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August 8, 2007

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON LICENSES AND PERMITS

The Committee on Licenses and Permits convened on August 8, 2007, with Chairman Bruce Desmond presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Maryann Heuston and Robert Trane also present and voting. Also present were Aldermen Sean O'Donovan and Thomas Taylor, George Landers from ISD and several interested individuals, (list attached).

Public Hearings:

Cambridge Rental Equipment dba Taylor Rental – Owner Karen Shea spoke in favor and there were no speakers against the petition.

Mr. Landers told the members that neighbors were concerned about the property being used as a drop-off site for large trucks and said that the Inspectional Services and Traffic and Parking Departments also have issues with large trucks being on the property. Ms. Shea stated that vehicles dropped off outside of normal business hours are subject to ticketing and towing but Alderman Heuston replied that the property in question belongs to the DCR, therefore, the city has no jurisdiction over ticketing and towing. Alderman Heuston also stated that the committee was not aware that the business was renting trucks. Ms. Shea told the members that she send the larger, 24 foot trucks to a Medford location to be dropped off, but Mr. Landers stated that even the smaller, 16 foot trucks pose problems. He further stated that the Mayor, Inspectional Services and Traffic and Parking have issues with trucks that large and that they are in opposition to renewing the license. Ms. Shea told the members that if the license is not renewed, she will be out of business. She asked the committee for consideration stating that she has made a good faith effort to alleviate any issues that were problematic and asked for a temporary license to see if things can be worked out.

Alderman Trane's motion that the license be approved for 60 days with periodic inspection by ISD to ensure that only three 16 foot trucks are on the property at any time and that no drop-offs be allowed, was approved.

Inman Auto Center: Christian Tapia spoke in favor of the petition and there were no speakers in opposition.

The committee discussed issues pertaining to the petition of the Auto Palace and Mr. Landers informed the members that the problem with vehicles being parked on the lot at Mr. B's have been rectified. Mr. Landers also stated that the property could house 2 vehicles inside and 3 outside and he also suggested that the petitioner return to the City Clerk to amend the license application. The existing used car dealers license also needs to be amended.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 4 items:

181611: New Garage License - Cambridge Rental Equipment Inc. dba Taylor Rental, 352 McGrath Hwy., 4 autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (for three 16 foot trucks; no drop-off at this location; 60 day license with periodic inspection by ISD to ensure compliance)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

183644: Amendment of Garage License - Goodyear Auto Service Center, 1 Bow St., for extended hours of operation: 7AM-7PM Mon-Sat.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

183841: New Garage License - Inman Auto Center, 45 Webster Ave., 13 autos inside and 3 autos outside.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (Workmen's Compensation policy # and copy of bond to be provided; hours of operation are 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, none on Sunday)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

183843: New Used Car Dealers License-Class II - Inman Capital Cars dba Inman Motor Sales, 39 Webster Ave., 30 autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (Workmen's Compensation policy # and copy of used car dealers bond to be provided; hours of operation are 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, none on Sunday)

VOTE: Unanimous, 3 - 0 in favor

COMMITTEE REPORT

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August 8, 2007

In Board of Aldermen

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