

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & LICENSES
DECEMBER 10, 2018 AT 9:31 p.m.
COMMITTEE ROOM
WOBURN CITY HALL

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

Non-voting members present: None. Absent: Alderman Michael Anderson, Alderman Edward Tedesco, President Richard Haggerty, and Alderman Mark Gaffney

Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Higgins to take out of order from the posted agenda a petition for renewal of a Second Class Motor Vehicle Sales License by Jeffrey Pollock, dba Exclusive Automobiles, 7 Independence Drive, Woburn, MA; approved, 3-0: Chairman Higgins asked Mr. Pollock how many cars he has on the premises. Mr. Pollock replied he has zero cars on the premises. Alderman Concannon asked Mr. Pollock if he buys his cars at auctions. Mr. Pollock said he goes to big auctions where he buys cars and then tries to trade them between dealers. Alderman Mercer-Bruen asked if there are any issues with the petition and if there are any conditions associated with the license. Chairman Higgins said there is a limit no vehicles allowed on site and a condition there are no unregistered vehicles associated with the operation of the business allowed on site. Chairman Higgins said she still gets complaints about the property. She said there was an issue with a customer that ended up in small claims court. Mr. Pollock said that issue was resolved. Chairman Higgins asked Mr. Pollock where he keeps the cars he buys. Mr. Pollock said he does not keep the cars anywhere. He said he goes to auctions and switches cars between dealers. He said the cars go directly from the auctions to the dealers. Chairman Higgins asked if Mr. Pollock sells cars on line. Mr. Pollock replied that is not part of his business. Chairman Higgins asked where the cars that Mr. Pollock sells are located. Mr. Pollock said all the cars are at the auctions. Chairman Higgins asked where Mr. Pollock fixes cars that need to be fixed. Mr. Pollock said his cars go from dealer to dealer and there are no repairs at his home. Chairman Higgins asked Mr. Pollock for details about the matter that ended up in small claims court. Mr. Pollock said it was an unusual situation. He said there are one or two instances a year when he sells a car directly to an individual., but he does not do too much business with people. Chairman Higgins asked Mr. Pollock if he knows he is not allowed to fix cars at his home. Mr. Pollock said he is 100 percent aware of the prohibition on repairs at his residence. Chairman Higgins asked if the matter that ended up in small claims court was because he tried to sell a car for parts, which would be in violation of the terms of his license. She asked if he would be comfortable with a condition that he cannot sell car parts. She said Mr. Pollock is not allowed to charge a license fee to customers because the city charges him a fee for his license. She said there was a suggestion Mr. Pollock was charging a license fee to his customers. Alderman Concannon said Mr. Pollock can call the fee dealer prep. Chairman Higgins said it is not appropriate for Mr. Pollock to charge customers \$200 because the city charges him a license fee. She said the City Council has to make sure Mr. Pollock is doing things correctly. She said the Public Safety & Licenses Committee has the right to call Mr. Pollock in and review his license if there are further problems. She said the Building Inspector has not documented cars on site. She said the small claims court case was unsettling. Alderman

Concannon said the committee reviews licenses for complaints and if there is a complaint, their ears prick up. Chairman Higgins said the committee has to be careful about disciplinary action in regard to a license. Alderman Mercer-Bruen asked if the council wants to renew Mr. Pollock's license. Chairman Higgins said she would recommend issuing a warning and suggested checking in with him at certain intervals. Alderman Mercer-Bruen asked if the committee should have Mr. Pollock return to the committee in three months. Chairman Higgins suggested Mr. Pollock should keep track of the cars he sells to other brokers and itemize cars he sells to individuals. Mr. Pollock said the best option is to have no customers who are upset. Chairman Higgins said she just wants to make sure everything with Mr. Pollock's business is copasetic. Mr. Pollock said he is ultra-vigilant about keeping records. Chairman Higgins suggested having Mr. Pollock return to the committee in six months. Alderman Concannon reiterated Mr. Pollock cannot sell auto parts. Chairman Higgins told Mr. Pollock this his notice, that he needs to be in compliance with the terms of his license. Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license reflect the condition that there shall be no auto repair on site; approved, 3-0. Alderman Concannon asked Mr. Pollock how many cars he sells a year. Mr. Pollock said he hopes to sell one car per week. Alderman Concannon asked Mr. Pollock if he would be willing to provide a sales ledger indicating which buyers are brokers and which are individuals. Mr. Pollock said he would be reluctant to make public any information about buyers because it might be seen by his competitors. Alderman Concannon suggested categorizing the buyers by just brokers and individuals, without names, at least for now. Chairman Higgins suggested Mr. Pollock could send a memo to the City Clerk's office by May 1, indicating which customers are brokers and which are individuals. Mr. Pollock said he would not want that reflected on the license, which he said he has to bring to auctions. Alderman Concannon said if Mr. Pollock does not submit the list to the clerk by May 1, the council will remember that when it comes time to renew his license next December. Chairman Higgins said he wants Mr. Pollock to know there are eyes on him, and this is his last chance from her. She said she wants Mr. Pollock to provide documentation about his clients. Motion made by Alderman Concannon said Mr. Pollock must provide a list of his customers, by category listing whether they are a broker or an individual, to the Assistant City Clerk, by May 1, 2019. Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal for Exclusive Automobiles be recommended "ought to pass," with the following conditions: 1. No unregistered vehicles associated with the operation of the business allowed are allowed on site, and 2. There shall be no auto repair on site, approved, 3-0.

Motion made and seconded to take the remaining petitions for renewal of Second Class Motor Vehicles out of order; approved, 3-0.

Petitions for renewal of Second Class Motor Vehicle License by Robert McSheffrey dba Bob McSheffrey Auto Sales: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0.

Capelo's Auto Service, Inc. dba Capelo's Auto Sales: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0.

Capelo's Auto Service, Inc. dba J.C. Auto Sales: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0.

Kenneth L. O'Connor and Thomas F. Norton dba City Line Motors: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0.

Enterprise Rent-a-Car Company of Boston, LLC: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0.

George's Auto Body of Woburn, Inc.: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0.

Oliver McDermottroe and Bridget M. McDermottroe dba McDermottroe Auto Sales: Chairman Higgins said Mr. McDermottroe has asked for his wife's name to be added to the license. Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal, with the name Bridget M. McDermottroe added, "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0.

Ollie's Service Center: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0.

Veloze Enterprises, Inc. dba Rogers Radiator: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0.

Adamo Rufo dba Route 16 Auto Broker: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0.

Tracy M. Batten dba Tracy's Auto Sales: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0.

David Dellarocco dba Woburn Auto Sales: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0.

Donald J. Socorelis dba Woburn Glass Co.: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0.

Abdelaziz Ilaj dba Woburn Motor Sports: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0.

Wassim (Sam) Nicolas dba Woburn Square Mobil: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal "ought to pass;" approved, 3-0.

Joseph P. Mahoney Company, Inc., 293 Salem Street: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal “ought to pass;” approved, 3-0.

McSheffrey Auto Sales, Inc.: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal “ought to pass;” approved, 3-0.

Murray’s Enterprises, Inc. dba Murray’s Auto & Truck Sales: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal “ought to pass;” approved, 3-0.

Southside Associates, Inc. dba Burke’s Garage: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal “ought to pass;” approved, 3-0.

Francis Garbino dba Tom’s Auto Body: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal “ought to pass;” approved, 3-0.

Woburn Gas & Service, Inc.: Motion made by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal “ought to pass;” approved, 3-0.

Petitions for renewal of First Class Motor Vehicles Sales License by C.N. Wood Company, Inc.; M&L Transit Systems, Inc.; Northeast Tree, Inc.; WMK, LLC dba Mobility Works; Woodco Machinery, Inc., Gordon Colonial, Inc. dba Colonial Cadillac; Lannan Chevrolet, Inc.; and Lawless, Inc.: Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Concannon to take the First Class Motor Vehicle Sales License renewals collectively and recommended “ought to pass;” with all existing limits and conditions, approved, 3-0.

Petition for renewal of Third Class Motor Vehicle Sales License by Woburn Truck and Auto, Inc.: Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Concannon that the license renewal “ought to pass;” approved, 3-0.

Motion made to adjourn by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen; approved, 3-0. Chairman Higgins adjourned the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees