



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

October 21, 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, John Long - City Clerk, Rositha Durham - Clerk of Committees

The meeting took place in the Committee Room and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Alderman Sullivan and adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Document List:

- Intellident (200023)
- Dino's Market - Federal Realty (199449)
- Dino's Market - Petition (199449)

- 1. Public Hearing - 199913 - New Garage License, ABJ Auto Repair** The applicant stated that the prior owner passed away after being in business for 38 years, adding that nothing would change in the operation of the business. Essentially everything will remain the same with the exception of a couple of new crew members. The business is located at 91 Marshall Street. The license is for 6 cars inside and 25 car outside on the lot. There are 2 separate properties for parking with one lot for Sarma and the other for ABJ.
- 2. Public Hearing - 200009 - New Extended Operating Hours License, Speedway** The applicant was not present for the public hearing. Four residents appeared to oppose the extended hours, citing issues with trash, drunkenness, loud music and rodents in the dumpsters. Their feeling is that extending the hours is not in the best interest of the community. Alderman McLaughlin stated that he was there a year ago to discuss the rodent problems when the business was owned by HESS, adding that there needs to be a limit on the hours or the problem will continue.
- 3. Public Hearing - 200023 - New Garage License, Intellident** The applicants were present and distributed a document on auto hail repairs. Residents spoke and cited the numbers of cars on or near the property. An owner of another local auto body shop stated that Intellident is not playing on a level field, as it offers cash-back to its customers.

- 4. Public Hearing - 200101 - Amend Extended Hours, Mr. B** The applicant appeared requesting to extend the operating hours from midnight to 4:00 AM. Two residents appeared stating there are many trucks in the parking lot and that during the early morning hours, the truck noise is very loud. Alderman McLaughlin stated the current license is for the business to be open until midnight, with deliveries for midnight to 2:00 AM. The company's website should be changed to reflect the correct operating hours.

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

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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199223: Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381 Washington St.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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199224: Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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199225: Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 147 Beacon St.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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199449: New Mobile Food Vendor, Dino's Market.

The applicant appeared to share his idea about the market/mobile truck. Two members from Federal Realty Investment Trust were also present. The truck would sell snacks and bottled drinks and operate from 7:00 Am to 8:00 PM. The applicant is also considering selling cigarettes. FRIT representatives distributed a petition of 50 signatures opposing the issuance of a license to Dino's Market, along with a letter to the committee regarding the application for Dino's Market.

Chairman Sullivan suggested that the applicant look at other locations within Somerville. The petitioner withdraw his application.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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199913: New Garage License, ABJ Auto Repair, 91 Marshall St, 6 cars inside, 25 outside.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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200008: Transferring Flammables License, Speedway, 709 McGrath Hwy.

Alderman Connolly motioned for a conditional approval with limited hours of 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM with no outside speakers to be used in and around the gas pumps. Additionally the station is to be checked weekly by ISD personnel who are to check for evidence of regular bating.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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200009: New Extended Operating Hours License, Speedway, 709 McGrath Hwy, Operating 24/7.

Alderman Connolly stated it is very annoying that the applicant did not attend or send a representative to the meeting and he is very concerned with the lack of maintenance of the property. The motion was denied for the new extended operating hours.

The committee would like the Director of OSE to look into the EPA regarding digging wells on the properties of residents.

RESULT:	NOT APPROVED
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200023: New Garage License, Intellident, 471 Somerville Ave, 5 autos inside, 6 outside, auto body work only, M-F 8AM-6PM, Sa-Su by appointment only.

Alderman Heuston reported that the business did not request a license and was operating without one until she had ISD close them down. The worst problem is the ad about the cash-back. There is much research that needs to be done about this company. Alderman Connolly stated that the business disrespected the city by not contacting it before opening for business.

Alderman Heuston's motion *that the Supervisor of Inspectional Services take steps to have the site of Intellident's business, located at 471 Somerville Avenue, vacated within one week,* was approved.

RESULT:	NOT APPROVED
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200101: Amending Extended Operating Hours License, Mr. B's, 142 Cross St, seeking to remain open to 4AM, 7 days/week.

Alderman Connolly's motion *that the Supervisor of Inspectional Services routinely inspect the site to ensure that the business is not operating after midnight,* was approved.

RESULT:	NOT APPROVED
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