



***Waltham City Council
Licenses and Franchises Committee
Minutes
Monday, June 7, 2021
Hoover Committee Room
610 Main Street
Waltham, MA 02452***

Chairman Vidal called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance

Present:

Carlos A. Vidal

Caren Dunn

John J. McLaughlin

Patrick J. O'Brien

Jonathan Paz

Absent: none

Councillor Dunn moved approval of minutes from the May 3, 2021 meeting. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Class II dealers license renewal/name change-215 Lexington Street-JBM Properties, LLC

Councillor McLaughlin moved to take the matter out of order. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Attorney McCourt explained that the used car use had been reduced due to the school bus storage. Councillor McMenimen expressed concern about the site and the noise pollution that it has been generating. Councillor McLaughlin moved approval. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation for approval.

Chis Gamble said he was recording the meeting.

Fuel Storage License at 162& 166 Felton Street and 8 Fern Street

Chairman Vidal expressed concern that Councillors were not permitted to attend community meetings regarding this proposed license. Attorney McCourt said that the buildings could be built without the garages if the license was not approved. He also said that this was for parking vehicles in the garages and not for the storage of any other fuel. Attorney McCourt passed out a letter from an abutter and a letter from the pest services contractor. Mr. McCourt reviewed fencing and other items that will be installed to shield the site from the view of the neighbors. Councillor Paz moved to hear from the Building Inspector at the next committee meeting. Councillors LeBlanc and McMenimen said that they were not admitted to the community meetings on this project. Councillor McMenimen said the arguments related to the zoning on this site are being misconstrued. Councillor Paz said he understands people are upset that they were not allowed in the meeting but he still believes that there are questions about this license that should be answered. Councillor O'Brien expressed concern about the ward councillor not working with other Councillors on this matter. The request to invite the building inspector to the next meeting was not approved. Councillor Paz requested a site visit. The motion was not

approved. Councillor Paz asked Mr. McCourt about heavy equipment on site. Attorney McCourt said there were no plans to store heavy equipment there but if they did they would obtain a special permit. Councillor Dunn moved approval with the condition that the license be subject to all required approvals from the building department and that the site comply with state laws and local ordinances. Councillor LeBlanc asked about the fencing on the site and rodent control measures. Councillor Paz said he did not think approving the license at this time made sense and read a letter from a constituent. The motion by Councillor Dunn was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation for approval.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Vizard, Assistant City Clerk.