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September 9, 2009

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON LICENSES AND PERMITS

The Committee on Licenses and Permits convened on September 9, 2009, with Chairman Bruce Desmond presiding and Committee Member Alderman Maryann Heuston also present and voting. Also present were City Clerk John Long, Superintendent of Inspectional Services George Landers and interested members of the public, (attendance sheet attached).

The committee conducted Public Hearings, as follows:

Public Hearing - Green Automotive Corp. for a new Flammables License and a new Garage License:

Attorney Richard DiGirolamo represented the petitioner and spoke in favor of the petition, informing the members that his client purchased a new location, due to the development of Assembly Square, and explained that there would be a transition period of 90 days, during which time the business will be operating from both locations. There were no speakers opposed. The Public Hearing was closed.

Public Hearing - Jubiter Inc. dba 7-Eleven for Extended Operating Hours:

Attorney Richard DiGirolamo, speaking in favor of the petition, submitted a letter stating that he was representing the petitioner and he noted that the Dunkin Donuts situated near his client's business is open 24 hours per day. There were no speakers opposed. The Public Hearing was closed.

Alderman Heuston's motion that the City Clerk research all 24 hour licenses in the city was approved.

Public Hearing - Farah Enterprises Inc. dba Domino's Pizza for Extended Operating Hours:

Owner/applicant Mohammad Slibai spoke in favor of the petition and told the members that when he purchased the business, he thought that he could remain open until 2:00 AM, and that not being able to do so is costing him about 20% of his business. Matthew Sullivan and Preeti Mehta spoke against the petition citing the noise and commotion being generated in Davis Square. The Public Hearing was closed.

Alderman Heuston suggested allowing the extended hours for deliveries only and asked that the business use its front door so as not to disturb the neighbors. Mr. Landers told the members that he knows of no problems with any other business making deliveries after midnight. Mr. Sullivan stated that he purchased his home 2 years ago and he does not like noise and people urinating on the street. Alderman Heuston replied that residents living in Davis Square must accept that there will be business activity.

Public Hearing - BBC Auto Repair for a new Garage License:

The applicant, Mr. Valentino, spoke in favor of the petition and outlined his plans for the business. There were no speakers opposed. The Public Hearing was closed.

Alderman Heuston explained that she does not want a used car licensed business on the property and that she does not want more than one business on the property.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 6 items:

188016: New Flammables License - Green Automotive Corp., 600 Windsor Place, 500 gallons.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

188017: New Used Car Dealers License Class II - Green Automotive Corp., 600 Windsor Place, 20 autos inside.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

188018: New Garage License - Green Automotive Corp., 600 Windsor Place, Mechanical repairs, storage of registered & unregistered vehicles, vehicle towing, 50 autos inside, 40 outside.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

188024: New Junk Dealer License - Sunshine Lucy's, 93 Holland St.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

188025: Sign/Awning Permit - Jumbo's LLC dba Eat at Jumbo's, 688 Broadway, sign & awning.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

188026: Sign/Awning Permit - Great Thai Chef Inc., 255 Washington St., 2 signs & awnings.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

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