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September 12, 2006

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON LICENSES AND PERMITS

The Committee on Licenses and Permits convened on September 12, 2006, with Vice Chairman Robert Trane presiding and Committee Member Alderman Maryann Heuston also present and voting. Also present were Aldermen Rebekah Gewirtz, William Roche, Dennis Sullivan and Thomas Taylor as well as George Landers from SPCD, Traffic Engineer Terry Smith, Mr. Mitch Bodnarchuk and Barbara Rubel from Tufts University and interested members of the public.

Barbara Rubel addressed the members and informed them that representatives from Tufts met with abutting neighbors to discuss their concerns regarding noise and light from the new parking garage and said that Tufts is committed to working with the neighbors to resolve these matters. Ms. Rubel said that Tufts has not conducted a noise study, but if the license were to be granted, Tufts would be amenable to a condition regarding noise, such that if noise becomes a problem, Tufts would take measures to mitigate the noise to the best of its ability. Ms. Rubel told the members that the plan is not to use the garage for overuse or overflow of events.

Michael Payne, an abutter, said that Tufts has been cooperative throughout the process, but he isn't sure how Tufts would be utilizing the facility. Mr. Payne also noted that the construction of the garage necessitated the loss of the tot playground, and he expressed his hope that Tufts consider rebuilding it. Mr. Payne asked that the license be granted with conditions.

Alderman Heuston suggested that the city's Traffic Engineer review the plan and report back to the committee regarding traffic and lighting issues, specifically, how Tufts might alter the lighting so as not to create a nuisance for the neighbors. The members also proposed periodic reviews to ensure that Tufts is in compliance. Mr. Landers said that Tufts had presented schematics to ISD and that there have been no changes. Alderman Trane said that he would recommend that Tufts assign parking at the garage specifically to faculty and students and that it not be used for overflow of events.

Chairman Taylor directed the Clerk of Committees to send a communication to Steve Winslow, of the Pedestrian Safety Committee, requesting that he schedule a public hearing in October to discuss traffic mitigation issues.

Chairman Taylor also informed the members that he would schedule a public hearing for October 10, 2006 at 7:00 PM to discuss the Condo conversion ordinance.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 11 items:

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- 181610:** Garage License - New - Trustees of Tufts College/Tufts University, 20
Campus Rd., 136 vehicles.
RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (ISD to review every 60 days to ensure compliance with all conditions; Traffic engineer review, study and report on traffic mitigation and lighting issues; garage to be specifically used for designated parking for faculty and students and not for overflow)
VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor
- 181612:** Garage License - Renewal - Fortini's Service Station, 225-227 Beacon St., 7
autos.
RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved
VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor
- 181691:** Communication from City Engineer - requesting that the Board rescind Grants
of Location granted earlier this year to NStar, Verizon, Comcast and RCN for
service at 91 Pearson Ave., as those Grants were never used.
RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved
VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor
- 181704:** Public Property Occupancy Permit - Network Tech Academy Open House
distributing flyers and brochures, Holland St. & Bike Path, Sept. 16.
RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved
VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor
- 181710:** Renewal of Flammables License, - General Glass & Mirror Corp., 231 Lowell
St., 1,000 Gallons.
RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved
VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor
- 181711:** Renewal of Garage License, - General Glass & Mirror Corp., 231 Lowell St.,
10 autos.
RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved
VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor
- 181712:** Renewal of Garage License, - Drain Doctor Inc., 612 Broadway, 25 autos.
RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved
VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

181714: Renewal of Garage License, - Arco Tire & Service, 16 Clarendon Ave., 4

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

181718: New Outdoor Seating License, - Amethyst Chiropractic PC, 259 Elm St. Suite 300, sandwich board sign.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

181719: New Outdoor Seating License, - Majota Inc. dba Crowley's Liquors, 158 Boston Ave., Aisles advertising on sidewalk.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

181720: Renewal of Outdoor Seating License, - Xtreme Tanning, 258 Elm St., sidewalk sign.

RECOMMENDATION: Should not be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

Alderman Robert C. Trane, Vice Chairman
Committee on Licenses and Permits

COMMITTEE REPORT

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