



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

February 4, 2015

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 Matt McLaughlin, City Clerk John Long

Approval of the December 3, 2014 Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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Public Hearing - Item 198261

The applicant appeared before the committee and discussed his intentions regarding this business. There was one speaker in opposition to the license being granted.

Public Hearing - Item 198262

Two individuals spoke in favor of the application and Mr. Long read an email from a resident having pedestrian safety and parking concerns relative to this application.

Public Hearing - Item 198339

The applicant appeared before the committee regarding this request.

Public Hearing - Item 198340

Attorney Ann Vigorito, representing the applicant, and George Kotsiras, from Herb Chambers, appeared before the committee and states that this application dates back to December and involved leasing property from Pat's Auto Body. David Tauro, operator of Pat's Tow for many years, was in attendance and stated that he was in favor of Herb Chambers taking over this space. The hours of operation will be the same as the other Herb Chambers establishment in Somerville.

Public Hearing - Item 198341

Attorney Ann Vigorito, representing the applicant, and George Kotsiras, from Herb Chambers, appeared before the committee

196760: That the Administration create a process to evaluate public events for financial impacts on city resources, and use it for all public event applications.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

197553: Sign/Awning Permit, Brazil Express, 429 Somerville Ave., 1 sign.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

197845: New Extended Operating Hours License, Hess, 709 McGrath, operating 24/7.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

197846: New Mobile Food Vendor, Wizard Catering.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

197913: New Outdoor Seating License, Tony C's Sports Bar and Grill, 699 Assembly Row, 46 tables, 184 seats.

RESULT: APPROVED

197914: New Outdoor Seating License, Atelier Pilates, 7 Landers Street, 1 A-frame sign.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

197940: New Garage License, ABJ Foreign Auto Supply, 91 Marshall St., 3 cars inside, 27 outside, M-F 8-6PM, Sa 8-3PM.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

197964: That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inventory all businesses on Columbia Street to determine proper licensing and adherence to licensing requirements, and report his findings to the Ward 2 Alderman.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

198028: Sign/Awning Permit, Gardini Law Office, 24 Dane St., 1 blade sign.

RESULT: APPROVED

198261: New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Best Cars of MA, 1 Virginia St., no cars on site.

The applicant was questioned regarding his experience with dealing cars, the hours of operation and the number of cars that would be on site at one time. Alderman McLaughlin stated that he has received 9 calls from constituents opposing this license. Chairman Sullivan also stated that he has, over the years, received several calls from constituents opposing car dealerships in the Ward 1 neighborhood.

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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198262: New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Instacar, 38-42 Medford St., 10 autos outside.

This location has continuously housed a repair shop over the years and Alderman Heuston motioned to amend the application for 4 cars for 30 days, conditioned on the approval by ISD. The applicant was directed to appear before the committee again in 30 days.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED
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198337: Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pearl St Auto, 182 Pearl St.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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198339: New Garage License, Car Zone, 486 Columbia St., 3 cars inside, 3 outside.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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198340: New Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 19 Joy St., 22 cars inside, 20 outside.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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198341: New Garage License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St., 25 cars inside.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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198342: New Outdoor Parking License, Mercedes Benz of Boston, 161 Linwood St., 63 cars.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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198343: New Livery License, Mass Cab, 45 Endicott Ave., 1 vehicle.

Applicant appeared and stated he is currently working with Uber and would like the ability to take customers to the airport. ISD has reviewed the application.

RESULT:

APPROVED