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March 12, 2008

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON LICENSES AND PERMITS

The Committee on Licenses and Permits convened on March 12, 2008, with Chairman Bruce Desmond presiding and Committee Member Alderman Maryann Heuston also present and voting. Also present were Aldermen William Roche, Thomas Taylor and Rebekah Gewirtz as well as Superintendent of Inspectional Services George Landers, Attorney Richard DiGirolamo, Attorney Adam Dash, John Eleftherakis and interested members of the public.

Public Hearing: John's Auto Sales - 50 Tufts Street

In Favor:

Attorney DiGirolamo gave the committee a history of the property and said that his client has been working with the city to clean the property and seeks to use it as a storage area for vehicles and not as a selling outlet. Attorney DiGirolamo stated that the DEP has determined that the site is acceptable. He further stated that a neighborhood meeting was held and that his client understands and will respect the concerns of the residents.

Against:

David Berwick submitted, and read into the record, a letter on behalf of the Sanctuary Condominiums. The major objections are the possibility for further environmental contamination of the property from fuel, oil and cleaning solvent leakage and the increased risk of theft and vandalism in the area. The letter also includes several proposed conditions.

The public hearing was closed and Alderman Roche discussed the neighborhood meeting that was held regarding this matter and distributed, and read into the record, the list of conditions agreed to by the petitioner. Mr. Landers stated that the building could hold at least 200 vehicles. Mr. Eleftherakis told the members that he would meet with neighbors prior to selecting any tenants for the building and that no vehicles would be test driven from this location.

Public Hearing: H & F Motors - 486 Columbia Street

There were no speakers in favor or against the petition.

Alderman Heuston pointed out a discrepancy in the petitioner's application and said that she does not want any vehicles parked outside the building until ISD performs another inspection of the facility. Alderman Heuston also requested that the hours of operation be determined.

Other matters:

Chairman Desmond stated that item 184880 would remain in committee pending a review by the Solicitor's Office since there is another business with the same name already operating in the city.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 17 items:

184987: Renewal of Garage License - Somerville Auto Transport Service Inc., 495 Columbia St., 22 autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

184989: Amending Used Car Dealer's License Class II - P.J. Auto Sales requesting an amendment to change the name only to John's Auto Sales Inc., 161

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

184990: Renewal of Used Car Dealers License Class II - Ideal Engine Rebuilders Inc., 49 Day St., 8 autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

184991: Renewal of Junk Dealer License - Nissenbaums's Auto Parts Inc., 480 Columbia St.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

184992: Renewal of Junk Dealer License - Atlas Metal Inc., 475 Columbia St.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

184993: Renewal of Outdoor Parking License - Faulkner Brothers Inc., 2 Alpine St., 4 autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

184994: Renewal of Outdoor Parking License - Nissenbaum's Auto Parts, 490 Columbia St., 15 autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

184995: Renewal of Outdoor Parking License - Nissenbaum's Auto Parts, 500 Columbia St., 61 autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

184996: Renewal of Outdoor Seating License - Fu Shen Therapeutic Spa, 258 Elm St. Suite 220, Sign on sidewalk.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

185073: New Sign/Awning Permit - Artifaktori LLC, 22A College Ave., Sign.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

185074: New Junk Dealer License - Artifaktori LLC, 22A College Ave.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

185075: New Garage License - John's Auto Sales Inc., 50 Tufts St., 100 autos inside.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (subject to a 6 month review and other conditions, as attached)

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

185078: Renewal of Garage License - Reilly's Garage, 61-63 Washington St., 2 autos inside, 6 outside.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

185080: Renewal of Garage License - John's Auto Sales, 161 Broadway, 65 autos inside, 4 outside.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

185082: Renewal of Outdoor Seating License - FCMC Corp. dba Blue Shirt Café, 424 Highland Ave., 4 tables & 10 chairs.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

185083: Renewal of Outdoor Seating License - LDDJ Inc. dba Dave's Fresh Pasta, 81 Holland St., 5 tables & 10 chairs and one Sandwich Board.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

185094: Renewal of Used Car Dealer's License Class II - Frank and Eds Inc., 483
Somerville Ave., 8 autos outside, 6 inside.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved as amended (6 autos outside, 8 autos inside)

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

Alderman Maryann Heuston, Vice Chairman
Committee on Licenses and Permits

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits,
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In Board of Aldermen

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