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October 7, 2009

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON LICENSES AND PERMITS**

The Committee on Licenses and Permits convened on October 7, 2009, with Chairman Bruce Desmond presiding and Committee Member Alderman Maryann Heuston also present and voting. Also present were City Clerk John Long, Mohammad Sibai from Domino's Pizza, Attorney Richard DiGirolamo, Joseph Paulo, Jr., owner of Somerville Body Works and interested members of the public.

**Public Hearing - on the petition of Somerville Body Works Inc. for a new Garage License for 10 vehicles inside and 2 vehicles outside at 42 Dana Street, for auto body work, spray painting vehicles, washing vehicles and storing registered and unregistered vehicles:**

Attorney DiGirolamo, representing the owner of Somerville Body Works, spoke in favor of the petition and stated that there have been several body shops at that location over the past 50 years. His client, Joseph Paulo, Jr., wants to take over the business operation from his father. The Paulos have a long term lease with the building owner. Attorney DiGirolamo has been in contact with the Ward One Alderman regarding this petition.

Ms. Julia Pitcher, an abutter, spoke in opposition to the petition and requested that, if granted, the license contain a stipulation that only vehicles that are being repaired on the premises may be washed there. Ms. Pitcher also stated her concern regarding the use of various solvents and asked if the facility met all safety regulations for using such products. Ms. Pitcher provided the committee with some information regarding vehicle painting.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Attorney DiGirolamo stated that there is another automotive business on the other side of the building, at 56 Bonair Street, but that it is not affiliated with his client's business. Mr. Long provided the committee with a copy of the prior license for the business at 42 Dana Street which indicated that spray painting was not allowed. Alderman Heuston asked that this item be kept in committee until she has an opportunity to speak with the Ward One Alderman to be sure that he is aware that this is a new license that includes spray painting. Chairman Desmond told all parties that the matter will be revisited at the next meeting of the committee on Monday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM and that the license, if approved, would contain the stipulation requested by Ms. Pitcher regarding the washing of vehicles.

### **A Plus Auto Body:**

Chairman Desmond reviewed the prior complaints with the owner of the business and said that the property appears to be cleaner than before and he gave a reminder that cars are not to be worked on while on the street.

### **Other Matters:**

The committee received a communication from City Clerk John Long in response to a request for a list of all business in the city that are allowed to operate 24 hours per day, (Item # 188110).

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 12 items:

**187504:** Outdoor Seating License - Renewal, Union Sq. Acupuncture, 21 Bow St., A-Frame sign.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

**187880:** Renewing Extended Hours License - Hess Corp., 709 McGrath Hwy., 24/7 operation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

**188021:** Renewing Garage License - Aris Auto Inc., 3 Craigie St., 3 autos inside, 8 outside.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

**188022:** New Extended Hours License - Farah Enterprises Inc. dba Domino's Pizza, 201 Elm St., Th to 1AM, Fr-Sa to 2 AM.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved with conditions (extended hours for deliveries only)

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

**188023:** New Extended Hours License - Jubiter Inc., dba 7-Eleven, 580 Broadway, 24/7 operation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should NOT be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

**188130:** Renewal of Garage License - International Auto Repair, 508 Somerville Ave., 2 autos inside, 8 outside.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

**188131:** Renewal of Garage License - A Plus Auto Body Inc., 295 Medford St., 20

autos inside, 11 outside.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

**188132:** Renewal of Garage License - A Plus Auto Body Inc., 297 Medford St., 10 autos inside.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

**188133:** Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II - Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II, A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St., no autos.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

**188201:** Renewing Lodging House License - Kappa Charge of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity, 123 Packard Ave.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

**188202:** Renewing Lodging House License - Kappa Chapter of the Zeta Psi Fraternity, 80 Professors Row.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

**188203:** Renewing Garage License - NStar Electric & Gas Corp., 181 McGrath Hwy., 20 vehicles inside, storage only.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor