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## **SAFETY SERVICES & LICENSES COMMITTEE**

Regular meeting of the Safety Services and Licenses Committee was held on Monday, September 9, 2024 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 6:10 P.M. by the Chair.

### **II. ROLL CALL BY THE CLERK:**

Present: Councilwoman Kristen E. Haroian  
Councilman John P. Donegan  
Councilman Daniel Wall  
Councilman Richard D. Campopiano  
Councilman Christopher G. Paplauskas  
Council Vice-President Lammis J. Vargas, Vice-Chair (appeared at 6:15 p.m.)  
Councilman Robert J. Ferri, Chair  
Council President Jessica M. Marino

Also Present: Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli (appeared at 7:00 p.m.)  
John Verdecchia, Assistant City Solicitor  
Major Todd Patalano, Police Department  
David DiMaio, City Council Budget Analyst  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees  
Heather Finger, Stenographer

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### ***A. Approval of the minutes of the August 15, 2024 Regular meeting.***

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Wall, it was voted to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2024 regular meetings and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Chair** stated that all motions are approved subject to receipt of all documents by the Clerk's Office.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Marcia Baker Hinds**, 306 Smith St., appeared to speak regarding overnight parking and stated that when they purchased the house, they were told that there was a parking pass or parking permit they could get since they have no driveway. Being first-time homeowners, that was something they did not question. They soon found out that that was not the truth and for the majority of the years they have lived there, it has not been a major issue since her husband worked overnight, one of the cars was always gone, but for the most part, they have one car that is on the street. In the last few years, mainly this year, there has been an increase in ticketing in that area, specifically in the Edgewood area, Smith St., Bayview, Northup. She has questioned the City many times to ask what the situation is with the overnight parking or the approval of overnight parking. She would not have a problem paying for a pass, but she is paying hundreds of dollars in tickets in addition to paying taxes faithfully to the City.

**Richard Hinds**, 306 Smith St., appeared to speak regarding overnight parking and asked that the Council try to find a solution to this problem.

#### **V. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

##### **AUTO REPAIR LICENSE-NEW**

**J&J Corp d/b/a Caravan Auto** located at 1185 Cranston St.

Eyad Jamous

M-F 8am-5pm; Sat 8am-2am

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

- Fire Inspection (Received failed one on 8/21/24)

**Eyad Jamous** appeared to speak.

**Chair** asked what the status is on the Fire Inspection. Mr. Jamous stated that he is waiting for Inspector to go back out and reinspect.

**Solicitor** stated that without an approval of the reinspection, the Committee cannot approve this license.

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

**Chair** indicated to Mr. Jamous that if he receives an approval from the Fire Department within the next week or so, a special meeting can be held prior to the regular Council meeting at the end of the month to approve this license prior to next month's meeting.

#### **VI. SHOW CAUSE** *(Vote will be taken to open/close each show cause hearing)*

##### **CLASS BV LIQUOR LICENSE**

**401 Night Life, LLC d/b/a Pregame Lounge** located at 349 Dyer Ave.

## **VICTUALING LICENSE**

***401 Night Life, LLC d/b/a Pregame Lounge*** located at 349 Dyer Ave

**Solicitor** stated that the reason this is on the agenda this evening is on July 1, 2024, Colonel Winquist testified at a Show Cause hearing. He submitted, on behalf of the City, approximately nine exhibits between his testimony and exhibits that were introduced. It was the City's position that continued operation of Pregame Lounge constituted a threat to public health, safety, welfare and morals of the City. At that time, he asked the Committee to take a vote revoking the two remaining licenses this establishment possessed at that time. One was the BV License and the other was the Victualling License. The Committee revoked both of those licenses and they have been in a revoked status since July 1<sup>st</sup>. What transpired subsequent to that, Attorney Nick Hemond contacted him approximately two weeks after that decision. He did in fact file an emergency Stay with the DBR on the alcohol license. At that time, the Hearing Officer, Katherine Warren, did not take any action on that issue. Reason for that is because as long as the Victualling License remains in a revoked status, even if she were to temporarily reinstate the alcohol license, the Pregame Lounge still could not operate because you cannot have a B License to serve alcohol stand alone, you have to have a Victualling License, which is why they're referred to as BV Licenses. At the time the hearing was held, which was done in an emergency type basis and the genesis of the request for hearing at that time and the Show Cause hearing at that time, was because of a very concerning incident which took place at the Pregame Lounge. Namely, there was a criminal raid, which resulted in very serious drug charges being brought against the proprietor of Pregame Lounge. Based on that, in addition to the several exhibits that were introduced, the City established that continued operation of Pregame Lounge would constitute a hazard to the health, safety, welfare and morals to the people of Cranston. That was done in the same manner as the Committee revoked the Entertainment License the year before and what was done at that time was, to ensure that the Pregame Lounge had a full opportunity to present their case and because of due process concerns. What we did was the Committee revoked, at his request, the Entertainment License, but we did allow subsequent to that revocation on an emergency basis, to present any additional evidence they wanted to present. This is a similar situation. Nick Hemond and he have been discussing this and Attorney Hemond would like the opportunity, since he has been hired subsequent to July 1<sup>st</sup>, to present whatever mitigating evidence he feels helps his client and he would like the Committee to consider it and he has no objections to that. This is in the interest of ensuring due process. They have agreed to a Consent Order, which he will ask the Clerk to accept and asked the Committee to take a vote to accept this Consent Order that they have entered into. At the next Safety Services meeting, October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Committee can consider the evidence again and he will ask for another vote in consideration of this additional evidence that is being brought in.

On motion by Councilman Wall, seconded by Council Vice-President Vargas, it was voted to accept the Consent Order provided by Solicitor. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Councilwoman Haroian, seconded by Council Vice-President Vargas, it was voted to continue the Show Cause hearing for Pregame Lounge to the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. COMMITTEE BUSINESS MATTERS CARRIED OVER**

### **AUTO REPAIR LICENSE- NEW** *(Cont from 8/15/24)*

- 1. *Bridgestone Retail Operations, LLC d/b/a Firestone Complete Auto Care***  
located at 721 Reservoir Ave.  
M-F 7am-7pm; Sat 7am-6pm; Sun 9am-5pm

**Michael Donofrio**, 219 Forest Ave., Ambler, Pennsylvania and **Charles Pannone**, 171 Rangeley Rd., Cranston, appeared to speak.

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

- 2. *LJW Auto Solutions, LLC*** located at 140 Farmington Ave.  
Mon-Sat 8am-7pm  
Georgina Weeks

**Leo Weeks** appeared to speak.

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

### **USED AUTO DEALER LICENSE-NEW** *(Cont from 8/15/24)*

- LJW Auto Solutions, LLC*** located at 140 Farmington Ave.  
Mon-Sat 8am-7pm  
Georgina Weeks

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

### **VICTUALING LICENSE-NEW**

- 1. *J&K Subway, LLC*** located at 962 Cranston St. *(Cont from 8/15/24)*  
Ken Mallett  
Hours of Operation: Mon-Sat 8am-10pm; Sun 9am-7pm

**Jacquelyn Mallett** appeared to speak.

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

2. ***Naga Brew Haven*** located at 180 Gansett Ave. (Cont. from 7/1/2024 & 8/15/24)

Khamla Nirandone

(Sat-Sun, 6am-3:30pm; Mon-Fri, 6am-4:30pm)

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

- Certificate of Occupancy

**Khamla Nirandone** appeared to speak and stated that she has been working with Franklin Paulino, Economic Development Director, in trying to find funds for what she needs to do to get her Certificate of Occupancy. She originally thought it was all set because the previous owner had his license, but she is going to do what she has to do. Question she has is, is it possible to get a temporary license and be able to open? Solicitor stated that it has been six weeks since the last meeting. He asked what the issue is with getting the Certificate of Occupancy. Ms. Nirandone stated that there is a plumbing issue and the plumber has applied for permit, but when she bought the business, there was already an approved business so she assumed the plumbing issue was all set. The Inspections Department is saying that they never approved it and she did further research and there was document that they applied for it. She does not know what happened and she is not going to point fingers. She knows she needs to do what she needs to do at this point, but she is losing money because she can't open. Upon further research with the Clerk's Office, they did have the previous owner as applying for it and so something fell through the cracks. At this point, if she can have a temporary license so she can open and be able to get some funds, that is what she is asking. Solicitor stated to Ms. Nirandone that, unfortunately, because she is selling food and beverages and it is a health and safety issue concern and without a CO, that is basically another way for the Department of Inspections saying that the business is not 100% up to the requirements of not only our Ordinances but Rhode Island Law as well and if something were to happen and someone got food poisoning, as an example, the City could be in trouble for letting her open. That is why we have the Inspections and that is why the Certificates are issued. There is no such temporary license as the applicant is seeking. He would strongly recommend that the Committee not grant this until CO is obtained.

**Chair** asked that Ms. Nirandone contact Director Paulino tomorrow and ask him to help her and he needs to contact the Inspections Department and get a list of what she needs to do to open the business.

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

3. ***The Wings and Juice Spot*** located at 156 Gansett Ave.

***Request for reconsideration of hours.*** Proposed hours 7am-2am

Previous granted hours are 7am-10pm

**Meera Thakrar** appeared to speak and stated that she had requested an extension of hours and also what grounds she is seeking that extension. She just does not want to be competing with her neighbors. If she gets an extension from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m., she can cover the third shift and can work with the night staff. They are not selling any tobacco items or any substances that will be creating problems. They are planning to utilize Door Dash, Grub Hub and Uber Eats after 9:30 p.m.

**Chair** asked Solicitor to address this.

**Solicitor** stated that at the last meeting, the applicant sent communication of request for extended hours. Simply speaking, when someone is seeking to expand their hours, it is supposed to be advertised three weeks. He was contacted by the Clerk asking his opinion if we should just do this as a reconsideration as opposed to going through the formal process of an expansion request. He felt that given the facts of the case, there seemed to be a miscommunication, he felt that it was more appropriate, now that the actual applicant is present, to simply revisit the matter. If the Committee sees fit, it would be appropriate to reconsider the applicant's request to close at 2 a.m. as opposed to 10 p.m. When looking at the State Law regarding Victualling License, there is a little ambiguity in the Statute because on the one hand it states that the City and Town Councils have the power including the setting of hours when it comes to these types of licenses, but it then states that an applicant is entitled to operate from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. He thinks that the word "entitled" is pretty powerful. He does not have an explanation why it is worded that way, but if the Committee sees fit to allow the applicant to operate to 2 a.m., he thinks that it probably be an appropriate outcome.

**Chair** stated that the concern at the time during the last meeting was that the business is in a neighborhood. There are houses behind this business and the Committee was concerned that there could be noise, cars and it would be a disruption to the neighborhood.

**Ms. Thakrar** stated that after 9:30, it would be strictly Door Dash.

On motion by Councilman Wall, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to approve this request.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Donegan** stated that he represents the area and lives around the corner. He wishes this business nothing but success, but his concern is, that while he recognizes that after from a certain time on it is going to be Door Dash, the dumpster is behind the building where there are homes abutting that area and when the business closes and trash is being taken out, there will be noise that could be disruptive to the residences that are literally right behind the business. He would have to ask himself that if he lived right behind the business, he would want his Council Person to approve a license for a business to be open until 2 a.m., and he would not want it in his back yard, he would not think it would be fair to his neighbors and he can't support 2 a.m. at this point. He would be open to 10 p.m., which was a compromise or 11 p.m. and then if there are no issues, the Committee can always review it in six months and if there are no issues at that point, possibly allow them to open when they want to be open until, but he thinks that off the bat, 2 a.m., he cannot agree with that.

**Councilwoman Haroian** stated that she also has concerns with this time. Door Dash drivers drive around very fast and with radio blasting and this business is right in front of residential area. 2 a.m. is extremely late especially on a workday. She would be open to possibly 11 p.m., during the week and 2 a.m. on Fridays, but not during the week for a new business. Maybe after some time, the applicant can come back and the hours can be revisited.

**Ms. Thakrar** asked to be given a chance. They own a seven-eleven on Reservoir Ave. and are already experienced and asked that they be given a chance to try it and she will definitely comply with the City regulations.

**Council Vice-President Vargas** stated that she agrees with Councilman Donegan. She suggested that applicant open the business and see how it goes and she can always come back for the hours to be extended if there are no problems.

**Councilman Paplauskas** stated that this area is not really conducive to have a business open until 2 a.m. with the homes right behind it. He wants to see this business succeed. Maybe extending the hours on Fridays and Saturdays, but when you close at 2 a.m., you are going to take the trash out, lock up the building, starting your car there is going to be noise and there are School kids that are sleeping in the house right behind the restaurant or neighborhood, which will be disruptive. There is no track record and it is not even open yet. He will defer to the Ward Councilman on this.

**Council President Marino** stated that this is too much of a residential area, this is why she supported the hours that the Committee granted last month. She is not going to be in favor of 2 a.m. for a new business, particularly to what has not been mentioned this evening is the 7 a.m. opening. That is a long time for operation for a new business which is right next to a residential neighborhood. She would not be agreeable to anything past midnight on Fridays and Saturdays and is not in favor of 2 a.m. closing and definitely not on weekdays.

**Councilman Wall** stated that he is leaning towards being in favor of a compromise and thinks it is reasonable to offer opportunity to the applicant to come back after having a track record.

**Chair** stated that he agrees that 2 a.m. is late. He would be in favor of midnight. The applicant has to be able to compete with the other businesses similar to this business. For her to close at 10 p.m. would not give her that opportunity to compete.

Motion and second to approve request for hours to extend to 2 a.m. were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilman Wall, it was voted to deny this request.

Under Discussion:

**Councilman Donegan** stated that as a compromise, he is willing to amend the motion to create an automatic for this to come back in six months so that the Committee can take the issue up again to see if the hours can be extended.

**Councilman Donegan** made a motion to deny the request to stay open until 2 a.m. and have a subsequent hearing in six months on a possible extension.

**Solicitor** stated that as procedural matter, the Committee should take two separate motions to keep the record clear.

Motion and second to deny were withdrawn.

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Council Vice-President Vargas, it was voted to amend the hours for Fridays and Saturdays 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sundays through Thursdays 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Motion passed on a vote of 6-2. The following being recorded as voting “aye”: Council Vice-President Vargas, Councilwoman Haroian, Councilmen Donegan, Paplauskas, Wall and Council President Marino -6. The following being recorded as voting “nay”: Councilmen Ferri and Campopiano -2.

On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Council President Marino, it was voted to ***review this matter in three months***. Motion passed unanimously.

## **VIII. NEW MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

### **BODY WORKS PERSONNEL LICENSE**

***Yuelian Xie (Alisha Foot Reflexology, LLC)*** located at 1285 Park Ave. Unit B

**Zeng Guang Chen** appeared to speak.

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

### **MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE *Ratify the Action***

***Grub Guru, Inc. d/b/a The Grub Guru***- MFE- 1228

On motion by Councilman Wall, seconded by Councilman Paplauskas, it was voted to ratify the action of the above license application. Motion passed. Councilman Campopiano was not present for roll call vote.

### **SEPTAGE HAULER LICENSE**

- 1. Jeff D. Helgerson Excavating*** located at 80 Bay Path Rd. Charlton, MA
- 2. Jeff D. Helgerson Excavating*** located at 79 Bay Path Rd. Charlton, MA
- 3. Soares Sanitation Pumping*** located at 285 Thrasher St., Taunton, MA

On motion by Councilman Wall, seconded by Council President Marino, it was voted to take all the above-listed license applications as a block. Motion passed. Councilman Campopiano was not present for roll call vote.



On motion by Councilman Paplauskas, seconded by Councilman Wall, it was voted to approve all the above-listed license applications as a block. Motion passed. Councilman Campopiano was not present for roll call vote.

**VICTUALING LICENSE**

*Damascus Grill* located at 122 East St.

Mon-Sun 10am-10pm

Bachar Kattan

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

-RI Dept of Health License

**Mohamed Kattan** appeared to speak.

On motion by Councilman Wall, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to approve this license application subject to health approval received by the Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.

**IX. TRAFFIC ENGINEER**

No business.

**X. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No business.

**XI. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

No Business.

**XII. LICENSE RENEWALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

**BILLIARDS LICENSE**

*Cranston Portuguese Club* located at 20 Second Ave.

**BOWLING ALLEY LICENSE**

*Bowlero Cranston* located at 1450 Elmwood Ave.

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

**ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE**

*Zona Lounge & Restaurant* located at 195 Niantic Ave.

**MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE *Ratify the Action***

*Group 21, LLC d/b/a Finn's French Crepes*- MFE 1245

*Sam's New York System*- MFE 675

## TEMPORARY STRUCTURE LICENSE

*Jack Leyden* located at 1000 New London Ave.  
Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>- Dec25<sup>th</sup>

## VICTUALING LICENSE

*A&J Bakery* located at 1458 Park Ave.

Hours: Tues-Sat 9am-5pm

*Albanese's Delizioso, Inc. d/b/a Albanese's Delizioso* located at 1288 Oaklawn Ave.

Hours: Sun-Sat 9:30am-5pm

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

Hours: Mon-Wed 9am-6pm, Thurs-Fri 9am-7pm; Sat 9am-2pm

*Atwood Group, LLC d/b/a Jersey Mike's Subs* located at 261 Atwood Ave.

Hours: Mon-Sun 10am-9pm

*Bagel Express and Deli in the Village, LLC* located at 2190 Broad St.

Hours: Mon-Sun 7am-3pm

*Baja's Fresh Grill, LLC d/b/a Bajas Fresh Grill* located at 624 Reservoir Ave.

Hours: Sun-Thurs 10am-10pm; Fri-Sat 10am-11pm

*Brewed Awakenings Cranston, LLC d/b/a Brewed Awakenings* located at 1200 Pontiac Ave.

Hours Mon-Sun 5:30am-6pm

*Calvitto's Pizza & Bakery* located at 285 Park Ave.

Hours: Tues-Sun 7am-7pm

*Calvitto's Pizza & Bakery* located at 1401 Park Ave.

Hours: Tues-Sun 7am-7pm

*Coffee Bean Express* located at 1111 Cranston St.

Hours: Mon-Sun 6am-9pm

*Cranston Department of Senior Services* located at 1070 Cranston St.

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm

*Cumberland Farms, Inc. d/b/a Cumberland Farms #1279* located at 659 Reservoir Ave.

Hours: Mon-Sun 24 hours

*Del's Lemonade* located at 300 Park Ave.

Hours: Mon-Sun 9am-9pm

*Dinu Shadau d/b/a AFC Sushi* located at 550 Pontiac Ave.

Hours: Mon-Sun 7am-9pm

*Doughbros* located at 490 Atwood Ave.

Hours: Wed-Sun 6:30am-1:00 pm

*F&C Donuts, Inc. d/b/a Dunkin* located at 900 Cranston St.

Hours: Mon-Sun 5am-11pm

*Garfield Ave. Foods d/b/a Wendy's* located at 110 Garfield Ave.

Hours: Mon-Sun 6am-4am

*Geo's Restaurant Breakfast & Lunch, Inc.* located at 641 Atwood Ave.

Hours: Mon-Tues 6am-2pm, Wed-Thurs 6am-8:30pm, Fri 6am-9pm, Sat 6am-2pm, Sun 7pm-2pm

*Hana Group OPS, LLC d/b/a Genji Sushi* located at 151 Sockanosset Cross Rd.

Hours: Mon-Sun 8am-9pm

*Ichiban Corp d/b/a Ichiban Restaurant* located at 146 Gansett Ave.

Hours: Wed-Sun 12pm-9pm

*Jozon Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Domino's Pizza* located at 1401 Park Ave.

Hours: Mon-Sun 10:30am-1am

**LDS33, LLC d/b/a Sundaes** located at 775 Oaklawn Ave.  
Hours: Mon-Sun 12pm-9pm

**LN Blessing, LLC d/b/a California Taco** located at 716 Reservoir Ave.  
Hours: Mon-Sun 11am-10:30pm

**Lou Umbertos Italian Kitchen** located at 1606 Cranston St.  
Hours: M-F 10am-7pm; Sat 9am-6pm

**Maria's Pizza, LLC d/b/a Maria's Pizza and Wings** located at 949 Pontiac Ave.  
Hours: Mon-Sat 11am-10pm, Sun 12pm-9pm

**Merlino's Pizzeria** located at 889 Dyer Ave.  
Hours: Tues-Sun 11:30am-9pm

**Morya, LLC d/b/a Firehouse Subs** located at 1000 Chapel View Blvd. Suite 108  
Hours: Mon-Sun 10:20am-9pm

**New England Authentic Eats, LLC d/b/a D'Angelo's** located at 875 Reservoir Ave.  
Hours: Mon-Sat 10:30am-9:30pm, Sun 11am-9pm

**Newport Creamery, LLC d/b/a Newport Creamery** located at 100 Hillside Rd.  
Hours: Sun-Thurs 7am, Fri-Sat 7am-11pm

**Ophelia Express Store, LLC d/b/a Fefe's** located at 1272 Elmwood Ave.  
Hours: Mon-Sat 8am-7pm

**Reservoir Ave. Foods d/b/a Wendy's** located at 950 Reservoir Ave.  
Hours: Mon-Sun 6am-2am

**Rhodes On The Pawtuxet, Inc. d/b/a Rhodes On The Pawtuxet** located at 60 Rhodes Place  
Hours: Sun-Sat 9am-12pm

**Shake Shack Rhode Island, LLC d/b/a Shake Shack** located at 30 Hillside Rd.  
Hours: Mon-Sun 11am-9:30pm

**Stop & Shop Supermarket, LLC d/b/a Stop & Shop #707** located at 200 Atwood Ave.  
Hours: Mon-Sat 6am-12am, Sun 7am-10pm

**Stop and Shop Supermarkets d/b/a Stop & Shop #2702** located at 275 Warwick Ave.  
Hours: Mon-Sat 6am-12am; Sun 7am-9pm

**Stop & Shop Supermarket Co., LLC d/b/a Stop & Shop #714** located at 204 Garfield Ave.  
Hours: Mon-Sat 6am-12am; Sun 7am-9pm

**Ted's Stadium Pub, LLC d/b/a Ted's Stadium Pub** located at 1145 Park Ave.  
Hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-11pm

**Udder Delights Ice Cream & Frozen Dessert, LLC** located at 1426 Park Ave.  
Hours: Mon-Sun 12pm-9pm

**Wal-Mart Stores East, LP d/b/a Walmart #1873** located at 1776 Plainfield Pike  
Hours: Mon-Sun 6am-11pm

**Whole Foods Market Group, Inc. d/b/a Whole Foods Market** located at 151 Sockanosset Cross rd.  
Hours: Mon-Sun 8am-9pm

**Zona Lounge & Restaurant** located at 195 Niantic Ave.  
Hours: Tues-Sun 7pm-1am

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

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

**XIII. MONTHLY SCHEDULES** *(Votes will be taken to enter lists of events in to record)*

**A. RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET**

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to accept the list of events into the record. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. PARK THEATRE – SPECTACLE (Promoter)**

On motion by Councilman Donegan, seconded by Councilwoman Haroian, it was voted to accept the list of events into the record. Motion passed unanimously.

**C. CRANSTON STADIUM**

No schedule received as of 9/05/2024

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

**Council Vice-President Vargas:**

- ***Over night parking - how does enforcement work?***

**Council Vice-President Vargas** stated that people have reached out to her in terms of getting an understanding as to the overnight parking in the City particularly the Eastern side, which tends to get affected and Municipal Court gets also an overload or an overwhelming amount of people who live in the City who are getting tagged. She had asked that someone from the Police Department be present this evening, and noted that Major Patalano is present, to explain what the process is and how a person ends up getting cited for overnight parking and what the actual hours are. There was an Ordinance introduced at one point a few years ago addressing this issue and believes it was pulled. She questioned what, we as a City, are doing to make sure that those who do not have enough parking are able to park their vehicles. She asked Major Patalano to speak regarding this.

**Major Patalano** stated that if someone is parked on the street overnight between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. for two consecutive hours, a summons is written. The car has to be clocked, they have to mark the tire to make sure it has not moved and it has to be in the street and they have to wait for two hours and then go back and cite the violation. No Officer likes to do this. Nobody enjoys giving out parking tickets, but they are not out actively looking for cars parked in the street overnight. They get calls from neighbors, whether it is someone walking the neighborhood, or a neighbor that they do not like or can't back out of their driveway because cars are parked on the opposite side of the street where they back out. There are a lot of those

complaints. Most of them are where they are reactive, there is no proactive policing going out for parking violations. It has been really busy lately and no one is out writing these tickets and they are flooded with these calls on weekends especially. There is a remedy for people in the City if they like to park in the street overnight. He has given extended parking permission and not just for one night. They can get parking permission for several nights. They can go on a 30-day extended parking. They do it in the Northup St. where houses are so close to each other and they do not have a driveway. They are given a permanent extended parking permission. That does not mean it applies to people that have six cars in the driveway and do not want to move them around every morning. It has to be systematic and across the board fair and consistent on how we do things. If someone wants to have extended parking, they call the Police Department, make the request and they won't get tagged and that happens quite frequently. This is more predominantly in the Eastern area of the City where houses are on top of each other and they are two-three family homes that have several vehicles. This is how the Police enforces it. They are not out there proactively enforcing it. When complaints are received, someone is sent out there to ticket the vehicle. He indicated that they are writing fewer parking tickets than they have ever done and Municipal Court can confirm that. He encouraged the Council Members that if they receive any calls, they explain that there is an extended permission that is allowed. Only time a parking permission would be denied is if there was a snowstorm or some inclement weather. If they call, they can accommodate them.

#### **XV. PRESENTATIONS**

None.

#### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees