

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

December 17, 2018  
6:00 pm  
Arnone School Auditorium  
135 Belmont St.

The Standing Committee on Public Safety was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Councilor Farwell with Councilors Derenoncourt, and Rodrigues present (Councilor Monahan arriving late due to work conflict, participated in votes).

Meeting held at the Arnone School due to broken elevator.

The Committee first considered the following:

1. Petition of Eddie Awon, DBA A1 Restorations, for a Motor Vehicle Mechanical Repair License located at 287 North Montello St Unit #1.

Eddie Awon appeared in favor.

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(same address, but 3 licenses)

Comments by Eddie Awon

(all separate, separate meters, separate gas, 3 have licenses, the other 2 will not be kept, they will be transferred to tenants)

Comments by Eddie Awon

(likely requesting for exception (b), he couldn't evict tenants without worrying about not filling the space with a new tenant)

Comments by Eddie Awon

(him but never had a license, 7/11/17 application was in, subsection (e) for the repair license)

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues

(no for 3 licenses, considering giving 1, pre-existing bays may be eligible for future licenses, doesn't think the applicant should be able to transfer)

Comments by Eddie Awon

(will be transferring 2 out of 3)

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues

(concern re transferring the license and liability)

Comments by Eddie Awon

(will make the tenant transfer)

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues

(why not just wait for tenant to apply)

Comments by Eddie Awon

(because the exception may not apply because he applied before 9/1/17)

Comments Rodrigues  
(City wide issue, looking for business to operate clean, kept up businesses)

Comments by Eddie Awon  
(hard to predict who the tenants will be, but the current tenants are looking to extend their bays)

Comments Rodrigues  
(concern regarding 1 person getting 3 licenses for 1 location, doesn't see the need to give 3 licenses to 1 person for future consideration from potential tenants)

Comments by Eddie Awon  
(already has 2 businesses of his own at the location)

Comments by Councilor Farwell  
(common sense, difficulty to understand how 3 businesses would compete against each other, 3 licenses then selling of the license, speculating that it would be used, interested in giving 1 license, can consider whether an applicant is suitable, multiple code violations to be addressed, list by Farwell we code violations)

Comments by Eddie Awon  
(Lynch towing comes out to remove the vehicles, doing his due diligence in towing the vehicles even though they are the tenants)

Comments by Rodrigues  
(why not evict)

Comments by Eddie Awon  
(served the NTQ last week on the 10th)

Comments by Councilor Farwell  
(inquiry regarding hours)

Comments by Eddie Awon  
(8-6, Monday – Saturday, closed Sunday, Unit 1 is closer to the train tracks, 3 parking spots)

Comments by Councilor Asack  
(Businesses in Ward 7 by Eddie, he was before us last year, public safety meeting wasn't held last year, this has been going on for a long time, stuck in limbo, take into consideration what our business owners go through with misunderstanding and process, Eddie takes care of the issues if any that she brings to him, not a problem business owner)

Comments by Councilor Farwell  
(pictures from last Sunday)

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues  
(ordinances were pending)

Comments by Eddie Awon  
(every time there was an issue, tenants doing it, next day had dumpster to clean up, when it comes to his attention, he takes care of it, trying to get someone to do parking lines, fence for the dumpster needs quote/price and work for standards, when health dept. or building dept calls, he does it)

Comments by Councilor Derenoncourt  
(confused regarding desire to have 3 license)

Comments by Eddie Awon

(not planning to sell the 2, but wants to transfer them)

Comments by Councilor Derenoncourt

(not as concerned about how many licenses he has, as long as he is a good business owner, will it be detrimental to your business if we denied 2?)

Comments by Eddie Awon

(these are the existing license, costly if not passed)

Comments by Councilor Derenoncourt

(in favor of business in the city, re tax revenue)

Comments by Eddie Awon

(Unit 2 wants to expand under Unit 3, Unit 4 would be occupied by Unit 5 and 6)

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues

(why keep them as separate bays)

Comments by Eddie Awon

(difficult to get a good clean tenant)

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues

(need to have standards to not be a city of garbage, we can't protect businesses that are garbage collecting locations)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(problem with handing over 3 licenses)

Comments by Eddie Awon

(not selling them)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Rodrigues to Recommend FAVORABLE with Conditions (Operations from 8am-6pm, Monday – Saturday, closed Sunday), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Derenoncourt, motion carried unanimously

MOTION by Councilor Rodrigues, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Monahan to take items 3 & 4 on the Agenda collectively, motion carried unanimously.

Next the Committee considered the following:

3. Petition of Eddie Awon, DBA A3 Motorworks, for a Motor Vehicle Mechanical Repair License located at 287 North Montello St Unit #3.
4. Petition of Eddie Awon, DBA A4 Automotive, for a Motor Vehicle Mechanical Repair License located at 287 North Montello St Unit #4.

Eddie Awon appeared in favor.

Comments by Councilor Lally

(Ward councilor, no problem with 3 licenses here, return to code enforcement, looking for uniform stipulations, we can revoke a license by way of a hearing)

Motion by Councilor Derenoncourt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Monahan, to Recommend Favorable, MOTION FAILED with Councilors Rodrigues and Councilor Farwell voting in opposition.

Motion by Councilor Derenoncourt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Rodrigues to adjourn, motion carried.

Adjourned 7:02pm.

\*Such other business which may properly come before the Committee