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December 13, 2006

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

The Committee on Licenses and Permits convened on December 13, 2006, with Chairman Bruce Desmond presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Robert Trane and Maryann Heuston also present and voting. Also present were Ileen Gladstone from GEI Consultants Inc., Atty. William Goldberg, representing JVM, Attorney Richard DiGirolamo, representing Prospect Iron and Steel and Somerville 2 LLC, Brian Keegan from UniFirst, Carlene Campbell from SPCD and several interested members of the public.

4 Public Hearings were held, as follows:

- Aris Auto Inc. for a garage license for mechanical repairs for 11 vehicles at 675 Somerville Avenue/3 Craigie Street.
- Enterprise Rent A Car for a garage license for washing vehicles for 19 vehicles at 37 Mystic Avenue.
- JVM Corporation dba U Call We Haul for a garage license for mechanical repairs for 10 vehicles at 9R Assembly Square Drive.
- Gene Automotive Repair for a garage license for mechanical repairs for 10 vehicles at 56 Joy Street.

In all 4 cases, the petitioners spoke in favor of the requests and there were no speakers in opposition.

**Tufts Street:**

Ileen Gladstone from GEI Consultants Inc. spoke about the contamination at 50 Tufts Street informing the members that the problem was first discovered in 2004. The site, at one time, housed a dry cleaning company, and their use of an agent known as PCE led to the contamination. The DEP was notified and the property owner was ordered to clean up the property, however, the owner claimed that no funds were available. In 2005, there was concern that some of the contamination may have crossed to other properties. Tests were conducted and the results indicated that low levels of PCE were present, albeit, below the thresholds. In November of 2005, DEP contacted UniFirst and asked them to investigate the property. Indoor air testing in the neighborhood has been conducted and low levels were found, again below the threshold. Air purifiers were offered to residents to ease their fears. Ms. Gladstone said that the goal is to evaluate the contamination and determine how far the ground water contamination has moved explaining

that it is important to understand how widespread the problem is, first. GEI is following priorities set by the state, although DEP is not dictating what needs to be done. She also told the members that GEI has set up a public repository at the library for all relevant documents.

Chairman Desmond opened the floor for questions from the residents concerned and Ms. Gladstone responded to all of their questions. Residents were concerned about any potential health hazards and wanted to be kept informed of the progress of the investigation. They were also concerned with expediting any corrective measures that could be taken, both short and long term.

Attorney DiGirolamo stated that his client, Somerville 2 LLC, took possession of the property as a result of a mortgage foreclosure and noted that although they are not responsible for the problem, they have met with Vidahl Despande of the DPW and with other environmental types and are committed to cleaning up the site. Brian Keegan from UniFirst told those present that his company is committed to cleaning up the property and the surrounding area.

Alderman Trane asked if air-sampling machines could be placed in residents' basements immediately, to calm their fears and a representative from UniFirst said that they would do whatever they could to help. Alderman Trane also requested that GEI install additional testing well at and behind Veterans Post 388 on Glen St. and in the dirt area behind 12 Dell St.

Alderman Heuston requested that a timetable be forwarded to the committee and further requested an assurance that information would be communicated to all concerned.

A representative from the bank said that they would allow UniFirst to clean up the site and asked for the names, addresses and email addresses of concerned residents so that a newsletter could be sent out to keep them informed of the situations progress and developments.

Alderman Trane asked Ms. Campbell to communicate with Alderman Roche, Mr. Deshpande and the Health Department to get information on the matter and report back to the committee within 60 days and Chairman Desmond asked that she examine records from the Capuano School construction and forward the information to the committee. Chairman Desmond also requested that air testing in basements be done ASAP.

**Prospect Iron & Steel:**

Alderman Heuston's motion *that the City Solicitor contact Attorney Richard DiGirolamo to inform him what is needed regarding the zoning issues related to the expansion and permitted uses of Prospect Iron and Steel into various locations on Bennett and Prospect Streets*, was approved.

Alderman Heuston noted the need to establish the hours of operation and to set noise levels. She stated that she is vehemently opposed to adding Saturday business hours and spoke of constant violations by this business with respect to keeping fire lanes open. She also suggested that the business pursue its expansion through the zoning board process. Mr. Nash said that he keeps making concessions and that he has been vigilant about keeping the 25 foot fire lane open.

A resident, Mr. Martelli, told the committee of a verbal agreement made by the business owners that work would stop at 4:30 during week and that no work would be performed on Saturdays. Since the last meeting, Mr. Martelli said that the noise has increased and that the owner has been unresponsive to phone calls. He also said that the shop doors are being left open, that Bennett Street is cluttered and that vehicles are parked on Bennett Street and that work has been taking place on Saturdays.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 20 items:

**181074:** Junk Dealer's License - Renewal of Junk Dealer License, Prospect Iron & Steel Corp., 40 Bennett St.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved with conditions (Approved for 120 days; Hours of operation, 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM Mon – Fri and no Saturday hours unless it is an emergency in which case permission will be requested from the City Clerk who will then contact the Ward Alderman for approval.)

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**181851:** New Billiard/Pool Table & Bowling Alley License - International Soccer Club, 5 Marshall St., 1 pool table.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should not be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**181852:** New Automatic Amusement Device License - International Soccer Club, 5 Marshall St., 4 devices.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should not be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182063:** Order - By Ald. Gewirtz, That the permit for the marquee sign on the Middlesex Savings Federal Bank at 1 College Ave. go to the Committee on Licenses and Permits for review.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be placed on file

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182245:** Renewal of Flammables License - Aris Auto Inc., 3920 Mystic Ave., 30,394 gallons.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182246:** Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II - D.M. Auto Body Inc., 48 Joy

St. 13 Autos.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182248:** Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II - All Rite Auto Inc., 38-42 Medford St., 10 Autos.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182249:** Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class I - Herb Chambers I-93 dba Chambers Motors, 259 McGrath Hwy., 350 Autos.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182250:** Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II - Concord Auto Service, 73 Summer St., 4 Autos.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182251:** Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II - Vicente Bros Auto Sales, 345 Medford St., 7 Autos.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182252:** Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II - Prestige Auto Imports Inc., dba Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St., 22 Autos, M-F 9-7, Sat 9-5, Sun

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182253:** Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II - Mystic Auto Sales & Service, 712 Mystic Ave., 10 Autos.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182254:** Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II - Barnes & Walsh Co., 224 Somerville Ave., 5 Autos.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182255:** Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II - William Doucette Auto Sales, 325 Alewife Brook Pkwy. 8 Autos.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved  
**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182276:** Grant of location - GEI Consultants Inc. to install 7 monitoring wells and 11 soil gas probes in Tufts, Knowlton, Morton, Glen and Dell Sts.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved  
**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182336:** Renewal of Used Car Dealer License Class II - Hillside Jaguar Inc. dba Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave., 10 Autos.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved  
**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182338:** New Garage License - JVM Corporation dba U Call We Haul, 9R Assembly Sq. Drive, 10 Autos, M-F 7-7, Sat 8-5.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved with conditions (Approved for 90 days with ISD review to ensure that applicant is in compliance.)  
**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182339:** New Garage License - Gene Automotive Repair, 56 Joy St., 10 Autos.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved with conditions (Approved for 30 days with ISD review to ensure that applicant is in compliance.)  
**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182340:** New Garage License - Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Boston Inc., 37 Mystic Ave., 19 Autos.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved  
**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**182341:** New Garage License - Aris Auto Inc., 675 Somerville Ave./3 Craigie St., 11 Autos.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be approved with conditions (approved for 60 days with ISD review and inspection. Hours of operation, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday – Friday and 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday.)  
**VOTE:** Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

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In Board of Aldermen

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