEN SERVED BY PD YET**

No one appeared to speak.

Solicitor stated that they have been aware of this meeting even though they were not able to be served. Since they are doing auto repair, they are in violation of State Statute. There is a penalty of \$500 per day until they are in compliance. He asked that the Clerk file a complaint with Municipal Court and Municipal Court would notify them to appear before the Court and be heard and if they continue to be in violation, fines can be imposed.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to authority the Clerk to file a complaint with Cranston Municipal Court. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor indicated that the establishment failed a fire inspection on February 6, 2024 and they also have not been licensed for the last two calendar years.

X. POLICE DEPARTMENT

No business.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No Business.

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

AMUSEMENT MACHINE LICENSE

Millers Crossing located at 43 Bald Hill Rd.

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

BILLIARDS TABLE LICENSE

Millers Crossing located at 43 Bald Hill Rd.

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

BUSINESS IN TEMPORARY STRUCTURE

Pawtuxet Village Farmers Market located at 45 Rhodes Place
(Saturdays in April through October)

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

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LICENSE

Staffmark Investment, LLC located at 40 E. Sockanosset Cross Rds.

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

EXTENDED HOURS LICENSE

7/11 #33080B located at 535 Reservoir Ave. (24 Hours)

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

Cumberland Farms 1279 located at 659 Reservoir Ave. (24 hours)

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

CVS Pharmacy #1414 located at 1195 Oaklawn Ave. (24 hours)

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

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE

Advance Auto Parts #8907 located at 250 Atwood Ave.

Aldi #36 located at 1015 Cranston Ave.

Aldi #39 located at 1138 Pontiac Ave.

Athleta #1705 located at 79 Hillside Rd.

Banana Republic #1605 located at 72 Hillside Rd.

Bath & Body Works #1375 located at 69 Hillside Rd.

BD Mart, Inc. located at 1356 Cranston St.

Burlington #551 located at 310 Garfield Ave.

Chico's #107 located at 64 Hillside Rd.

Classic Liquors located at 1358 Plainfield Pike

Comstock Gardens located at 55 Council Rock Rd.

CVS Pharmacy #212 located at 681 Reservoir Ave.

CVS Pharmacy #469 located at 1188 Pontiac Ave.

CVS Pharmacy #1414 located at 1195 Oaklawn Ave.

CVS Pharmacy #2021 located at 205 Atwood Ave.

CVS Pharmacy #5868 located at 1776 Broad St.

Dollar Tree #04792 located at 1776 Plainfield Pike

Dollar Tree #01794 located at 1011 Cranston St.

Dollar Tree #05804 located at 1285 Reservoir Ave.

Dollar Tree #07804 located at 819 Park Ave.

Dollar Tree #08576 located at 250 Atwood Ave.

Dollar Tree #01599 located at 1400 Oaklawn Ave.

Doomed Records located at 2180 Broad St.

Elamani Enterprises d/b/a A&B Mart located at 951 Pontiac Ave.

Em's Liquor Store, Inc. located at 1285 Park Ave. Unit C

Family Dollar #32418 located at 570 Pontiac Ave.

Family Dollar #32225 located at 480 Atwood Ave.

Gamestop #6145 located at 1000 Chapel View Blvd.

Gamestop #2349 located at 286 Garfield Ave.
Gap #2237 located at 81 Hillside Rd.
Golfers Warehouse, Worldwide Golf Shops, LLC located at 60 Freeway Dr.
J&J Gasbarro Oaklawn Liquors located at 985 Oaklawn Ave.
J. Jill located at 78 Hillside Rd.
Jos A. Bank Clothiers #59 located at 210 Hillside Rd.
LEV Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Majestic Liquors located at 1075 Park Ave.
Loft #956 located at 83 Hillside Rd.
Lucky Mart, LLC d/b/a Snacks Plus located at 880 Oaklawn Ave.
MAB Liquors, LTD d/b/a Atwood Wine & Spirits located at 426 Atwood Ave.
Mac's Food Store located at 983 Oaklawn Ave.
Milk N More located at 1232 Park Ave.
Morin's Liquor Store located at 1621 Elmwood Ave.
O'Reilly Auto Parts #5014 located at 355 Atwood Ave.
Old Navy #9623 located at 156 Hillside Rd.
PSP Stores, LLC d/b/a Pet Supplies Plus located at 171 Sockanosset Cross Rd.
Plaza Liquors located at 212 Garfield Ave.
Providence Diamond located at 105 Hillside Rd.
Quick Mart located at 164 Park Ave.
Rainbow #1489 located at 242 Garfield Ave.
Rainbow #218 located at 1200 Oaklawn Ave.
Reshan, Inc. located at 2148 Broad St.
RI Wine & Spirits d/b/a Heritage Liquors RI located at 529 Reservoir Ave.
Ruggieri Flooring, Inc. located at 1191 Pontiac Ave.
Sally Beauty Supply #2780 located at 236 Garfield Ave.
Shree Maa of RI, Inc. d/b/a SRL Mart located at 480 Pontiac Ave.
Soma Intimates #5304 located at 16 Hillside Rd.
Sonya's located at 766 Oaklawn Ave.
Sweenors Chocolates located at 43 Hillside Rd.
Tedeschi Greenhouses located at 47 Church St.
The Color House located at 1107 Reservoir Ave.
The Container Store located at 150 Hillside Rd.
Ulta Beauty located at 158 Hillside Rd.
Walgreens #03491 located at 1763 Broad St.
Walgreens #02850 located at 1010 Park Ave.
White House Black Market #3106 located at 45 Hillside Rd.
Wines & More of RI, Inc. located at 125 Sockanosset Cross Rd.
Yankee Candle Company located at 75 Hillside Rd.

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

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

LEASING OF MOTOR VEHICLES LICENSE

American Performance Auto Rental located at 1006 Cranston St. (2023-2024)

American Performance Auto Rental located at 1006 Cranston St. (2024-2025)

American Performance Auto Rental located at 964 Cranston St.

Ultra Motor Car, Inc. d/b/a Brian's Auto Repair located at 1085 Cranston St.

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

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

PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE

Paul G. Hughes #495

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

USED CAR LICENSE

D&M Motor Sales located at 50 Libera St.

Funes Towing located at 32 Dewey St.

Interstate Auto Sales & Repair located at 1400 Cranston St.

Lajara Auto Sales located at 1141 Cranston St.

Miracle Auto Sales located at 580 Reservoir Ave.

Passport Automotive Group located at 85 Budlong Rd.

Pavilion Auto Sales located at 1211 Cranston St.

Russo's Auto Sales, Inc. located at 519 Dyer Ave.

Sam's Auto Group located at 936 Cranston St.

Vachon Motor Company located at 615 Reservoir Ave.

Volare Motors, LLC located at 1003 Park Ave.

Zinks Auto Sales & Service located at 550 Atwood Ave.

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

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

VICTUALLING LICENSE

Aminia, LLC d/b/a Speedy Mart located at 95 Warwick Ave.

Cranston Little Caesars, LLC located at 763 Reservoir Ave.

Dairy Twirl located at 787 Reservoir Ave.

Firehouse Subs located at 1000 Chapel View Blvd.

Joe's Kwik Marts, LLC located at 473 Reservoir Ave.
Joseph's Pizzeria located at 1860 Broad St.
Naz's Halal Food located at 636 Reservoir Ave.
Pawtuxet Village Farmers Market located at 45 Rhodes Ave.
Pinkberry located at 53 Hillside Rd.
Shorty's located at 876 Atwood Ave.
Sophie's Sweets, LLC located at 1458 Park Ave. Suite 5
Straw in the Raw located at 190 Hillside Rd.
The Kader Group, LLC located at 280 Atwood Ave.
Two Angels Tacos, LLC located at 154 Gansett Ave.
Uncle Sushi and Grill located at 570 Reservoir Ave.
Vatsana Thai & Sushi located at 2168 Broad St.
Vivaldi's Pizza located at 1826 Broad St.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Wall, it was voted to take all the above-listed license renewal applications as a block except for Sophie's Sweets. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Wall, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license renewal applications as a block except for Sophie's Sweets. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES

A. RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET

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

B. HISTORIC PARK THEATRE

No schedule received as of 1/04/2024

Chair asked that this item be removed from the agenda going forward.

C. CRANSTON STADIUM

No schedule received as of 1/04/2024

XIV. LICENSES ISSUED ADMINISTRATIVELY *(For informational purposes; no votes to be taken)*

MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT- RENEWAL

La Guaguita Del Sabor- MFE 126

Little B's BBQ- MFE 82

YAPA, LLC- MFE 1165

No action needed.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS *(No votes to be taken) (Informational Purposes Only)*

None.

XVI. PRESENTATIONS

None.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees