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SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, December 4, 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 John P. Donegan
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas
Councilman Daniel Wall
Councilman Robert J. Ferri, Chair

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

Also Present: John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
Chief James Warren, Fire Department
David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Meredith Potter, Stenographer

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the November 6, 2023 regular meeting.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2023 regular meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of the November 27, 2023 special meeting.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2023 special meeting 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 SSM)
(Over the Cap; requires full Council approval)

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 Councilman Donegan, it was voted to continue this license application to the January meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

2. *Kaffeology* located at 50 Hillside Road (*Andrea Marin*)
(Cont. from 8/7/23, 9/11/23, 10/2/23 & 11/6/23) (Over the Cap; requires full Council approval)

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

- RI Dept of Health Final Inspection

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Wall, it was voted to remove this license application from the agenda.

Under Discussion:

Clerk questioned if applicant does go forward, would they have to reapply for the liquor license. Solicitor stated that they would not have to reapply unless it was denied. If it just removed from the agenda, to get it back on the agenda they would have to notify the Clerk. The Committee may want to place a limitation on that as well. If six months from now there is still no action taken, the Committee may want to just deny it and then they would have to come back and reapply.

Chair stated that he would like to have this removed from the agenda.

Roll call was taken on motion to remove this license application from the agenda and 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 SSM)

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

- Department of Health Final Inspection
- Food Safety Managers Certificate

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

- 3. *Kaffeology*** located at 50 Hillside Road (*Andrea Marin*)
(Cont. from 8/7/23, 9/11/23, 10/2/23 & 11/6/23) (Over the Cap; requires full Council approval)

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

- RI Dept of Health Final Inspection

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

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

AUTO REPAIR LICENSE- NEW

Al Mall Motors located at 1300 Park Ave.

(Youssef Al Mall)

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

- Site Plan

Youssef Al Mall appeared to speak.

Chair stated that agenda states that applicant has not submitted their site plan and Committee cannot approve license without that.

Mr. Al Mall stated he was not aware a site plan was needed.

Clerk stated that check list provided to applicant at time of application lists site plan as one of the requirements needed.

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

CLASS BVL LIQUOR LICENSE-NEW

NHK, LLC D/B/A HONG KONG BUFFET I located at 1776 Cranston St.

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

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

Jien Lin appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Wall, it was voted to approve this license application pending receipt of Certificate of Good Standing. Motion passed unanimously.

CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE – NEW

Caffe Knightsville, LLC located at 1669 Cranston St. (*Vincenzo Mazza represented by Chris Maselli, Esq.*)

(Over the Cap; requires full Council approval)

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

- [RI Division of Taxation Letter of Good Standing](#)
- [Certificate of Liability Insurance](#)
- [Dept of Health Licenses](#)

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

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to forward to the full City Council with recommendation of approval pending receipt of Letter of Good Standing, Liability Insurance and Health Department approval. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

VICTUALLING LICENSE-NEW

Caffe Knightsville, LLC located at 1669 Cranston St. (Vincenzo Mazza represented by Chris Maselli, Esq.)

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

Ophelia Express Store, LLC d/b/a Fefe's located at 1272 Elmwood Ave.
(Ophelia Freeman)

Ophelia Freeman appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Mondays 8-7 except for Wednesday which will be 7-6 and Saturdays 9-7.

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

11-23-02 ORDINANCE in Amendment of Title 5 – Business Licenses and Regulation, Chapter 16, of the City of Cranston Code of Ordinances, 2005, Entitled ‘Amusement Machines and Pool Tables’; Sponsored by Councilman Ferri.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Council President Marino, it was voted to recommend approval of this Ordinance.

Under Discussion:

Chair stated that there was some confusion last month when Legion Bowl was reapplying for their licenses. As far as per machine, per fee, per lane, per pool table. Something that the City Clerk took and regulated into one uniform Ordinance to make it compatible with other cities and towns. It as just basically to clean up existing Ordinance.

Roll call was taken on motion to recommend approval of this Ordinance and motion passed unanimously.

VIII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER

No business.

IX. SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS (Vote will be taken to open/close each show cause hearing)

No business.

X. POLICE DEPARTMENT

No business.

XI. FIRE DEPARTMENT

No Business.

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY LICENSE- RENEWAL

Empire Staffing, Inc. located at 1289 Cranston St. #1

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

EXTENDED HOURS LICENSE- RENEWAL

Fortini Enterprise, LTD d/b/a Ocean State Mobil located at 1282 Elmwood Ave.

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

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE- RENEWAL

AE Outfitters Retail Co. d/b/a Aerie by American Eagle #3888 located at 59 Hillside Rd.

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

Sephora located at 142 Hillside Rd.

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

MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE- RENEWAL

Donna Celona LMT located at 1020 Park Ave.

Face & Body by Diane (Diane Crowley) located at 960 Reservoir Ave. Suite 2

Therapeutic Impressions (Angela Perry-Place) located at 105 Sockanosset Cross Rd. Suite 31

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

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

PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE- RENEWAL

Stephen Quartino #504

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

VICTUALLING LICENSE- RENEWAL

5 Herb Pizza located at 500 Dyer Ave.

Alani's Bistro located at 74 Rolfe Sq

All Favorites Café located at 1678 Broad St.

Andreoni Family Bakery, LLC located at 2 Starline Way Unit 6

BGR Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Blaze Pizza located at 2 Chapel View Blvd.

Bistro Café located at 160 Atwood Ave.

City Line Convenience Plus, Inc. located at 1015 Narragansett Blvd.

Coffee Plus #76 located at 1511 Pontiac Ave.

Del's Lemonade and Refreshments, Inc. located at 1260 Oaklawn Ave.

Edgewood Market located at 1043 Narragansett Blvd.

Kattan Market located at 644 Oaklawn Ave.

Latte Love Coffee located at 11 Comstock Parkway

Maria's Pizza, LLC located at 949 Pontiac Ave.

New Rim Nahm, Inc. located at 2212 Broad St.

Poco Loco located at 2005 Broad St.

The Breakfast Club on Phenix located at 243 Phenix Ave.
Tony's Pizza Palace of Cranston, Inc. located at 531 Pontiac Ave.

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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.

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 updated schedule submitted.

C. CRANSTON STADIUM

No updated schedule submitted.

XIV. LICENSES ISSUED ADMINISTRATIVELY *(For informational purposes)*

None.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS *(Informational Purposes Only)*

None.

XVI. PRESENTATIONS

None.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees