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SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, August 2, 2021 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Councilman Robert J. Ferri
Council Vice-President Edward J. Brady
Councilman Matthew R. Reilly, Vice-Chair
Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli, Chair
Council President Christopher G. Paplauskas

Absent: Councilwoman Aniece Germain
Councilwoman Lammis J. Vargas

Also Present: Councilman John P. Donegan
Councilwoman Jessica M. Marino
Anthony Moretti, Director of Administration
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
Chief James Warren, Fire Department
Major Robert Quirk, Police Department
David Dimaio, City Council Budget Analyst
Shelley Lariviere, Clerk
Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

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

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

None.

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

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

CLASS BV EXPANSION OF PREMISE LICENSE-NEW

Papa Razzi Cranston Inc. d/b/a Avvio Ristorante

90 Hillside Rd.

@ Garden City Center Beer Garden-Gazebo

Robert D. Murray, Esq.

Joe Koechel

Ken Cusson

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to approve the above license application.

Under Discussion:

Robert Murray, Esq., appeared to represent Garden City Shopping Center and stated that with him this evening is Joseph Koechel, General Manager of the Shopping Center. He stated that the purpose of this request is to expand the licensed premises to include the gazebo area in Garden City for several weekends beginning in August and through September for the purposes of hosting a beer garden. Prior to this meeting, he submitted to the Committee, through the Clerk, the application, the route slip that has been signed off by the Fire Department, Police Department, Traffic Engineer and the Building Inspections Office. He also provided a letter that outlines the proposed request with a letter from Mr. Koechel. They have shared with the Committee a security plan that will be implemented if approval is given this evening. He also provided a sketch of where the beer garden will be located. Attorney Murray asked Mr. Koechel to share details with the Committee and answer any questions.

Mr. Koechel appeared to speak and stated that over the last year, we have all gone through a lot both in our personal lives and professional lives. We have learned a lot in the shopping industry. We continue to look at Garden City Center to help include and make the experience very very exciting. They have added a children programming with Roger Williams, they have added additional entertainment, they have a new wellness program that they have rolled out to their customers. The event would be at the gazebo area. They are looking to feature the finest in Rhode Island beers. They will have games and entertainment and family-friendly and pets allowed. The beer garden will be self-contained within the gazebo area. They will have Police and Security there. They will monitor and have no one leaving the premises with alcohol. They will have TIPS Certified people that will ID people.

Council Vice-President Brady stated that it is exciting to see an outside the box thing concept brought to Cranston and thinks this is going to be a great addition.

Council President Paplauskas agreed that this is a great idea. The gazebo area is no stranger to events. We have the Concert Series there and it is not uncommon to use that area and wished the applicant good luck.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

SECONDHAND LICENSE

The Sneaker Spot, LLC. d/b/a The Sneaker Spot
Steven Rocchio

310 Atwood Ave.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to approve the above license application.

Under Discussion:

Steven Rocchio, 157 Hillcrest Dr., North, appeared to speak and stated that this will be a start up of a sneaker resale store. The hours of operation will be Monday thru Friday 12-6, Saturday 11-6 and Sunday 12-5.

Larry Messina, Atwood Ave. Condos, appeared via Zoom and asked what noise level will be at t his facility. Mr. Rocchio stated very little. He does not expect any high-level traffic. The latest hours of operation will be 6 pm.

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

TRANSFER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE-CLASS

FROM: CLASS BVL *Geos Restaurant Breakfast and Lunch, Inc. d/b/a Geos Restaurant Breakfast and Lunch*
641 Atwood Ave.

TO: CLASS BV *Geos Restaurant Breakfast and Lunch, Inc. d/b/a Geos Restaurant Breakfast and Lunch*
641 Atwood Ave.

Julio Alcantara
Bonafacio Giron Pacheco

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to approve the above license transfer application.

Under Discussion:

Tina O’Neill appeared to speak. Council President Paplauskas asked how long this business has been in operation at this location with the current license they have now. Ms. O’Neill stated a little over two weeks. The hours now are 6 am to 2 pm and as of right now, they will stay the same.

Council President Paplauskas stated that there is a condo association next door and in the past, there have been issues with Entertainment License and the doors being open and big parties in the parking lot. Ms. O’Neill stated that this won’t be an issue.

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

B. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

BUSINESS IN TEMPORARY STRUCTURE LICENSE

Axelrod’s Fryshack LLC at Mulligan’s Food Truck Night

1000 New London Ave.

Dates: 8/12, 9/18, 10/23/2021

Joseph Boisvert

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

Under Discussion:

Joseph Boisvert, 303 Main Ave., Warwick, appeared to speak representing Ocean State Concessions.

Ms. Carville, License Clerk, appeared via Zoom, and stated that as to the applicant using his Class P License to dispense beer under the tent, she spoke to the Solicitor and that is part of this license application. He is present for the Class P for Memphis Kelle Ocean state Concessions, he is present for Axelrod's and Ocean State Concessions for the event at Mulligan's.

Mr. Boisvert stated that the beer garden will be under Ocean State Concessions d/b/a Memphis Kelle.

Ms. Carville stated that it was listed under Axelrod's Fryshack just to have it under the tent. That is the way she understood that it would be dispensed. Axelrod's is a different entity altogether.

Solicitor stated that the application can be amended to reflect the entity that the applicant is speaking of. Mr. Boisvert stated that he does not have a problem in doing that.

No one appeared to oppose.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve the Temporary Structure License application and motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Reilly, it was voted to approve the Mass Gathering License application for Ocean State Concessions and motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to approve the Victualling License application for Axelrod's Fryshack and motion passed unanimously.

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE

Brabants Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Booty by Brabants
Joseph Brabants

48 Hillside Rd.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Reilly, it was voted to approve the above license application.

Under Discussion:

Joseph Brabants appeared to speak via Zoom. No one appeared to oppose.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed unanimously.

Dollar Tree #01794 1011 Cranston St.
(relocation from 252 Garfield Ave to 1011 Cranston St)
Paul Stroup

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Council President Paplauskas, it was voted to approve the above license application.

Under Discussion:

Paul Stroup appeared to speak.

Councilman Donegan stated that Dollar Tree, Dollar Store and Dollar General can have a negative impact on the local economy and at times be detrimental to food access. He recommended that the Committee deny the application.

No one from the public appeared to oppose.

Council President Paplauskas stated that this is a Cranston business just moving location and never had any complaints with Dollar Tree and he will support this.

Councilman Reilly stated that this business is bringing jobs into the community and he will support this license application.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed unanimously.

MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE

<i>Farm to Sandwich</i> -Marc Glaviano/Bryan Chavez	14 Abbott, Cranston
<i>Juice Junkie-Group 21 LLC</i> -Sandeep Jaiswal	PO Box 8569, Cranston
<i>Like No Udder</i> -Chris Belanger/Karen Krinsky	86 Jackson St., Warwick
<i>Little Bs BBQ</i> -Jessica Martinelli D'Alessandro	56 Peepthead Rd, Scituate
<i>Lulu's Little Pancakes</i> -Adrianna Webster	109 Woodland Ave, Cranston
<i>My Bros Gyros</i> -Domenic Daniel	159 Stoneham Dr., Woonsocket
<i>Nanu Burmese Fusion</i> -Ruth Chhuani	19 Leawood Dr., Cranston
<i>Pacos Tacos</i> -Joe Boisvert	303 Main Ave, Warwick
<i>Pasta Pete's Food Trucks, LLC</i> .-Peter Embury	110 Rocky Hollow Rd., E. Greenwich
<i>Plantation LLC dba Spanglish Truck LLC</i> .-Nathalie Rodriguez	14 Sabra St., Cranston
<i>Poppin Minis</i> -Ramon Montalvo	134 Westwood Ave, Cranston
<i>R.P. Winkelton, Inc. dba Sunnyside On the Street</i> -Anthony Soly	1435 Iron Mine Hill Rd. N. Smithfield
<i>Smoke & Squeal BBQ LLC</i> - Adam Batchelder	152 Fisher St., Millville, MA
<i>The Hot Potato</i> -Michael McAteer	34 Midland Dr., Cranston

Council President Paplauskas motioned to approve all the MFE applications as a block and he read them all into the record. Council Vice-President Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE (ratify the action)

1401 Park Place –PerDiem	1401 Park Ave.
(Dates: July 16, 18, 20, 27)	
Jose Toledo	

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to approve the ratification of the above license application. Motion passed unanimously.

1401 Park Place –PerDiem
(Added Dates: Aug 7, 10, 21, 24, Sep 4, Sep 7)
Jose Toledo

1401 Park Ave.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Council President Paplauskas, it was voted to approve the above license application. Motion passed unanimously.

TEMPORARY MASS GATHERING LICENSE

EGAPL Heart of RI Animal Rescue
(Date: August 14 Rain Date: August 15)
Andersson Tejada
Blake Johnson

44 Worthington Rd.

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

Under discussion:

Blakc Johnson appeared to speak. No one appeared to oppose.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed unanimously.

TEMPORARY MASS GATHERING LICENSE

Ocean State Concessions Food Truck Night-at Mulligan’s Island 1000 New London Ave.
Dates: 8/12, 9/18, 10/23/2021 5pm-9pm

Vote taken earlier in the meeting.

VICTUALLING LICENSE

Axelrod’s Fryshack LLC @ Mulligan’s Island Food Truck Night 1000 New London Ave.
Joseph Boisvert

Vote taken earlier in the meeting.

Joe’s Kwik Marts, LLC. #5010
d/b/a Joe’s Kwik Marts

473 Reservoir Ave.

Joseph Bassi, Esq.
Michael Somers, Manager

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Council President Paplauskas, it was voted to approve the above license application.

Under Discussion:

Bruce Walpert, Esq., 10 Dorrance St., Providence, appeared to represent the applicant and stated that the hours of operation will be the same as the current business that is there now and the current operation is going to be maintained.

No one appeared to oppose.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed unanimously.

Naz's Halal
Sidra Ali

636 Reservoir Ave.

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Council President Paplauskas, it was voted to approve the above license application.

Under Discussion:

Sidra Ali appeared to speak via zoom. No one appeared to oppose.

Roll call was taken on above motion and motion passed unanimously.

III. TRAFFIC ENGINEER

No Business.

IV. SHOW CAUSE

Auto Mart, Inc. d/b/a Auto Mart

1108 Park Ave.

Noticed by Certified Mail-Operating without an auto repair license
Walter O'Hanian

Solicitor stated that he does not have a lot of information regarding this. He stated that allegedly, there is repair work taking place on these premises and there is no Auto Repair License at this location. The owners are present and perhaps they can address this.

Joseph Flynn, 160 Riverside Ave., Cranston, appeared to speak and stated that he is not the owner. The owner is in the hospital. He rents a garage to store his race cars there.

John Young, 40 Massachusetts St., Cranston, appeared to speak and stated that he also is present to state that he also rents a garage there.

Solicitor asked what the owners name is. Mr. Flynn stated that he rents from Walter O'Hanian of Auto Mart, Inc. He stated that there are three people who are involved with drag racing and off-road vehicles and use the space for storage and working on their own cars.

Solicitor asked Mr. Flynn how many vehicles he has on the premises at any given time. Mr. Flynn stated that he pays taxes in the City of Cranston on five and he owns every one of them.

Mr. Young stated that he has one drag bike.

Solicitor asked Mr. Flynn if he engages in any type of commercial repairs for other people. Mr. Flynn stated that he fixes his daughter's car. Other than that, no.

Councilman Donegan stated that, as City Council Member from this area, he reached out to the License Clerk because he received quite a few complaints from constituents in the area about noise and repairs going on and drag racing and engines running all hours of the night.

Solicitor stated that the way the Ordinance is defined states that if you are doing repairs, whether on your own time or not, you are repairing and a license is required. He suggested that this Show Cause be continued to next month's meeting and he will speak to Code Enforcement for more background information. He also noted that under the Ordinance, there are time restrictions.

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to *continue this to next month's meeting*. Motion passed unanimously.

Florentino Auto Care

1769 Cranston St.

Noticed by Certified Mail-Operating without an auto repair license
Victor Florentino

Chair stated that her understanding is that this establishment is no longer in business.

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to remove this item from the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

V. POLICE DEPARTMENT

No Business.

VI. FIRE DEPARTMENT

No Business.

VII. LICENSE RENEWALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

BAZAAR LICENSE

Church of the Annunciation-Cranston Greek Festival

175 Oaklawn Ave.

Dates: Sept 10th 5pm-10pm

Sept 11th 12pm-10pm

Sept 12th 12pm-8pm

On motion by Council Vice-President Brady, seconded by Councilman Ferri, it was voted to approve the above license renewal application. Motion passed unanimously.

BOWLING ALLEY LICENSE

AMF Cranston Lanes

1450 Elmwood Ave.

On motion by Council President Paplauskas, seconded by Council Vice-President Brady, it was voted to approve the above license renewal application. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS IN TEMPORARY STRUCTURE LICENSE

Church of the Annunciation-Cranston Greek Festival

175 Oaklawn Ave.

Dates: Sept 10, 11, 12

CLASS F1 FULL LIQUOR 19 HOUR LICENSE

Church of the Annunciation-Cranston Greek Festival

175 Oaklawn Ave.

Dates: Sept 10th 5pm-10pm License No. 1

Sept 11th 12pm-10pm License No. 2

Sept 12th 12pm-8pm License No. 3

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LICENSE

Coworx Staffing Services, LLC.

105 Sockanosset Cross Rd, Ste. 114

d/b/a Corworx Staffing

EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION LICENSE

AMF Cranston Lanes

1450 Elmwood Ave.

HAUNTED HOUSE LICENSE

Haunted Labyrinth

804 Dyer Ave.

MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE

Del's-Bruce DeLucia

1260 Oaklawn Ave.

MFE642

MFE366

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PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

Church of the Annunciation-Cranston Greek Festival

175 Oaklawn Ave.

Dates: Sept 10th 7pm-8pm

Sept 11th 4pm-5pm and 7pm-8pm

Sept 12th 4pm-5pm and 7pm-8pm

SEPTAGE/WASTE HAULER LICENSE

VICTUALLING LICENSE

<i>Bader Market Inc.</i>	120 East St.
<i>Church of the Annunciation-Cranston Greek Festival</i>	175 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>Cranston Dept. of Senior Services</i>	1070 Cranston St.
<i>S&D Little Oak LLC d/b/a Dunkin</i>	644 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>S&D Oaklawn, LLC d/b/a Dunkin</i>	1288 Oaklawn Ave.
<i>S&D Park, LLC d/b/a Dunkin</i>	283 Park Ave.
<i>S&D Pontiac, LLC d/b/a Dunkin</i>	480 Pontiac Ave.
<i>Thai Star Restaurant</i>	961 Dyer Ave.
<i>Tony’s Pizza Palace of Cranston, Inc. d/b/a Tony’s Pizza</i>	531 Pontiac Ave.

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

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

VIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET

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

CRANSTON STADIUM

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

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

INFORMATIONAL ONLY:

No action needed.

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET

Providence Teachers Union Meeting-Friday, July 30, 2021 5pm-8pm

***Police and Fire detail have been secured**

No action needed.

ROAD RACE LICENSE-Date Change

St. Mary's Feast Society

Date Change: August 14, 2021

15 Phenix Ave.

No action needed.

- **PRESENTATION**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Shelley Lariviere
Clerk

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