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SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, November 1, 2021 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

Present: Council Vice-President Robert J. Ferri

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

Also Present: Councilman John P. Donegan

Councilwoman Jessica M. Marino

John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor

James Warren, Fire Chief

Stephen Angell, City Council Legal Counsel

Rosalba Zanni, Acting City Clerk Heather Finger, Stenographer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, 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

VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW

Mindful Wellness Spa (Cont. from 9/13/21 & 10/4/21 – no one appeared) 180 Gansett Ave (Brenda Estrada)

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

Sellia Group LLC d/b/a McDonald's (*Cont. from 10/4/2021 – no one appeared*) 923 Cranston St (*Joseph Spadea*)

Jennifer Collins appeared to speak.

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

Under Discussion:

Ms. Collins stated that Sellia Group is a franchise of McDonald's and hours will be 24/7.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

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

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

AUTO REPAIR LICENSE - NEW

E&S Auto Services Emmanuel Tejada 370 Wellington Ave

Emmanuel Tatejada appeared to speak.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

Under Discussion:

Mr. Tatejada stated that this will be a mechanic shop and the hours will be Mondays thru Fridays 9-6 and Saturdays 9-2.

Councilwoman Vargas asked how many vehicles will be on the lot. Mr. Tatejada stated eight.

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

CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE – NEW

Café Day Restaurant & Bar

326 Union Ave

Carlos Santos

Frank Manni, Esq., appeared to represent the applicant.

Council Vice-President Ferri motioned to take the agenda out of order and take the Entertainment License and Victualling License Applications together. Councilwoman Vargas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Appearing to oppose:

Margaret Rega, 99 Hillwood St., appeared to oppose and stated that there have been too many problems over the years when there have been clubs at this location.

Denise Rotondo, 107 Hillwood St., appeared to oppose and stated that there are concerns with the parking, noise, violence in that area.

Ron Rotondo, 107 Hillwood St., appeared to oppose and stated that this is a congested area with too many houses in that area. The parking is going to be out of control. There will be Police coming with calls of urinating in the streets, noise, people parking in the driveways.

Vincent Derozza, 303 Webster Ave., appeared to oppose and stated that there will be first fights, urinating on the properties, traffic and noise.

Virginia Kachanis, 124 Hillwood St., appeared to oppose and stated that the whole area is congested with all kinds of businesses. Another club or restaurant with late hours is not needed in this area. She agrees with all her neighbors' concerns of traffic and noise.

Toni Barletta, 335 Union Ave., appeared to oppose and stated that the neighborhood is just coming back after being in dire straits. She does not think people and children should be subjected to that kind of atmosphere.

Angel Ventura, 338 Union Ave., appeared to oppose and stated that he just recently bought a house in this area and in speaking to people that have lived in this area for along time, he does not believe this business is good for this area.

Carlos Santos, applicant, appeared to speak and stated that his plan is to have a restaurant, there are no plans for hookah and entertainment and will not be attracting large crowds. His hours will be 11-11 five days a week Wednesdays thru Sundays. He also stated that he owns another restaurant in Providence called Meruern and has not had any problems.

Councilwoman Vargas asked Mr Santos if he would consider changing the hours to closing at an earlier time and if he would consider opening up as a restaurant only without entertainment or liquor as a start. Attorney Manny stated that his client is always open to compromise. When his client applied for the liquor license, it was suggested to him by the City Officials that he apply for the entertainment license at the same time and that is what he did.

Councilwoman Vargas asked applicant how many off street parking he has. Mr. Santos stated 10-15 and the business across the street uses the parking lot during the day and he will be using it at night. Councilwoman Vargas asked if there will be any outside seating. Mr. Santos stated, no, just inside. Councilwoman Vargas asked what the capacity of the restaurant is. Mr. Santos stated, under 100.

Council Vice-President Ferri stated that he would not be in favor of approving all three of those applications. He would be in favor of applicant opening the business as a restaurant.

Attorney Manni stated that this is a legal non-conforming use according to the Zoning Department for a restaurant/tavern even though it is in a residential neighborhood.

Councilwoman Vargas asked legal for any suggestions on this matter. Solicitor stated that after consulting with Attorney Angell, he suggested to Attorney Manni that if his client withdraws the Entertainment License application without prejudice at this time, it would alleviate most of the concerns of the neighbors. As to the Victualling License, the Committee can limit the capacity amount. Some of the concerns can be addressed by placing conditions on the license.

Council President Paplauskas motioned to approve the Liquor License application and Victualling License application and limit the capacity to 60 people and limit the hours to 11 am. to 9 p.m. and applicant is to come back in 90 days for review and see how things are going and, if needed, a Show Cause can always be scheduled. Councilwoman Vargas seconded the motion for discussion.

Council President Paplauskas motioned to amend his original motion to include prohibiting outside speakers. Councilwoman Germain seconded the motion. Under Discussion:

Council Vice-President Ferri stated that at this time, he would be in favor of the amendment.

Councilwoman Vargas stated that she will be voting in favor of the amendment as well, but if there were a way to set some ground rules as to outside speakers, that would eliminate complaints of noise from the neighbors.

Councilwoman Germain stated that she feels for the residents, but at the same time, this gentleman has the right to have a business there and we have to support open business as well. This is why we have to compromise for both sides to feel ok. She is in favor of the amendment and for the 90-day review.

Councilman Donegan stated that he does not have a vote this evening, but if there are any issues, whether it is the business owner or the constituents, he asked that they call him, email him, so that when this comes back, he will be aware of these issues.

Councilman Reilly stated that in listening to initial concerns during the public comment, it is clear that the concerns are of club type environment. Given the motion by Council President Paplauskas, he thinks it will alleviate that. Where this place is, the applicant has every right to open there. We are taking the applicant's word that this is not going to be a nightclub and given him this opportunity and wishes him luck and wants him to be successful and hopes he is a good neighbor to the residents in the area.

Roll call was taken on motion to approve the Liquor License application and Victualling License application and limit the capacity to 60 people and limit the hours to 11 am. to 9 p.m. and applicant is to

come back in 90 days for review and see how things are going and, if needed, a Show Cause can always be scheduled and prohibiting outside speakers and motion passed unanimously.

Touch Me Lounge, LLC d/b/a Touch Me Lounge Oswaldo Rivera

961 Dyer Ave

On motion by Council Vice-President Ferri, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to take the agenda out of order and hear this application, the Entertainment and the Victualling License applications together. Motion passed unanimously.

Oswaldo Rivera appeared to speak.

No one appeared to oppose.

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Council Vice-President Ferri, it was voted to approve all three license applications.

<u>Under</u> Discussion:

Mr. Rivera stated that this will be mostly a bar/restaurant and some entertainment and will be open from 6-12 Thursdays thru Sundays.

Roll call was taken to approve all three license applications and motion passed unanimously.

CLASS A RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – RENEWAL

AMS Lincoln, Inc. d/b/a Cork and Brew	2200 Broad St
Aum Shakti, Inc. d/b/a Cranston Liquors	1219 Cranston St
Edgewood Liquors, Inc.	1992 Broad St
Em's Liquor Store, Inc. d/b/a Em's Liquor Store	1285 Park Ave
Oaklawn Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Gasbarro's Oaklawn Discount Liquors	985 Oaklawn Ave
Plaza Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Plaza Liquors	212 Garfield Ave

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

<u>Under Discussion:</u>

Robert Murray, Esq., 21 Garden City Dr., appeared to speak and objected on behalf of the Wine & Liquor Co., LLC regarding the renewal application for Oaklawn Discount, Inc., d/b/a Gasbarro's Oaklawn Discount Liquors at 985 Oaklawn Ave. He stated that the basis of his objection is that that entity does not exist legally in the State of Rhode Island and he does not believe it was properly advertised, it is not listed properly and he does not know how you could renew a license for an entity that does not exist. He did check the application that was filed for renewal and applicant listed the wrong name of its entity and he asked that the Committee consider postponing the renewal of that license until it is properly noticed and advertised and placed on the agenda with the legal existing entity.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to vote on all the above-listed license renewal applications as a block with the exception of Oaklawn Liquor, Inc., d/b/a Gasbarro's Oaklawn Discount Liquors. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license renewal applications as a block with the exception of Oaklawn Liquor, Inc., d/b/a Gasbarro's Oaklawn Discount Liquors. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Angell stated that Mr. Murray's point is well taken regarding Oaklawn Liquors, Inc. After conferring with Solicitor Verdecchia, the City Council is meeting on November 17th on other matters. A special Safety Services meeting can be held the same evening and he suggested that this applicant be required to be present on that evening to explain his application to the Committee. This Committee will not be meeting again until December 6th and this license will lapse on December 1st if this Committee does not act on it prior to December 1st.

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Councilwoman Vargas, it was voted to continue the renewal application for Oaklawn Liquors, Inc. until November 17th and it be placed on the docket for that evening and applicant is to be asked to appear. Motion passed unanimously.

CLASS BVL LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – RENEWAL

Lou Umberto's Italian Kitchen	1606 Cranston St
Lunch Box Café	751 Park Ave

CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – RENEWAL

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39 West Phenix Plaza LLC d/b/a 39 West	39 Phenix Ave
Amedeo Restaurant & Lounge	1492 Park Ave
Bossa LLC d/b/a Cucina Rustica	555 Atwood Ave
Chelo's Beef Hearth of Cranston, Inc, d/b/a Chelo's	1275 Reservoir Ave
Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado LLC d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill	87 Hillside Dr
Cranston Bowl d/b/a AMF Bowling Centers, Inc.	1450 Elmwood Ave
Crepe Corner LLC d/b/a Crepe Corner	2170 Broad St
Dani Dono Pizzeria d/b/a Catanzaro's Pizza	1283 Park Ave
First Shot LLC. d/b/a Knightsville Pub	1669 Cranston St
Geo's Restaurant Breakfast and Lunch	641 Atwood Ave
Huy Hoang LLC d/b/a Pho Saigon & Bar	1106 Pontiac Ave
JLC Restaurant LLC d/b/a Kings Garden	90 Rolfe Sq
Jonmar, Inc. d/b/a L'Osteria Ristorante	1703 Cranston St
Kelley Gazzerro Associates, Inc. d/b/a Kelley Gazzarro VFW Post #2812	1418 Plainfield Pike
L.A. Bailey's LLC d/b/a L.A. Bailey's Café	1458 Park Ave
La Casa LLC d/b/a La Casa	407 Laurel Hill Ave
Legion Pub, Inc. d/b/a Pub on Park	661 Park Ave
Macera's Italian Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Macera's Italian Restaurant	857 Reservoir Ave
McShawn's Pub, Inc. d/b/a McShawn's Pub	1336 Cranston St
Mulligan's Island Golf & Entertainment Center	100 New London Ave
N2N, Inc. d/b/a Bistro 22	22 Midway Rd
Nicky's Restaurant LLC d/b/a Iannuccilli	1791 Cranston St
Park Place LLC d/b/a 1401 Park Place	1401 Park Ave
Red Lounge LLC d/b/a Red Lounge	355 Dyer Ave
Revolution Restaurant & Consultation LLC d/b/a Revolution American Bistro	2190 Broad St
RI Shriners Holding Corp. d/b/a Rhode Island Shriners Club	1 Rhodes Place
Richie, Inc. d/b/a El Tapatio	1045 Reservoir Ave

170 Randall Street

Tabor Franchi Canteen - VFW Post 2396

Tavern in the Square Garden City LLC d/b/a Tavern in the Square

The Frosted Mug, Inc. d/b/a Pub 594

The Gentleman

The Griddle

The Joint Bar & Grill

Thirsty Beaver Pub & Grub

Twin Oaks Restaurant

115 Hillside Rd

594 Reservoir Ave

2244 Plainfield Pike

1150 Oaklawn Ave

288 Atwood Ave

CLASS BT LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

Johnson & Wales University d/b/a Harbor View 1150 Narragansett Blvd

CLASS D LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

Alpine Country Club251 Pippin Orchard RdColumbian Realty Corp d/b/a Knight's of Columbus70 Pettaconsett StLaurel Hill Social & Athletic Club49 Governor StNelson Mack VFW Post 46517 Haven AvePawtuxet Athletic Club12 Aborn StRhode Island Ceilidhe Club50 America StSt. Mary's Feast Society15 Phenix Ave

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

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

LIQUOR LICENSE LATE RENEWAL

Uptown Burger Bar LLC d/b/a Pat's Italian Bistro (BV)

1000 Chapel View Blvd

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

B. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

19 HOUR ALCOHOL LICENSE – NEW

St. Mary's School "Sip and Shop" (December 4, 2021) (Lisa Lepore)

85 Chester Ave

Lisa Lepore, 32 Cambridge Circle, Smithfield, appeared to speak via Zoom.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

Under Discussion:

Ms. Lepore stated that this will be a sip and shop night with some vendors attending. The hours will be 6-9 or 10 the latest and this will be a fundraiser for the school.

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

HOLDAY SALES LICENSE – NEW (votes will be taken) Old Navy #9623

156 Hillside Rd

(Jared Heuer)

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE – NEW

Café Day Restaurant & Bar

326 Union Ave

(Carlos Santos)

Discussed and voted on earlier in the meeting.

L.A. Bailey's LLC d/b/a L.A. Bailey's Café (Laurie Keough)

1458 Park Ave

No one appeared to oppose.

Laurie Keough appeared to speak.

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

Under Discussion:

Ms. Keough stated that in the past, she has had trivia night or karaoke. She would like to have more acoustic music and possible live music after the winter. The hours on weekends would be 12-9 possibly.

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

Touch Me Lounge, LLC d/b/a Touch Me Lounge

961 Dyer Ave

(Oswaldo Rivera)

Discussed and voted on earlier in the meeting.

VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW

Baylee Thai Cuisine

741 Oaklawn Ave

(Malasy Baylee Vongthavanh)

Sing Khambongsa appeared to translate for Malasy Vongthavanh, the applicant, who was also present.

No one appeared to oppose.

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

Under Discussion:

Councilwoman Vargas asked what the hours of operation will be. Ms. Khambongsa stated Mondays thru Thursdays 11:30 to 8:30, Fridays and Saturdays 11:30 to 9:30 and Sundays 12-8.

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

Café Day Restaurant & Bar

326 Union Ave

(Carlos Santos)

Discussed and voted on earlier in the meeting.

Touch Me Lounge, LLC d/b/a Touch Me Lounge

961 Dyer Ave

(Oswaldo Rivera)

Discussed and voted on earlier in the meeting.

III. TRAFFIC ENGINEER

No Business.

IV. SHOW CAUSE

Waste Management of Rhode Island, Inc.

Status of Noise Complaint of early pickup

Councilman Reilly stated that this can be removed from the agenda since there have been no other problems.

Item was removed from the agenda.

V. POLICE DEPARTMENT

No Business.

VI. <u>FIRE DEPARTME</u>NT

No Business.

VII. LICENSE RENEWALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

BAZAAR LICENSE

St. Mary's Ladies Aux (November 6, 2021 9am-4pm)

15 Phenix Ave

EXTENDED HOURS

Ocean State Mobil 1282 Elmwood Ave

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK LICENSE

Nanu Burmese Fusion19 Leawood StRhode Island Kona LLC4 Cider Ln

VICTUALLING LICENSE

39 West Phenix Plaza LLC d/b/a 30 West 39 Phenix Ave 251 Pippin Orchard Rd Alpine Country Club Amedeo Restaurant & Lounge 1492 Park Ave Asian Eatery, Inc. d/b/a Yummy Café 736 Park Ave B.Good 62 Hillside Dr Bagel Express and Deli in the Village 2190 Broad St Bestway 4 Corporation 1353 Park Ave Blaze Pizza 2 Chapel Blvd Café International 675 Oaklawn Ave Chelo's Beef Hearth of Cranston, Inc, d/b/a Chelo's 1275 Reservoir Ave Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado LLC d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill 87 Hillside Dr Cranston Bowl d/b/a AMF Bowling Centers, Inc. 1450 Elmwood Ave Crepe Corner LLC d/b/a Crepe Corner 2170 Broad St Dani Dono Pizzeria d/b/a Catanzaro's Pizza 1283 Park Ave Enduring Group LLC d/b/a Dairy Oueen 275 Reservoir Ave First Shot LLC. d/b/a Knightsville Pub 1669 Cranston St 873 Cranston St 840 Park Ave 1075 Scituate Ave

Food and Fuel 873 Cranston St
Freedom Seafoods, Inc. 840 Park Ave
Frenchy's Country Side Creamery 1075 Scituate Ave
Geo's Restaurant Breakfast and Lunch 641 Atwood Ave
Great Wall (2019, 2020 & 2021) 1480 Park Ave
Huy Hoang LLC d/b/a Pho Saigon & Bar 1106 Pontiac Ave
JLC Restaurant LLC d/b/a Kings Garden 90 Rolfe Sq

Johnson & Wales University d/b/a Harbor View1150 Narragansett BlvdJonmar Inc d/b/a L'Osteria Ristorante1703 Cranston StJoseph Pizzeria1860 Broad St

J.P. Spoonem's Restaurant (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021)

Kelley Gazzerro Associates, Inc. d/b/a Kelley Gazzarro VFW Post #2812

L.A. Bailey's LLC d/b/a L.A. Bailey's Café

1800 Bload St
1678 Broad St
1418 Plainfield Pike
1458 Park Ave

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La Casa LLC d/b/a La Casa

407 Laurel Hill Ave

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McShawn's Pub, Inc. d/b/a McShawn's Pub1336 Cranston StMetropolitana LLC d/b/a Subway #4415626 Reservoir AveMulligan's Island Golf & Entertainment Center100 New London Ave

N2N, Inc. d/b/a Bistro 22

Nelson Mack VFW Post 4651

New England Authentic Eats LLC d/b/a D'Angelo

22 Midway Rd
7 Haven Ave
875 Reservoir Ave

New York Style Pizza LLC 152 Gansett Ave Nicky's Restaurant LLC d/b/a Iannuccilli 1791 Cranston St Park Place LLC d/b/a 1401 Park Place 1401 Park Ave PVD Pizza Cranston LLC 889 Dyer Ave 355 Dyer Ave Red Lounge LLC d/b/a Red Lounge Revolution Restaurant & Consultation LLC d/b/a Revolution American Bistro 2190 Broad St Rhode Island Ceilidhe Club 50 America St 1045 Reservoir Ave Richie, Inc. d/b/a El Tapatio Sakos Pizza LLC 823 Reservoir Ave St. Mary's Feast Society 15 Phenix Ave Tabor Franchi Canteen - VFW Post 2396 170 Randall Street Tavern in the Square Garden City LLC d/b/a Tavern in the Square 115 Hillside Rd The Frosted Mug, Inc. d/b/a Pub 594 594 Reservoir Ave The Gentleman 100 East St

The Griddle2244 Plainfield PikeThe Joint Bar & Grill1150 Oaklawn AveThirsty Beaver Pub & Grub288 Atwood AveTwin Oaks Restaurant100 Sabra St

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

On motion by Councilman Reilly, seconded by Council Vice-President Ferri, 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 Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to accept the above list of events. Motion passed unanimously.

CRANSTON STADIUM

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

IX. <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>

• PRESENTATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.	
	Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rosalba Zanni Acting City Clerk