

Minutes of the September 9, 2021 meeting of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission.

Location: Chelsea City Hall Council Chambers Room 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA and Facebook Live. Meeting opened at 6:15 p.m. by Chairperson Mark Rossi.

Commission members present: Chairperson Mark Rossi, Vice Chairperson Emily Cherniack, Mike McAteer. Absent members: James Guido and Gladys Vega.

Also, Present in Council Chamber Room: Licensing Administrator Naomi Libran, Captain Keith Houghton, and interpreter Terrence Moran.

Chairperson Rossi asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2021, Cherniack motioned to adopt, McAteer seconded and vote unanimous.

On the Clerk's update:

Licensing Administrator Naomi Libran updated the licensing commission of the renewal season for Liquor, Common Victualler, Amusement & Entertainment, Rooming Houses and Class I, II, III licenses. The Cannabis license expires on September 30 one license has been renewed. The Liquor license fees were restored to the original fees since the establishments have been making income. The Amusement and Entertainment licenses has been increased from \$50 dollars to \$100 due in part of COVID last year. Licensing administrator Libran informed the commission of the three pocket licenses which the licensing department is looking into. Letters were sent out to them, informing that they have six months to give us an update as to the licenses. One of the pocket licenses is the estate of Nancy Serna, which was connected to Rancho las Pupusas restaurant. Nancy Serna passed away in January of 2021. We are waiting on the family to sell the liquor license or give it back to the City. The second pocket license belongs to the Pasta Box restaurant, which has not opened (over a year) since before COVID. The third pocket license belongs to The Chelsea Walk, which has not opened for over a year since COVID. There are no changes for Common Victualler, Rooming houses and Class I, II, III licenses.

Chairperson Rossi opened the Public Hearing to consider a Petroleum License application for Joe's Kwik Marts MA LLC at 251 Everett Avenue, Chelsea, MA. Present for the petitioner was Attorney Adam Barnosky. Attorney Barnosky stated Cross America purchased nine Speedway gas stations in MA. They stated that there will be no changes to the operations, nor the tanks, and the only thing changing is the ownership of the gas station. The commission asked Captain Houghton for comments. He commented

that it is the Fire Dept. that signs off and not the Police dept. Chairperson opened the public speaking portion, no one spoke, and therefore, closed public speaking portion. Chairperson Rossi motioned to approve and McAteer seconded and vote unanimous.

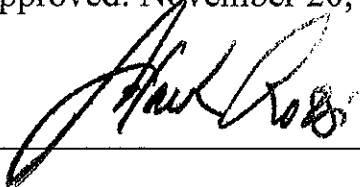
Chairperson Rossi opened the Continued Public Hearing to consider two (2) Door-to-Door Solicitor License applications for Xuan Zhang and Kelvis DeCastro, representatives of Trinity Solar, Inc. for the purpose selling solar panels citywide. Again, both applicants failed to appear. Captain Houghton stated that they are leery of Door-to-Door Solicitors. Chairperson opened the public speaking portion, no one spoke, and therefore, closed public speaking portion. Chairperson Rossi motioned to deny both individuals their license, and Cherniack seconded and vote unanimous.

Chairperson Rossi opened the Public Hearing to consider a Limousine/Livery License application for Mohammed Aini d/b/a M. A. Limo Service at 67 Murray Street, Chelsea, MA. Mr. Aini was present as the petitioner and did not comment on his application. Captain Houghton commented on the parking and livery. Chairperson opened the public speaking portion. Duc Vo owner of 70-72 Murray Street spoke and asked questions of the business and if it was expanding in the near future. He was concerned about the parking on his street. Closed public speaking portion. Commissioner McAteer stated that Mr. Aini has ample parking in his driveway for six cars and allowed one commercial vehicle. Chairperson Rossi motioned to approve the license, and Cherniack seconded and vote unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Next meeting October 14, 2021

Approved: November 20, 2021



Michael McAteer

