

PUBLIC SAFETY & LICENSE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Woburn City Hall

Committee Room

Voting members: Chairman Lindsay Higgins, Alderman Michael Concannon, Alderman Richard Gately, Alderman Joanne Campbell and Darlene Mercer-Bruen

Non-voting members present: President Richard Haggerty Alderman Edward Tedesco, Alderman Michael Anderson

On the application of Northeast Tree, Inc., 62 Holton Street, for renewal of a first class motor vehicle sales license: Chairman Higgins said there is no limit on the number of vehicles the applicant can have for sale, and that the Police Chief has no concerns about the business. Alderman Mercer-Bruen said Northeast Tree seems to do the right thing in terms of business operations. Motion made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal “ought to pass,” all in favor, 5-0.

On the application of WMK LLC, dba Mobility Works, 299 F&H Washington Street, for renewal of a first class motor vehicle sales license: Alderman Anderson said the business retrofits cars for people with disabilities and is located behind Staples. Alderman Gately said he has no issue with the business. Chairman Higgins read the conditions, as follows: “1. The Plan of Record for this petition shall be ‘WMK LLC, dba Mobility Works, 299 F&H Washington Street, Woburn, MA, site layout plan,’ prepared by Crossroads Properties, LLC, 200 West Cummings Park, Woburn, MA sheet C-1 dated 03/31/17; 2.) That a snow storage plan shall be submitted to the Building Commissioner; 3.) That the special permit shall be issued to WMK LLC dba Mobility Works and shall not be transferable; 4.) That the hours of operation shall be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon.” Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell that license renewal “ought to pass,” all in favor, 5-0.

On the application from Woburn Foreign Motors, Inc., 394 Washington Street, for renewal of a first class motor vehicle sales license: Appearing on behalf of the petitioner was Reidar Davis, Chief Operating Officer, who said the construction project at Woburn Toyota is coming along as well as the company expected, and that Maggiore Construction has been mostly on-target with its construction schedule. Mr. Davies said the staff and customers are excited about the prospects for the new building when it opens in June of 2018, though that date could be pushed back a bit. Alderman Gately asked if the company is having any problems with its satellite parking lots. Mr. Davies responded there have no issues the company has been made aware of, but the company could use more cars here and there. President Haggerty noted there were some difficulties incorporating the timing of the traffic signals on Washington Street, but

some of the problems have been worked out. Mr. Davies said the company has been in contact with MassDOT about the signals. Mr. Davies said the signal at the entrance to the parking lot has led to improved traffic conditions, but making the timing work at the signal at the intersection of Washington Street and Olympia Avenue has been difficult. Alderman Mercer-Bruen agreed the light outside of Woburn Toyota is working well, but the light at the intersection of Olympia Avenue is absolutely not working, and that she has gotten many complaints about the re-sequencing of the lights near Kohl's on Washington Street. President Haggerty said he has also gotten complaints about the timing of the signal in front of Kohl's and that it is a MassDOT issue, not a city issue. Alderman Mercer-Bruen said she wants to send a communication to MassDOT, as she wasn't happy with a recent response from the agency. Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Gately to send a communication to MassDOT to review the timing of the signals along Washington Street and ask MassDOT representatives Michael Karas and Paul Stedman to attend a subsequent meeting of the Public Safety & License Committee; all in favor, 5-0. Mr. Davies said it is better for Woburn Toyota if both traffic signals on Washington Street are working at an optimal level. Motion made by Alderman Campbell and seconded by Alderman Gately that the license renewal "ought to pass," all in favor, 5-0.

On the application from Southside Associates, Inc., dba Burke's Garage, 71 Main Street, for renewal of a second class motor vehicle sales license: Alderman Gately said Burke's is a good outfit. He said there once was a problem with tires stacked in back of the building, but he made one phone call and the issue was rectified. Motion made by Alderman Campbell and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal "ought to pass," all in favor, 5-0.

On the application from Robert McSheffrey, dba Bob McSheffrey Auto Sales, 880 Main Street, for renewal of a second class motor vehicle sales license: Alderman Higgins said there have been no complaints about the business. Alderman Tedesco said he has no issues with renewing the license. Motion made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Concannon that the license renewal "ought to pass," approved, 5-0.

On the application from Woburn Gas & Service, Inc., 545 Main Street, for renewal of a second class motor vehicle sales license: Chairman Higgins said there is a limit of five vehicles along with the following conditions: 1.) No parking in front of the property; 2.) No change in lighting; 3.) No increase in signage; 4.) Six (6) foot stockade fence to be installed along the north rear lot line; 5.) That employees shall park along the premises. Alderman Anderson said there were a couple of complaints in the past couple of years and that were addressed by the Building Commissioner and that there have been no subsequent complaints. Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Concannon that the license renewal "ought to pass," all in favor, 5-0.

On the application from Donald J. Socorelis dba Woburn Glass Co., 243 Main Street, for renewal of a second class motor vehicle sales license: Alderman Gately said there are no issues with the business, which he said is a good, clean outfit. Chairman Higgins noted there is a limit of two vehicles. Motion made by Alderman Campbell and seconded by Alderman Concannon that the license renewal “ought to pass,” all in favor, 5-0.

On the application from Abdelaziz Ilaj dba Woburn Motor Sports, 104 Winn Street, for renewal of a second class motor vehicle sales license: Chairman Higgins said there is a limit of five vehicles for sale. Alderman Gately said the cars on the lot seem to be neat and clean. Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal “ought to pass,” all in favor, 5-0.

On the application from ACT Leasing Inc., 215 Salem Street, for renewal of a second class motor vehicle sales license: Alderman Mercer-Bruen said she will abstain from any vote. Chairman Higgins said there is no limit on the number of vehicles for sale, and there are several conditions in conjunction with a special permit. Alderman Mercer-Bruen said she will abstain because her father works there. Motion made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Concannon that the license renewal “ought to pass,” 4-0-1, with Alderman Mercer-Bruen abstaining.

On the application from David Dellorocco, dba Woburn Auto Sales, 5 Crescent Avenue #4, for renewal of a second class motor vehicle license: Chairman Higgins said there is a limit of six vehicles. Alderman Gately said there have been no complaints associated with the business. Motion made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal “ought to pass,” all in favor, 5-0.

On the application from McSheffrey Auto Sales, 878 Main Street, for renewal of a second class motor vehicle sales license: Chairman Higgins said there is a limit of 10 vehicles. Alderman Tedesco said the site is located right next door to Bob McSheffrey Auto Sales at 880 Main Street but they are two separate entities. Alderman Concannon said there are no issues with the business. Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal “ought to pass,” all in favor, 5-0.

On the application from Ollie’s Service Center, 310 Main Street, for renewal of a second class motor vehicle sales license: Chairman Higgins said there is a limit of two vehicles. Alderman Gately said he has never had any complaints about the business. Alderman Gately said the business no longer sells gas due to changes in regulations regarding gas tanks. Motion made

by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal “ought to pass,” all in favor, 5-0.

On the application from Woburn Truck & Auto Inc, 1095R Main Street, for renewal of a third class motor vehicle sales license: Chairman Higgins said there is no limit on the number of vehicles nor are there conditions imposed on the special permit. Alderman Tedesco said there have been no issues with the business. Motion made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal “ought to pass,” all in favor, 5-0.

Motion made to adjourn by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell; all in favor, 5-0. Chairman Higgins adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

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Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees