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SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, April 4, 2022 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

Present: Councilwoman Lammis J. Vargas
Councilwoman Aniece Germain
Councilman Richard D. Campopiano
Councilman Matthew R. Reilly, Vice-Chair
Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli, Chair
Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas

Absent: Council Vice-President Robert J. Ferri

Also Present: Councilwoman Jessica M. Marino
Councilman John P. Donegan
Paul McAuley, Deputy Chief of Staff
Major Todd Patalano, Police Department
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
David Dimaio, City Council Budget Analyst
Rosalba Zanni, Acting City Clerk
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

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

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE

CVS Pharmacy #5868 (Cont. from 3/7/22 SSM) (Store Hours) 1776 Broad St.

No one representing CVS appeared to speak.

Councilwoman Vargas stated that she received a phone call from CVS and was told that they were adjusting their time to 10 pm, but there was a letter that was sent out to them asking that they appear at this meeting and she would have expected them to be present this evening. Since no one is present, she would recommend a continuance on this to next month's meeting.

Councilwoman Germain motioned to continue to next month.

A member of the public asked to speak. Chair asked Solicitor's opinion regarding this request. Solicitor stated that CVS has been on notice at least two times to appear before this Committee and for one reason or another, no one is present. Normally on a motion to continue, we do not normally entertain public input, however, he thinks it is in the Board's discretion if people came out tonight and want to be heard, he does not see any harm in letting the residents be heard now.

Kathy Dailey, 182 Arnold Ave., appeared to speak and stated that she is opposed to the extended hours. She stated that eleven years ago, CVS proposed to build a 24-hour store on the corner of Norwood and Broad. 700 residents came together at a number of meetings and negotiated with CVS that they would close at 10 and lights off at 10:30, however, that has not been the case. This is a residential area. CVS is a gateway into a historic neighborhood. She is concerned that they are going to keep pushing this and try to get a 24-hour license. She and her neighbors were never notified of any plan for extended hours. She believes this is in the City Code to notify residents within 200' radius. Council President Paplauskas stated that he believes that that notification is for an All Night License or 24-hour license. We will have the Solicitor look into it. Ms. Dailey stated that the concern is the crime, the lighting and the trash. She presented a petition for the record. She stated that trash in the parking lot has been a problem for ten years. CVS promised to be good neighbors and they have not. Director McAuley stated that he will follow up on the trash issue. He also stated that the Director of Constituent Affairs has contacted CVS this morning and they have assured the City that they are going to resolve the issue and we will follow up to make sure that they are true to their word.

Councilwoman Vargas stated that since we are sending CVS another letter, we might as well add the trash as well and have them appear before this Committee at next month's meeting and speak about the hours then and the neighbors are more then welcomed then as well. She questioned if there is anything in writing of time being agreed upon. Director McAuley stated that he did check into that and it was basically a gentleman's agreement back then. There is nothing on record. Clerk stated that in checking the minutes of 2011 when CVS was granted the license, there were no restrictions placed on the license as far as the hours and there was no discussion at the meeting regarding the hours. Any of that discussion might have taken place outside of the meeting.

Chair asked the Solicitor if this Committee would have the ability next month to place a restriction as to the hours. Solicitor stated, yes, it would. The Committee always has discretion to place whatever reasonable restrictions it feels is necessary pursuant to any license.

Senator Joshua Miller appeared to speak and stated that he was present during those negotiations with CVS in 2011 and to his past recollection, one of the many components to have them agree not only on the licensing then, but also to have a 10 o'clock limit on when they would be open.

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

ROAD RACE LICENSE

Ragnar Events, LLC (*No Show-Cont'd. from 3/7/22 SSM*) 5570 West 1730 South
(*Amber Sadlier*) (*Attending by Zoom-out of state*) (*May 20-21 8:30pm-2:00pm*)

No one appeared to speak.

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

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

None.

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER – NEW

From: 848 Park Ave Associates

848 Park Ave.

***To: Historic Park Theatre LLC d/b/a Historic Park Theatre
(Jeffrey Quinlan) (Edward Brady)***

Jeffrey Quinlan, 1220 Ives Rd., Warwick, appeared to speak.

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

Under Discussion:

Mr. Quinlan stated that the vision for the site includes four key operations. The first being the main theatre space featuring 1,115 seats in a main lobby. The second being a café space, which will be commonly know as the Park Café, serving coffees, pastries, breakfast items, lunch items and evening desserts. The third operation will be the comedy hall called the Comedy Park and lastly the supper club upstairs, which will be branded the Rolf, a classic Hollywood style supper club featuring dinner and small stage acts as well as guest chief series. There will be five delineated areas in the facility where intoxicating beverages will be dispensed, which will be the main theatre lobby, the second floor upstairs balcony lobby, the café, the comedy hall and the supper club. They will be moving toward a gradual phase opening of the facility starting with the comedy hall at the end of this month and the main theatre space in mid-May. The café and supper club will be part of a phase three opening in the summer months.

Councilwoman Germain stated that she thinks it is really great that the Park Theatre is re-opening. It is really great for the Cranstonians, particularly for Rolfe Square. She questioned what the hours of operation will be. Mr. Quinlan stated that it will vary. The café will be open 8 am on a seven-days a week. The acts will go on at show nights and will mostly feature a start time of 7 pm. The supper club, which will have more extended hours, will be more of an 8 pm start, but will have extended closing hours to 1 am.

Chair asked what time the café would close. Mr. Quinlan stated that another component the café will be a dessert for the post show, which will also include cocktail service. They will 8be looking to have those hours be a full 1 am close with the BV.

Council President Papluskas thanked Mr. Quinlan for the investments and re-investment into the City. The only concern he has is if applicant will be providing the Committee with list of events for the show similar to the way Park Theatre used to do. Mr. Quinlan stated that they will be providing the Committee with the calendar of events specifically the larger show nights in the main theatre hall. He asked how much of the calendar the Committee would need for the other components of the facility. Council President Papluskas stated that in the past, it has been just the big shows, but he would leave it up to the Committee.

Councilwoman Vargas stated that she believes that in the past there was a contract between the City and 848 in regards to the parking at City Hall and there was a fee associated as well from the previous owner. She asked if that is still the case now. Mr. Quinlan stated that there is a ten-year lease agreement with the City and they are in year five. They were assigned that agreement through the transaction with 848. The annual fee is \$1 so they will be keeping up with that and maintaining that contract and also looking to renew that when the time comes. He also stated that the contract is through 2027.

Mr. Quinlan stated that he believes he filed all the paperwork related to all licenses needed. Clerk indicated that the Victualling application and the Entertainment application was left off this agenda in error. Chair asked if those two applications can be heard this evening. Solicitor stated that he is concerned of Open Meetings because the only thing advertised for this evening was the liquor license transfer and he does not think the Committee can vote on any other license application at this point. Mr. Quinlan stated that there is an event scheduled for the end of this month. Chair asked if a special meeting can be called prior to next month's meeting to vote on those two applications. Council President Paplauskas suggested scheduled a special meeting prior to the regular Council meeting on the 25th.

Councilman Reilly asked if there is a procedure in place for Police detail in reference to the parking and crossing of Park Ave. Mr. Quinlan stated that they are working with the Mayor's Office and have had discussions about lighting and maintenance or improvements to the walkway from the parking lot to Pak Ave. and across Park Ave. They need to follow-up with the Mayor's Office on progress on that. They will have a parking management company out in the parking lot for big show nights directing traffic flow and directing patrons to the facility. In terms of Police detail, he questioned what the Committee needs from him or how is that triggered. Is that an estimated count, guest count or strictly based on large show nights regardless of the size? Councilman Reilly stated that those are some things that should be looked into. Major Patalano stated that under the Charter, the Police governs that and they would go by the number of people expected in the facility every evening depending on what type of show they are having and how many people they plan on and how many tickets they sell in advance. They definitely need Police there if they are going to have more than 200 people.

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

EXPANSION OF PREMISES LICENSE – NEW
LSF Cranston LLC d/b/a Legal Sea Foods
(Thomas Clancy)

175 Hillside Rd.

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

Under Discussion:

Tom Clancy appeared to speak and stated that they are looking for a patio permit next door to Legal Sea Foods in Garden City. They have had one there for the last two years under the emergency situation with the Mayor's approval due to the pandemic and they found that a lot of their guests liked it and they would like to do it again this year. It is going to be approximately twelve table patio outside the building in the parking lot. It has been approved by the mall management and they have gotten all the appropriate signatures with the City of Cranston to do this. They will place jersey barriers closing the area off to vehicles for the safety of the people. It is going to be pretty much like last year except for the tent.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

SECONDHAND LICENSE- NEW
Mike's Memorabilia
(Michael Flaherty)

526 Pontiac Ave.

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

Under Discussion:

Mary Flaherty appeared to speak on behalf of her husband and stated hours of operation to be 12-7 and possibly Mondays thru Saturdays.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

B. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE

Oaklawn Ave Food Mart LLC
(Hazim Lababidi)

983 Oaklawn Ave.

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

Under Discussion:

Hazim Lababidi appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 5:30 to 11 every day.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

Ulta Beauty
(Store Manager – Gail)

158 Hillside Rd.

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

Under Discussion:

Gail Tutley appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Sundays 11-6, Mondays thru Wednesdays 10-8 and Thursdays thru Saturdays 10-9. She is not sure about holidays at this time.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT

Dinolicious, LLC
(Julia O'Rourke)

1065 Wallum Lake Rd.

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

Under Discussion:

Julia O'Rourke, 1065 Wallum Lake Rd., Pascoag, appeared to speak and stated that she is looking into doing Food and Truck event at Mulligan's Island and any other events in Cranston.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

TEMPORARY MASS GATHERING LICENSE

Ocean State concessions FTF

@ Mulligans Island

Dates every Friday from May 6- October 28

100 New London Ave

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

Under Discussion:

Joe Boisvert, 303 Main Ave., Warwick, appeared to speak and stated that this is for a food truck event at Mulligan’s Island and hours will be 4:30 to 8:30.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

VICTUALLING LICENSE

All Favorites Café

(Emily Marye)

1678 Broad St.

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

Under Discussion:

Emily Marye appeared to speak.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

Laila & Athena LLC d/b/a Athena’s Restaurant

(Christos Spyriois)

1482 Park Ave.

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

Under Discussion:

Christos Spyriois appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 6-2 every day and Sundays 7-1.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

Rainbow Water
(Diana Truong)

2160 Broad St.

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

Under Discussion:

Diana Truong appeared to speak and stated that everything will be the same. This is just changing the name.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

Rim Nahm Thai Cuisine
(Wongphrajan Phothisen)

2212 Broad St.

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

Under Discussion:

Wongphrajan Phothisen appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 11-9 Tuesdays thru Sundays and closed Mondays.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

LDS33 LLC d/b/a Sundaes
(Lindsay Schneider)

775 Oaklawn Ave.

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

Under Discussion:

Lindsay Schneider appeared to speak and stated that she is taking over the business from her dad.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LICENSE (*Votes will be taken*)

Coworx Staffing Services LLC

105 Sockanossett Cross Rd.

VII. LICENSE RENEWALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE (Cont.)

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LICENSE

Kelly Services, Inc.

PO BOX 331179

Kelly Services USA, LLC

PO BOX 331179

EXTENDED HOURS LICENSE

Cumberland Farms #1279 (24 hours)

659 Reservoir Ave.

Wendy's (Open Until 4am)

16 Garfield Ave.

FIREWORK VENDOR LICENSE

Stop & Shop #707 (May 6-July 31)

200 Atwood Ave.

Stop & Shop #714 (May 6-July 31)

204 Garfield Ave.

Stop & Shop #2702 (May 6-July 31)

275 Warwick Ave.

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE

Aum Shakti, Inc. d/b/a Cranston Liquors

1219 Cranston St.

Capital Liquors

811 Park Ave.

Confreda Greenhouses & Farms, LLC

2150 Scituate Ave.

Dollar General Store #18251

1315 Park Ave.

Dollar General Store #15772

1548 Broad St.

Dollar General Store #22027

550 Dyer Ave.

VII. LICENSE RENEWALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE CONT.

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE (Cont.)

Francesca's Collections

37 Hillside Rd.

Heritage Liquors

529 Reservoir Ave.

Lakeshore Learning Store

1400 Oaklawn Ave.

Old Navy #9623

156 Hillside Rd.

Prime Comms Retail, LLC d/b/a AT&T Authorized Retailer

540A Reservoir Ave.

Sally Beauty Supply #2780

236 Garfield Ave.

Tedeschi's Greenhouses

47 Church St.

The Container Store, Inc.

150 Hillside Rd.

Yankee Candle Company

75 Hillside Rd.

MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE

Embodiment Massage and Wellness, LLC

155 Park Ave.

Erin O'Cain, LMT

845 Oaklawn Ave.

Massage by Mindsense

4000 Chapel View Blvd.

MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE

Baby Duck LLC d/b/a Tacofied

78 Harrison St.

Farm to Sandwich LLC

14 Abbott St.

Saugy, Inc.

43 Ralls Dr.

Smoke & Squeal BBQ LLC

881 Main St.

Supa Dupa Food Sales

20 Oregon Ave.

The Moo-Mobile Ice Cream Truck

12 Alderbrook Dr.

PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE

Lawrence Pezza, Jr. #450

336 Comstock Pkwy.

USED CAR LICENSE

Atlantic Auto Center LLC

616 Atwood Ave.

Lajara Auto Sales LLC

1141 Cranston St.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Council President Paplauskas, it was voted to take all the above license renewal applications as a block. Motion passed unanimously.

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

VIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET

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

CRANSTON STADIUM

None.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

CHANGE OF D/B/A (Info. only)

1450 Elmwood Ave.

From: AMF Bowling Centers d/b/a Cranston Bowl

To: AMF Bowling Centers d/b/a Bowlero Cranston

(See attached letter dated March 2, 2022)

No action taken.

- **PRESENTATION**

None.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

/s/ Rosalba Zanni
Acting City Clerk