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February 25, 2009

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON LICENSES AND PERMITS

The Committee on Licenses and Permits convened on February 25, 2009, with Chairman Bruce Desmond presiding and Committee Member Alderman Robert Trane also present and voting. Also present were Alderman William Roche, Souhail Berbara (owner of Simon's Auto Service) and Kenneth Vanbuskirk.

Public Hearing: Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Avenue - for a Garage License

Mr. Berbara spoke in favor of his petition and told the members that he has been in business at that location since 2003. The committee received a letter from June Pietrantonio, of 155 Boston Ave., in support of the petition. There were no speakers against the petition. The hearing was closed.

Public Hearing: Red House Restaurant, 24 Union Square - Extended Operating Hours

Mr. Vanbuskirk spoke in favor of the petition and there were no speakers against it. The hearing was closed.

Since neither the owner(s) of the Red House, nor a representative, were present at the public hearing, the item was tabled. Chairman Desmond requested that the City Clerk notify the owners of the Red House that the business is not to remain open past midnight and that they are to be present at the next meeting of the Licenses and Permits Committee to discuss this matter.

186675 – Used Car Dealers License

Alderman Trane's motion that the Clerk of Committees forward a copy of this item to the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office requesting a legal opinion as to whether this on-line business may be allowed to operate in a residential area, was approved.

186784 – Royal White Laundry

186787 – Burger King

Chairman Desmond requested that the Clerk of Committees notify both of these businesses to appear at the next Licenses and Permits Committee meeting, where a public hearing will be held to discuss their hours of operation

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

186865: New Garage License - Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave., 2 autos inside, 2 outside.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

Alderman Bruce M. Desmond, Chairman
Committee on Licenses and Permits