



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

January 17, 2018

REPORT OF THE LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mary Jo Rossetti	Chair	Present	
Wilfred N. Mbah	Vice Chair	Present	
Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott	Ward Two Alderman	Present	

Others present: John Long - City Clerk, Peter Forcellese - Legislative Clerk.

The meeting took place in the Committee Room and was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chairman Rossetti and adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Chairman Rossetti explained the licensing process to the new committee members and Mr. Long demonstrated how to view items and their attachments online. Mr. Long distributed a list of the BOA issued business licenses, showing some relevant information. He explained that BOA approval is needed for new licenses and renewals and noted that renewals may only be denied for good cause. Constables are licensed and have to be appointed by the mayor with BOA approval. Approval of constables is performed by the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters. Mr. Long also distributed a list of Union Square acquisition/disposal parcels and Union Square license condition language explaining their relevance to some items on this meeting's agenda. Chairman Rossetti cautioned Alderman Scott, suggesting he should recuse himself from this discussion, as his name and business appears on one of these documents. Alderman Scott disagreed with the suggested conflict. He additionally expressed dismay of why it was being discussed. The document was then removed from discussion. However further into the meeting, under agenda items #12, 13, 16 and 22 the document was presented for related discussion along with recommended condition language from Tom Galligani if renewals were to be recommended. Alderman Scott asked why the Union Square Urban Revitalization Plan area language was being added, since it creates a material impact on the value of the businesses.

Approval of the November 15, 2017 Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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204774: New Billiards and Bowling License, Parise's Cafe, 97 Washington St, 1 pool table.

The Public Hearing for this item was cancelled.

204806: New Extended Operating Hours License, Dumpling Kitchen, 217 Highland Ave, Opening for take-out and delivery service only, Sun-Thu to 2AM and Fri-Sat to 2:30AM.

The Public Hearing for this item was cancelled.

200616: Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy, increasing to 5 cars outside.

Chairman Rossetti informed members that she spoke to Alderman Ballantyne, the ward alderman, who said that she thought that the item had been denied.

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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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.

Chairman Rossetti informed members that she spoke to Alderman Niedergang, the ward alderman, who suggested that the item be placed on file, since the business would like to serve alcohol and would, therefore, be subject to a 1:00 AM closing time under state law.

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204203: Public Event Permit, Dreamland Silent Disco, Statue Park, Oct 5,19, Nov 2,16,30, Dec 14, 7-11:45PM.

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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204509: Public Event Permit, Boston Meditation table, Statue Park, Nov 10, 17, 24 and Dec 3, 12:30-7PM.

RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE
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204928: Public Event Permit, BA Events Race of Ireland, Davis Sq and area streets, Mar 11, 7AM-2PM.

Chairman Rossetti informed members that she spoke to Alderman Davis, the ward alderman, who had no objections.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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204929: Public Event Permit, St. Benedict Good Friday Procession, Area streets from Cutter to Hathorn Sts, Mar 30, 3-7PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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204930: New Drainlayer's License, Brennan Construction.

Chairman Rossetti requested that the names of city employees signing off be shown on future online applications.

The licenses was amended by striking the condition language inserted by OSPCD regarding the Union Square Urban Revitalization Plan area.

RESULT:

APPROVED

204932: Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St, to increase the number of vehicles outside to 38, and increase Saturday hours to 6PM.

The business owner was not notified that this item was on the agenda, therefore the item will be rescheduled.

Alderman Scott said that the number of cars was reduced earlier by the Licenses and Permits Committee and that he would like the item to be rescheduled. He requested that a representative of Inspectional Services be in attendance when the item is taken up to present the results of the pre-December 6, 2017 inspection.

RESULT:

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Next: 2

204933: Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, 28 Motorsports, 486R Columbia St.

The licenses was amended by striking the condition language inserted by OSPCD regarding the Union Square Urban Revitalization Plan area.

The licenses was approved for 60 days, at which time it will be reviewed after discussing it with OSPCD and the City Solicitor.

RESULT:

APPROVED AS AMENDED

204934: Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Union Gulf Service, 231 Washington St.

The licenses was applied for in December of 2017. Alderman Scott reported that the gas station business is closed and he thinks that it had been closed prior to November of 2017. Mr. Long said that perhaps the applicant intended to maintain the used car dealer license without having the gas station. He will look into the situation and notify the committee.

The licenses was approved for 60 days, at which time it will be reviewed after discussing it with OSPCD and the City Solicitor.

RESULT:

APPROVED AS AMENDED

204935: Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Mystic Auto Sales, 712 Mystic Ave.

RESULT:

APPROVED

204936: Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Real Auto Shop, 463 McGrath Hwy.

RESULT:

APPROVED

204937: Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St.

The licenses was amended by striking the condition language inserted by OSPCD regarding the Union Square Urban Revitalization Plan area.

The licenses was approved for 60 days, at which time it will be reviewed after discussing it with OSPCD and the City Solicitor.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED
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204938: Renewing Outdoor Seating License, NU Cafe and Juice Bar, 195 Washington St.

Chairman Rossetti asked how the committee could know if any business had been issued any violations.

Chairman Rossetti's motion that the City Clerk confer with the City Solicitor regarding a policy for reviewing infractions for any business applying for a renewal of a license, was approved. All members of the committee signed on as co-sponsors.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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204939: Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Ola Gifts Cafe, 112 Broadway.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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204940: Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Maya Sol Mexican Grill, 179 Broadway.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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204942: Sign/Awning Permit, Smoke Valley, 19 Union Sq, 1 sign.

Approved with condition that sign not be larger than 2 ft. x 6 ft.

RESULT:	APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
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204957: Amending Outdoor Seating License, Spoke Wine Bar, 89 Holland St, adding 1 outdoor vestibule for winter use.

Alderman Davis, the ward alderman, is in favor of approval. Mr. Long explained that the vestibule extends onto city property and that it is only temporary, for winter use.

Approved with the condition that the license be reviewed after the spring season.

RESULT:	APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS
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204958: Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, CM Auto Sales, 39 Webster Ave.

The licenses was amended by striking the condition language inserted by OSPCD regarding the Union Square Urban Revitalization Plan area.

The licenses was approved for 60 days, at which time it will be reviewed after discussing it with OSPCD and the City Solicitor.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED
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Handouts:

- Union Square Acquisition - Disposition Parcels
- BOA Issued Business Licenses
- Union Square license condition language