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SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, September 11, 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 6:00 P.M. by the Chair.

II. ROLL CALL BY THE CLERK:

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

Also Present: Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor
David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees
Heather Finger, Stenographer

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Councilman Campopiano, it was voted to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023 regular meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kenneth Nulman, 1000 appeared to speak regarding safety of the area abutting a proposed restaurant at 1000 Chapel View Blvd., Vanguarda, LLC. He stated that the area itself is extremely dangerous. There are numerous stop signs and speed bumps and very poor lighting.

V. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER

A. CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE – NEW

- 1. *Kaffeology*** located at 50 Hillside Road (*Andrea Marin*)
(Cont. from 8/7/23) (Over the Cap; requires full Council approval)
 - RI Dept of Health Final Inspection

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

- 2. *The Spot Bar and Grill*** located at 20 Rolfe Square (*Attorney Thomas Hanley*)
(Cont. from 8/7/23) (Over the Cap; requires full Council approval)
(Attorney requested cont. to October SSM)

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 October meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3. *Topgolf USA CP, LLC d/b/a Topgolf*** located at 120 Sockanosset Cross Rd.
(Cont. from 8/7/23) (Over the Cap; requires full Council approval)
 - Certificate of Good Standing
 - Food Safety Manager Certificate (have some, pending more)
 - Alcohol Training Certificate (have some, pending more)

Shanda Brilosen, representative from Topgolf, appeared to speak and stated that the routing slip for the Public Entertainment License will be provided to the Clerk's Office first thing tomorrow morning.

Chair indicated that applicant has obtained the above three requirements.

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

B. EXPANSION OF PREMISE- NEW

Red Lounge located at 355 Dyer Ave.
(Cont. from 8/7/23 – no one appeared)

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

C. PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE – NEW

Topgolf USA CP, LLC d/b/a Topgolf located at 120 Sockanosset Cross Rd.
(Cont. from 8/7/23)

- Routing Slip

Chair asked for a motion to approve this license application contingent on routing slip being provided to the Clerk’s Office prior to issuing the license.

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilwoman Germain, it was voted to approve this license application subject to routing slip being presented to the Clerk’s Office tomorrow. Motion passed on a vote of 6-1. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Councilmen Ferri, Donegan, Campopiano, Paplauskas, Councilwoman Germain and Council Vice-President Vargas -6. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Council President Marino -1.

D. VICTUALING LICENSE – NEW

1. *Merlino’s Pizzeria* located at 889 Dyer Ave. (*Jeffrey Merlino*)
(Cont. from 8/7/23 – no one appeared)

- Department of Health Final Inspection

Jeffrey Merlino appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be six days a week, Tuesdays thru Sundays 11-9, and primarily takeout.

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

2. *The Spot Bar and Grill* located at 20 Rolfe Square (*Attorney Thomas Hanley*)
(Cont. from 8/7/23) (Attorney requested cont. to October SSM)

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

3. *Topgolf USA CP, LLC d/b/a Topgolf* located at 120 Sockanosset Cross Rd.
(Cont. from 8/7/23)

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

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

AUTO REPAIR LICENSE – NEW

Privileged Performance located at 971 Cranston St. (*Victor Barrientos*)

Victor Barrientos appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Mondays thru Fridays 7:30-5 and Saturdays 7:30-12.

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

CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE- RENEWAL

1. *LEV Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Majestic Liquors* located at 1075 Park Ave.

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

2. *RAAV, Inc. d/b/a Alpine Wine & Spirits* located at 1 Starline Way.

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

3. *Ruthvi, Inc. d/b/a Liquid Assets* located at 995 Pontiac Ave.

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

CLASS BVL LIQUOR LICENSE-NEW

Shake Shack Rhode Island, LLC located at 30 Hillside Rd.

(*Dave Yearwood attending via Zoom*)

- [Certificate of Good Standing](#)

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

On motion by Councilwoman Germain, seconded by Council President Marino, it was voted to continue this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE – NEW

1. *Dos Mundos Restaurant, Inc.* located at 1 Starline Way
(*Nary Vann*) (***Over the Cap; requires full Council approval***)

- [Certificate of Good Standing](#)

Nary Vann appeared to speak and stated that Division of Taxation advised her that her clearance was in the approval process and they would be forwarding the clearance to the Clerk.

Clerk indicated that clearance has not been received from Division of Taxation.

Chair recommended approving this license application and not issue the license until the Clerk's Office receives the Certificate of Good Standing.

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Council Vice-President Vargas, it was voted to approve this license application subject to Certificate of Good Standing being provided to the Clerk.

Under Discussion:

Council President Marino stated that as much as she would like this business to move forward, until we have all the documents in hand, she can't be in favor of this because the Clerk cannot confirm the clearance without having it. She suggested holding a special meeting of the Safety Services & Licenses Committee at 6:45 pm on September 25th, prior to the regular Council meeting to vote on this license application if applicant has the Certificate of Good Standing by that time.

Clerk pointed out that if this license application were to be approved this evening, we still would not be able to issue the license because it needs full City Council approval.

Council President Marino asked for legal opinion regarding this.

Solicitor stated that as everyone knows, the Committee has been consistent. If the applicant does not have all the required documents, we should not be granting these subject to contingencies.

Councilwoman Renzulli agreed with Council President Marino to holding a special meeting of this Committee and possibly also add Shake Shack to that agenda even though they do not need full City Council approval.

Motion and second to approve this license application were withdrawn.

On motion by Council President Marino, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to continue this license application to a special Safety Services and Licenses Committee meeting on September 25th. Motion passed unanimously.

2. ***Vanguarda, LLC d/b/a Ceviches by Divino*** located at 1000 Chapel View Blvd.
(*Ali Quero*) (***Over the Cap; requires full Council approval***)
 - Certificate of Good Standing
 - RI Dept. of Health Final Inspection

Ali Quero appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 12-9 every day.

On motion by Council Vice-President Vargas, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to approve this license application and refer it to the September 25th full City Council for final approval. Motion passed unanimously.

CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE- RENEWAL

1. *Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar* located at 24 Midway Rd.
2. *Kochi Cranston, LLC d/b/a Kochi Sushi & Steakhouse* location 1800 Plainfield Pike.
3. *Lang's Bowlarama, Inc.* located at 225 Niantic Ave.
4. *LSF Cranston, LLC d/b/a Legal Sea Foods* located at 175 Hillside Rd.
5. *Papa Razzi Cranston, Inc. d/b/a Avvio* located at 90 Hillside Rd.
6. *Riviera Main Event and Pub, LLC* located at 1612 Elmwood Ave.

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

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

CLASS D LIQUOR LICENSE- RENEWAL

1. *Alpine Country Club, Inc.* located at 251 Pippin Orchard Rd.

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

2. *The Rhode Island Ceilidhe Club* located at 50 America St.

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

CLASS J LIQUOR LICENSE- RENEWAL

1. *Rhodes On The Pawtuxet, Inc.* located at 60 Rhodes Place

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

VII. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE – NEW

Michael Rosa located at 34 Macintosh Dr.

Michael Rosa appeared to speak.

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

TEMPORARY MASS GATHERING LICENSE – NEW

Hey Nineteen Tribute located at Mulligans Island, 1000 New London Ave.

(Dale DeJoy; September 17, 2023 2-6p.m. Rain Date October 1, 2023 2-6p.m.)

No one appeared to speak in favor or to oppose.

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

VICTUALLING LICENSE – NEW

1. *Five 0 Five Fusion* located at 39 Phenix Ave Ste 6 (*Linda Madonna*)

Jintana James appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for pickup order for dinner 5-9 and also on Sunday mornings from 9-11.

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

2. *Stykee’s Diner on Elmwood* located at 1617 Elmwood Ave (*Joseph Abruzzese*)

Joseph Abruzzese appeared to speak and stated hours of operation to be 7-3.

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

3. *Vanguarda, LLC d/b/a Ceviches by Divino* located at 1000 Chapel View Blvd. (*Ali Quero*)

On motion by Councilman Campopiano, seconded by Council Vice-President Vargas, it was voted to approve this license application. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. TRAFFIC ENGINEER

No Business.

IX. SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

No Business.

X. POLICE DEPARTMENT

No Business.

XI. FIRE DEPARTMENT

No Business.

XII. LICENSE RENEWALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

AUTO REPAIR LICENSE

Interstate Repair Service located at 1400 Cranston St.

BOWLING ALLEY LICENSE

Bowlero Cranston located at 1450 Elmwood Ave.

Lang's Bowlarama, Inc. located at 225 Niantic Ave.

DANCE HALL LICENSE

Rhodes on the Pawtuxet located at 60 Rhodes Place.

EXPANSION OF PREMISE-SEASONAL LICENSE

LSF Cranston, LLC d/b/a Legal Sea Foods located at 175 Hillside Ave.

EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION LICENSE

Bowlero Cranston located at 1450 Elmwood Ave.

HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE

Francesca's Collections, Inc. located at 37 Hillside Dr.

Party City #6012 located at 162 Hillside Rd.

Price Rite of Cranston located at 1415 Elmwood Ave.

MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE

Back In Balance located at 105 Sockanosset CrssRd Ste 314 (*Michelle Neuner*)

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

Lang's Bowlarama, Inc. located at 225 Niantic Ave.

TEMPORARY STUCTURE LICENSE

Jack Leyden - Christmas Trees Shed located at Mulligans Island
(*November 23, 2023 - December 25, 2023*)

VICTUALLING LICENSE

7-Eleven #33614D located at 1394 Plainfield St.

7-Eleven #33080B located at 535 Reservoir Ave.

A&J Bakery located at 1458 B Park Ave.

Albanese's Delizioso located at 1288 Oaklawn Ave.

Alpine Country Club located 251 Pippin Orchard Rd.

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar located at 24 Midway Rd.

Ara Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Sonia's Deli located at 816 Park Ave.

Baylee Thai Cuisine located at 741 Oaklawn Ave.
Brewed Awakenings Cranston, LLC located at 1200 Pontiac Ave.
Burger King located at 1155 Pontiac Ave.
Burger King located at 966 Park Ave.
China Fun located at 1071 Park Ave.
Cranston Department of Senior Services located at 1070 Cranston St.
Cranston Diner located at 1150 Oaklawn Ave.
Dairy Queen located at 275 Atwood Ave.
Dave's Fresh Marketplace Cranston located at 550 Pontiac Ave.
DDO- New England, LLC d/b/a Taco Bell #40873 located at 1102 Cranston St.
DDO- New England, LLC d/b/a Taco Bell #40855 located at 1076 Reservoir Ave.
Deli Express, Inc. d/b/a Michelangelo's located at 995 Pontiac Ave.
Del's Lemonade located at 298 Park Ave.
DeLuise Sweet Indulgence d/b/a DeLuise Bakery located at 701 Oaklawn Ave.
Edgewood Cheese Shop located at 1828 Broad St.
Edgewood Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts located at 283 Park Ave.
Emmanuel's Bakery & Taqueria located at 492 Dyer Ave.
F&C Donuts, Inc d/b/a Dunkin Donuts located at 900 Cranston St.
Garretts Family Market located at 1036 Reservoir Ave.
Great Wall located at 1480 Park Ave.
Hana Group Ops, llc d/b/a Genji Sushi located at 151 Sockanosset Cross Rd.
Jack's New York System LLC located at 827 Park Ave.
Jozon Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Domino's located at 1401 Park Ave.
Kamborian Bros, Inc. d/b/a Napolitano's Brooklyn Pizza located at 100 East St.
Kasbac, LLC d/b/a McDonald's Restaurant located at 1820 Plainfield Pike.
KFC located at 822 Reservoir Ave.
Kochi Cranston, LLC d/b/a Kochi Sushi & Steakhouse location 1800 Plainfield Pike.
Lang's Bowlarama, Inc. located at 225 Niantic Ave.
LN Blessing, LLC d/b/a California Taco located at 716 Reservoir Ave.
LSF Cranston, LLC d/b/a Legal Sea Foods located at 175 Hillside Ave.
Mesa Café & Grill, Inc. located at 100 Rolfe Sq.
New England Authentic Eats, LLC d/b/a D'Angelo located at 875 Reservoir Ave.
New York Style Pizza, LLC located at 152 Gansett Ave.
Ocean State Market located at 341 Dyer Ave.
VICTUALLING LICENSE CONT. (Votes will be taken)
Oaklawn Athenian Market/Deli located at 1242 Oaklawn Ave.
Oaklawn Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts located at 1288 Oaklawn Ave.
Oaklawn Gas Donuts d/b/a Dunkin Donuts located at 644 Oaklawn Ave.
Ocean Pride Seafood located at 270 Atwood Ave.
Oriental Taste RI, Inc. located at 2244 Plainfield Pike Unit 6
Papa Razzi Cranston, Inc. d/b/a Avvio located at 90 Hillside Rd.
Pontiac Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts located at 480 Pontiac Ave.
Pontiac PK&SB LLC d/b/a Pontiac Food Mart located at 527 Pontiac Ave.
Ralph's Catering located at 470 Atwood Ave.
Rhodes On The Pawtuxet, Inc. located at 60 Rhodes Place

Riviera Main Event and Pub, LLC located at 1612 Elmwood Ave.
Sakos Pizza, LLC located at 823 Reservoir Ave.
Savers Mart located at 1025 Park Ave.
Sayfs Enterprises located at 397 Dyer Ave.
Seven Stars Bakery, LLC located at 1255 Reservoir Ave.
Solitro's Bakery located at 1594 Cranston St.
Speedway #2820 located at 305 Phenix Ave.
Starbucks Coffee #49910 located at 1 Chapel View Blvd.
Starbucks Coffee #7355 located at 4 Midway Rd.
Stop & Shop # 707 located at 200 Atwood Ave.
Stop & Shop #714 located at 204 Garfield Ave.
Stop & Shop #2702 located at 275 Warwick Ave.
St. George's Catholic Church located at 1493 Cranston St.
Summer Foods, LLC d/b/a Tomaselli's located at 693 Oaklawn Ave.
Thai Star Restaurant located at 961 Dyer Ave.
The Weinerman, Inc./Olneyville New York System located at 1012 Reservoir Ave.
Torus, Inc. d/b/a Dunkin Donuts located at 8 Chapel View Blvd.
Torus, Inc. d/b/a Dunkin Donuts located at 630 Reservoir Ave.
Torus Garden City, Inc. d/b/a Dunkin Donuts located at 189 Sockanosset Cross Rd.
Torus Park Avenue Inc. d/b/a Dunkin Donuts located at 1111 Park Ave.
Udder Delights Ice Cream & Frozen Desserts located at 1426 Park Ave.
Wai Wai House located at 1850 Broad St.
Walach Enterprises, LLC d/b/a McDonald's located at 1099 Reservoir Ave.
Wein-O-Rama located at 1009 Oaklawn Ave.

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

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, 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 Paplauskas, seconded by Council President Marino, it was voted to accept the list provided into the record. Motion passed unanimously.

B. HISTORIC PARK THEATRE

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Council President Marino, it was voted to accept the list provided into the record. Motion passed unanimously.

C. CRANSTON STADIUM

None.

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

A. MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE(S) – NEW

None.

B. MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE(S) – RENEWALS

None.

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

None.

XVI. PRESENTATIONS

None.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees