

Licenses & Franchises Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023

Clerk Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Present: Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Katz and McLaughlin.

Absent: Vidal.

With the Chair of the Committee not present, the Clerk asked for someone to nominate a committee member as the chair pro tem for the evening. Councillor McLaughlin moved to nominate Councillor Katz as the Chair Pro Tem.

Chair Pro Tem Katz assumed the Chair position. Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the minutes from 2/6/2023. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

First agenda item: Secondhand dealers license renewal- 443 Moody Street for Mr. Sweeper
Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the renewal. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Second agenda item: Secondhand dealers license renewal- 1019 Trapelo Road – Gamestop#7772
Councillor Bradley-MacArthur moved approval of the renewal. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Third agenda item: Secondhand dealers license renewal- 1250 Main Street – Clean Out Your House Inc. Councillor Bradley-MacArthur moved approval of the renewal. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Fourth agenda item: Secondhand dealers license renewal- 471 Main Street - The Tool Shed.
Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the renewal. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Fifth agenda item: Class 2 license renewal – 196 High Street – JJJ Retailers Inc.
Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the renewal. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Sixth agenda item: Lodging house renewal - 104 Adams Street – SMT Realty Associates, LLC
Councillor Bradley-MacArthur moved approval of the renewal. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Seventh agenda item: Lodging house renewal-49-51 Brown Street – MST Realty Associates, LLC
Councillor Bradley-MacArthur moved approval of the renewal. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to suspend the rules to take the Grant of Location for Verizon off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor McLaughlin moved to suspend the rules to hear from all off committee members. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Stan Usovicz, Regional Director of State Government Relations spoke for Verizon. Kim Dillon, Verizon and Alexander Marrero, Pike Telecom & renewables, LLC were both present as well and answered some questions. First matter discussed were double poles. Mr. Usovicz stated there were 294 double poles within City. 186 were held up by Waltham fire alarm. Tim Kelly would need to update them. He said he would contact Mr. Kelly tomorrow and notify him of the number. Their que is cleared. Comcast has 9. RCN has 6 and a wireless telecom has 3. Twelve are non-participating members. He is not sure who they are. Eversource has a total of 69. Nine

street lights are also listed as non-participating. Eversource is the controlling party here. Councillor McLaughlin asked Mr. Usovicz to provide all this data to the Committee. Mr. Usovicz answered more questions. This is the only grant of location they have outstanding at this time. Chair Pro Tem Katz asked to define Waltham West. He stated it is customers on the far side of Route 128. What is the estimated time frame of work? It will take 2-3 days and will dig up a section of the street. Councillor Bradley-MacArthur asked about future work in the City. Ms. Dillon was not sure. She said possibly Grant Street at manhole 38-39 could be next for a grant of location. Councillor McLaughlin mentioned the moratorium on the street with having been paved in 2022. He asked if they would consider putting a bond down on the patch. Mr. Usovicz will ask. He knows of other towns doing this. He has previous experience working with Salem. Councillor Darcy moved to table the matter and to have them appear again at the next committee meeting on March 6, 2023. The motion was approved by a voice vote and matter was tabled.

With no further matters Councillor Bradley-MacArthur moved to adjourn.
Chairman Pro Tem Katz declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson, Assistant City Clerk
February 28, 2023