



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES**

July 12, 2017

REPORT OF THE LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dennis M. Sullivan	Chair	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Vice Chair	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	

Others present: Alderman Lance Davis, Alderman Mark Niedergang, Alderman Katjana Ballantyne, Alderman Robert McWatters, John Long - City Clerk, Annie Connor - Legislative Liaison, Rositha Durham - Clerk of Committees.

The meeting took place in the Committee Room and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Sullivan and adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Approval of the May 10, 2017 Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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203441: New Extended Operating Hours License, La Posada Restaurant, 505 Medford St, opening 7 days/wk to 3AM for in-store, take-out, and delivery service.

The building owner (who does not live there) represented the tenants of the building. He spoke about seeing rats when he takes out the trash and said that families live in the buildings and work in the morning, and the extended hours would be disruptive to them. Alderman Niedergang said that he is in support of the application, however the closing time should be 2:00 AM. Alderman Niedergang said that he met with the applicant, who was present at this meeting, several times and that the applicant has been doing business there for three years and never heard any complaints. Alderman Niedergang said that he also spoke with 3 or 4 residents of the area who are in support of the hours. The applicant is also preparing to submit an application for a liquor license. This item was kept in committee and Alderman Niedergang will facilitate a meeting with the applicant and the neighbors.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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203474: New Garage License, Vixs Auto Service, 73 Summer St.

Attorney Anne Vigarito appeared with Alderman McWatters, the applicant and the manager of the garage. Alderman McWatters said there had been a public meeting that fell through previously.

RESULT:

APPROVED

203577: New Extended Operating Hours License, Big Belly Deli, 513 Medford St, remaining open Mon-Sat to 2 AM for seating, take-out and delivery.

Neighbors of the establishment told the committee that their tenants have small children and the late hour would not be good for families. Written comments opposing the item were presented. Alderman Niedergang spoke in favor of the extended hours and said that he had not heard any opposition from residents. Aldermen Connolly and Heuston felt the extended hours was a big jump from the current hours. The business owner did not appear at tonight's meeting.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

203781: New Hawker Peddler License, Felsuma LLC, selling adhesive products in Davis Sq.

The applicant, a long time resident of Somerville, said that he would amend his request depending upon the suggestions of the committee members. He demonstrated his product for the committee members and others in the room. The applicant requested a Hawker and Peddler license and said that he cannot peddle in Davis, Union Squares and a few other areas. Alderman Connolly suggested a couple of possible areas at Trum Field and Foss Park where the applicant might be able to set up his table and show his product to people who may stop by while watching baseball or soccer games. Alderman Davis spoke about this type of license and supports the applicant. The City Clerk will check with the Law Department regarding the boundaries of this type of license and provide feedback back to the committee at a future meeting.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

203784: New Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, L and S Truck Sales, 40 Joy St, 9 vehicles inside, 15 outside.

James Linardy and David Tauro also spoke in support of the application.

RESULT:

APPROVED

203785: New Used Car Dealer's License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182 Washington St, no vehicles inside, 26 outside.

The business owner, Addison Oliveira, appeared before the committee and said that he has 12 years of experience in the used car business and currently has a location in Malden. David Tauro, the owner of the building, also spoke in favor of the application. Robert Souza also spoke in favor of the application. Alderman Heuston said the business was very well maintained and has never had a problem.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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203786: New Garage License, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave, 5 vehicles inside, 10 outside.

The applicant did not appear for the public hearing.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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203052: That the Administration re-examine the annual race routes through Davis, Teele and Powder House Squares and report to this Board's Committee on Licenses and Permits.

Alderman Ballantyne appeared before the committee and spoke about receiving the continual complaints about road races going through the Teele Square areas. This issue was first brought up about three years ago. The Administration has been taking a look at the requests and re-routing road race paths through other areas of the city.

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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203473: New Flammables License, Vixs Auto Service, 73 Summer St.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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203627: Licensing Commission requesting consideration of an amendment to Ordinance 2-219(a) to reduce the number of required legal advertisements for certain license applications from two to one, to expedite public hearings without impacting public input, and to align the city with advertising standards statewide.

City Clerk John Long appeared on behalf of the Licensing Commission members, who were unavailable to attend tonight's meeting. The Licensing Commission is re-visiting the idea of putting notices, as a requirement, in newspapers. The legal notices are an expense for the applicants. Alderman Heuston suggested putting notices on the city website, given people do not read newspapers as much.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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Handouts:

- Comments (with 203577)
- Licensing Info (with 203627)