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June 24, 2009

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON LICENSES AND PERMITS

The Committee on Licenses and Permits convened on June 24, 2009, with Chairman Bruce Desmond presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Robert Trane and Maryann Heuston also present and voting. Also present were Aldermen Dennis Sullivan, William Roche and Thomas Taylor and City Clerk John Long

A Plus Auto:

David Mangan and John Fragione appeared at the request of the committee to discuss 3 business operations at 295 and 297 Medford Street. Chairman Desmond stated that complaints have been received from neighbors regarding the cleanliness of lots and vehicles being parked on the streets. Alderman Roche said that he has had frequent discussions with Mr. Fragione about various problems, as well, and stated that the business needs to adhere to the conditions of the licenses. Alderman Heuston got a clarification that #295 and #297 are two distinct buildings and she explained that a license is never granted with allowed parking in public spaces. The owners claim that there is 1 parking space on their property on the Walnut Street side of the building that does not block pedestrian access and they further informed the committee that some of the overflow of vehicles will be sent to their Methuen location. Alderman Heuston stressed that it is not acceptable to use public streets to shuffle vehicles around.

Public Hearing - 595 Somerville Avenue - New Used Car Dealers License - Class II

(advertised for 6:00 PM)

There were no speakers in favor or against the petition and the Public Hearing was closed.

45-47 Webster Avenue.

Alderman Heuston spoke about 45-47 Webster Avenue and informed the committee that Attorney Richard DiGirolamo has asked that the committee postpone action on this matter until he is able to get all parties involved to participate. The owner of 47 Webster Avenue, George Harris, was present and told the committee that 45 and 47 are 2 distinct buildings and that the lot behind the property belongs to #45. There is an R&D auto business occupying office space and storing one vehicle under the same license as the garage business at 47 Webster Avenue. Alderman Trane wants to sort this out with ISD Superintendent George Landers, City Clerk John Long and City Solicitor John Gannon before proceeding further.

187608 - Outdoor parking license

Marty O'Halloran, representing the Beacon Street Star Market, addressed the members regarding the application for an outdoor parking license.

General:

John Long discussed ways to further categorize the various licenses issued by the city, especially with regards to garages.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 14 items:

187174: Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II - A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St., 2 autos outside.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (approved for 90 days. ISD to inspect to ensure compliance.)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

187183: Renewal of Garage License - A Plus Auto Body Inc., 295 Medford St., 20 autos inside, 11 outside.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (approved for 90 days. ISD to inspect to ensure compliance.)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

187184: Renewal of Garage License - A Plus Auto Body Inc., 297 Medford St., 10 autos outside.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (approved for 90 days. ISD to inspect to ensure compliance.)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

187322: New Sign/Awning Permit - Damata Hair Design, 85B Broadway, Awning.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

187608: New Outdoor Parking License - New Outdoor Parking License, Star Market, 275 Beacon St., 3 autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

187609: New Junk Dealer License - La Chic Boutique LLC, 235A Elm St.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

187610: New Junk Dealer License - Imperial Jewelry, 499 Medford St.

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

187725: New Outdoor Seating License - Panificadora Modelo Inc., 508 Medford St., Sandwich Board.

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

187726: New Used Car Dealers License - Class II, Somerville Ave. Used Auto Sales, 595 Somerville Ave., 18 autos outside.

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

187727: Garage License - Renewal, Mike's Automotive Services Inc., 298 Somerville Ave., 10 autos inside, 10 outside.

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

187728: Garage License - Renewal Samay Inc. dba Somerville Gas, 73 Summer St., 3 autos inside.

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

187729: Garage License - Renewal, Enterprise Rent-A-Car Co. of Boston, 37 Mystic Ave., 1 auto inside, 18 outside.

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

187730: Garage License - Renewal, Upnorth Ltd. Inc. dba U-Save Auto Rental, 70 Prospect St., 6 autos inside.

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

187731: Garage License - Renewal, Ideal Engine Rebuilders Inc., 96 Dover St., 20 auto inside, 20 outside.

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