

MINUTES – PUBLIC SAFETY

September 21, 2017

The Standing Committee on Public Safety and Rules was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Councilor Farwell with Councilors Cruise, Rodrigues and Studenski present, and Councilor Monahan appearing. Councillor Eaniri absent.

The Committee first considered the following:

1. Resolve: to invite the owners of International Auto Workz and Lubra Auto Body of 62-64 Elliot Street, Brockton MA to address issues concerning hours of business and business procedures.

Motion by Councilor Rodrigues to take #2-8 on the agenda out of order, 2nd by Councilor Studenski, Motion carried.

Antonio Amado was not present, he is the owner of International Auto Works. Reported that their license had been renewed and fee paid.

Mr. Gomes was present; he is the landlord of the building and part owner of International Auto Works. Mr. Gomes wants no parking signs on both sides of street, was told by police department to put red cones on the street.

Emanuel Vincente, owner of Lubra Auto Body, was present. He informed he has a license, for operation during the hours of 8-5 Monday through Friday and 9-2 on Saturdays. Reported that the Clerk at that time was not sure if the license had been renewed with fee waived. Clerk to look into the same.

Councilor Anne Beauregard spoke re concerns and complaints from neighbors. Reported Lubra Auto Body is not following hours of operations, expressed concerns for emergency vehicles, working on vehicles outside, wishes that the matter be monitored more closely.

Captain DiBari stated that there are already no parking signs on the south side of the street. Department receives a lot of complaints for too many years. Officer Perez has also gone down to the site a lot to address complaints. Discussions to be held regarding traffic enforcement to obtain signs for the north bound side of the street for no parking, to be discussed on next month's agenda for traffic.

The Motion to postpone and continue until the next October meeting carried.

The Committee next considered the following:

2. Petition of Jorge Fortes Jr. DBA Classic Auto Repair, LLC for a Motor Vehicle Repair Body License located 50 Meadowbrook Rd., Unit 3, Brockton MA.

Motion of Councilor Cruise to postpone matter until October meeting, 2nd by Councilor Studenski. Motion carried.

The Committee next considered the following:

3. Petition of Joseph Sostra Diaz for a Garage License located at 71 Plain St., Brockton, MA Application for a garage license.

Discussion re past issues with parking and safety. Applicant showed photographs and measures to remedy, including fencing.

Motion by Councilor Cruise to recommend FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Studenski. Motion carried.

The Committee next considered the following:

4. Petition of Joseph Sostra Diaz for a Motor Vehicle Repair Mechanical License located at 71 Plain St., Brockton, MA Application for a motor vehicle repair license.

Hours of operations 8-6 Monday through Saturday.

Motion by Councilor Cruise to recommend FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Rodrigues. Motion carried.

The Committee next considered the following:

5. Petition of Joseph Sostra Diaz for a Motor Vehicle Repair Body License located at 71 Plain St., Brockton, MA

Application for a motor vehicle body shop license. Concerns from fire department relate to the need to install a spray booth.

Motion by Councilor Cruise to recommend FAVORABLE UPON CONDITION that the spray booth be installed and inspection without objection from the fire department, 2nd by Councilor Studenski. Motion carried.

The Committee next considered the following:

6. Petition of John Abreu of Abreu & Sons Inc. DBA Abreu & Sons Auto Repair for a Motor Vehicle Repair Mechanical License located at 515 N. Main St., Brockton, MA

Motion of Councilor Cruise to postpone matter until October meeting, 2nd by Councilor Studenski. Motion carried.

The Committee next considered the following:

7. Petition of John Abreu of Abreu & Sons Inc. DBA Abreu & Sons Auto Repair for a Motor Vehicle Repair Body License located at 515 N. Main St. Brockton, MA

Motion to postpone matter until October meeting. Motion carried.

The Committee next considered the following:

8. Resolved: That the Mayor, Chief of Police, and the Chairman of the Traffic Commission be invited to appear before the Public Safety Committee of this Council to discuss increased traffic enforcement or, as an alternative, reduced speed limits, in the City to increase pedestrian safety.

Discussions regarding increased traffic enforcement and increase of pedestrian safety. Comment by Councilor Farwell regarding fatal pedestrian traffic, conservative effort, outreach, and inquiry as to what the City and the police department can do. Comment by Councilor Cruise regarding the increase of speed limits and its affects. Comment by Councilor Rodrigues regarding portable speed control units with signs showing speed. Comment by Captain DiBari regarding more complaints anticipated if speed limits were reduced, discussions re \$75,000 grant for enforcement on high accident streets.

A motion was made to postpone matter until October meeting, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.