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October 10, 2007

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON LICENSES AND PERMITS

The Committee on Licenses and Permits convened on October 10, 2007, with Chairman Bruce Desmond presiding and Committee Member Alderman Maryann Heuston also present and voting. Also present were George Landers from ISD, Attorney Richard DiGirolamo, representing Auto Fair, and several interested members of the public.

Public Hearing:

Auto Fair, 369-371 Beacon St., for a Garage License AND for a Flammables License

Attorney DiGirolamo told the members that his client would like to keep the license for immediate use and to explore other development opportunities in the future. Mark Schuster, submitted a letter outlining the concerns of the shareholders and residents of Common Place, Inc. While the housing cooperative is not opposed to the reopening of a gas station and repair facility, their letter asks for consideration with respect to the hours of operation. Seth Goodman also spoke in favor of granting the garage license but expressed concern about the noise that would be generated. (Public Hearing closed.)

Alderman Heuston raised questions regarding the renting of parking spaces at Auto Fair's property and stated that she is against the operation of a tow truck at the facility, the washing of vehicles, the selling of used cars and the operation of a repair and/or auto body shop at the site. She is in agreement with Common Place, Inc., regarding the hours of operation being from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Attorney DiGirolamo expressed his client's intend not to turn the site into a used car lot and asked for permission to do minimum sales. Mr. Landers informed the applicant that a separate permit would be required to renting parking spaces and that there are certain requirements relating to auto bodywork.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 3 items:

184237: Used Car Dealer's License - Inman Capital Cars Inc. requesting an

amendment to change their “doing business as” name to Master Used Cars at

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

184239: New Flammables License - Auto Fair, 369 Beacon St., 25,520 gallons.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

184240: New Garage License - Auto Fair, 369 Beacon St., for mechanical repairs, autobody, vehicle washing, charging for parking, storing unregistered vehicles, and operating a tow vehicle, 5AM-8PM, Sunday-Saturday, all for 2 autos inside and 5 outside.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved as amended (no car washing, limited tow truck operation, Mon – Sat 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM, Sunday 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM for pumping gas only, no auto body work, 2 inside garage spaces, 5 outside spaces, only light mechanical work)

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

COMMITTEE REPORT

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In Board of Aldermen

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