

Protection and License Committee

Chairman Infurna, Forbes, Brodeur,
Seaboyer, Medeiros
Attending: Conn, McAteer-Margolis,
Mortimer, Tramontozzi, Boisselle
In attendance: Fire Chief John O'Brien;
City Auditor/CFO Patrick Dello Russo

Protection and License called to order by Chairman Infurna at 7:30 p.m.

Alderman Forbes motions to open Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer. All in favor. No one comes forward. Alderman Forbes motions to close Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Medeiros. All in favor.

Order No. 97-031-09A, Request of Starbucks Coffee Company #7258, 521 Main St., Melrose, MA for an extension of Hours of Operation on their current Common Victualler License #97-031-09 as cited herein.

Alderman Medeiros moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Forbes.

Alderman Medeiros asks what changes in hours are being requested and why. Ms. Julia West says by opening at 5:30 a.m. they will gain additional business. Alderman Medeiros asks if they will be staying open later; Ms. West says no. Alderman Medeiros says the license allows them to stay open until 11 p.m. but they usually close at 9:00 and asks if there are any plans to change that. Ms. West says not right now.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Chairman Infurna says the full board will vote on this on October 5th and the new hours will be in effect on Tuesday October 6th.

Order No. 10-31, Application for a Common Victualler License to Lori Muse & Lena Giordano d/b/a Absolutely Fabulous at 454 Main Street, Melrose, MA

Alderman Forbes moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Medeiros.

Chairman Infurna says for the record her maiden name is Giordano, but she is not related to the applicant.

Alderman Medeiros asks if this is a transition from catering to a full restaurant. Ms. Muse says she has been catering for several years at Cedar Park, and decided to add to the existing restaurant business in Melrose. Alderman Medeiros asks if she is going to have a liquor license. Ms. Muse says she has to run an ad in the newspaper for the hearing on October 13th. Alderman Medeiros asks how soon after that she will open. Ms. Muse says as soon as possible. Alderman Medeiros asks the hours of operation. Ms. Muse says they will be closed on Tuesdays and will open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays and at 4 p.m. the other days.

Chairman Infurna says the application states 4 p.m. to 1 p.m. and asks if it should read 1 a.m. Ms. Muse says yes; she has asked Mr. Colborne to clarify if 12 p.m. on the liquor license means last call.

President Boisselle asks if she will be offering Sunday dinner; Ms. Muse says no, only brunch.

Alderman Forbes asks if she will be keeping the piano; Ms. Muse says she hopes to keep it in the back corner of the room.

Alderman Medeiros asks if 1 a.m. extends past the City's Ordinance; Chairman Infurna says she will look into that.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Order No. 10-20, DONATION Requesting that the Honorable Board of Aldermen accept a donation of repairs to the main floor of the East Side Fire Station from an anonymous donor.

Chief O'Brien says he was able to convince the donor, Patricia Phinney, to come forward. As her house was burning last year, she was only concerned about the safety of the firefighters. She wants to contribute something substantial to the Fire Department. Mrs. Phinney says she was reticent about making herself known publicly. The Melrose Fire Department demonstrated such courage and gave her family such support that they want to give something back. She is grateful for their quick response, as the fire turned into three alarms. She is grateful that there was no loss of life or injury, and as citizens she and her husband William want to make sure the City stays safe for everyone.

Alderman Brodeur moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Medeiros.

Alderman Medeiros tells Mrs. Phinney that she can't thank her enough for this gift, or thank the firefighters enough for their good work.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Order No. 10-21, GRANT Amount: \$224,265.20 From: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) To: Fund #2461 – Fire Regional Radio Grant

Alderman Forbes moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer.

President Boisselle says that at budget time he always inquires about communications between departments. This is a substantial grant and asks if it will allow the Fire Department to communicate with other safety groups. Chief O'Brien says that in 1997 Chief Sheridan tried to get this type of radio. This will enable Melrose to speak with Somerville, Everett, Chelsea and Melrose PD. President Boisselle asks how much funds have been collected in grants in the past years. Chief O'Brien says approximately \$1 million since he's been chief. President Boisselle asks if the grant will upgrade the antenna. Chief O'Brien says yes; \$2500 is to upgrade the antenna at Mount Hood tower. Labor will be free; Kevin Walsh will take care of it on his regular shift.

Alderman Brodeur asks the City's share; Chief O'Brien says it's an 80/20 split.

Alderman Medeiros asks if this will affect the City's ability to regionalize public safety

services. Chief O'Brien says this may make it easier.

Alderman Forbes asks if the grant is split equally between Melrose, Lynn, Malden and Saugus. Chief O'Brien says it's weighted according to the size of the community. Lynn is much larger and received a larger amount.

Alderman Conn asks if all work that is needed is fully funded; Chief O'Brien says yes.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Order No. 10-22, APPROPRIATION Amount: \$47,353.04 From: A/C #01-123004 - Assessors, FY04 Overlay To: A/C #246110-490000 - Fire, Regional Radio Grant, City Portion, \$44,853.04; A/C #012212-527305 - Fire, Radio System Upgrade \$2,500.00

Alderman Brodeur moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Forbes.

Alderman Brodeur asks Mr. Dello Russo the balance of the overlay accounts. Mr. Dello Russo says if approved, the balance in the FY04 Overlay account will be \$4,416.00 and the FY05 Overlay account will be \$38,310.74. Alderman Brodeur says the overlay money stays in the account until it's spent. Mr. Dello Russo says the funds are set aside for abatements and it remains there in case there are cases that were appealed and may still be pending. The Board of Assessors looks at the cases and determines if and when the funds may be released.

Alderman Seaboyer says there are funds in the budget for Radio Contract and asks if this radio comes with a warrantee. Chief O'Brien says there is a one-year warrantee, but he still needs that budgeted money.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Order No. 10-25, TRANSFER Amount: \$6,706.23 From: A/C #013012-547100 - Regional School Assessment To: A/C #012212-591009 - Fire, Accounts Payable FY09

Alderman Forbes moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer.

Alderman Seaboyer asks if the Board of Aldermen over assessed the Regional School budget. Mr. Dello Russo says the final figure from the school was \$7,000 less than what was budgeted.

Alderman Forbes asks what the funds are being used for. Chief O'Brien says fire apparatus repairs that needed to be done.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Order No. 10-26, TRANSFER Amount: \$600.00 From: A/C #012212-560200 - Fire, Education Reimbursement To: A/C #012212-529000 - Fire, Professional Services

Alderman Brodeur moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer.

Alderman Seaboyer asks if this is services for the grant writer; Chief O'Brien says yes,

it's the fee for services.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Alderman Brodeur motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Medeiros. All in favor.

Protection and License Committee adjourns at 8:04 p.m.

Health, Education and Welfare Committee Chairman Medeiros, Brodeur, Seaboyer,
Forbes, Infurna
Attending: Conn, McAteer-Margolis,
Mortimer, Tramontozzi, Boisselle
In attendance: Jim Wilson, Melrose
Cultural Council; Natalee Webb, Veterans
Service Officer

Health, Education and Welfare Committee called to order by Chairman Medeiros at 8:05 p.m.

Order No. 10-19, Establish a Donation Account Name: Arts and Cultural Activities Acct. No. 2869

Alderman Infurna moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer.

Mr. Wilson says the Council recently received money from Pembroke and is asking for the ability to establish an account for donations to keep those funds separate from grant money.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Order No. 10-23, APPROPRIATION Amount: \$75,000.00 From: A/C #01-123004 - Assessors, FY04 Overlay \$1,574.21; A/C #01-123005 - Assessors, FY05 Overlay 73,425.79 To: A/C #015432-544000 -Veterans' Benefits \$75,000.00

Alderman Infurna moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Forbes.

Alderman Seaboyer says past funding requests were made for a few thousand dollars at a time; he asks how long this money will last. Ms. Webb says she has 29 cases and three more pending; she expects this will last through the end of the calendar year.

Alderman Conn asks Mr. Dello Russo if there are any pending abatement cases. Mr. Dello Russo says according to the Board of Assessors there are none. Alderman Conn asks if the FY04 Overlay account can be closed out. Mr. Dello Russo says yes.

Alderman Forbes says the veterans' office is doing a great job.

Chairman Medeiros asks if the City will receive any reimbursement of these funds. Ms. Webb says that 75% will be reimbursed next year. All applications are now processed online and they are approved in one day.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Alderman Infurna motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Forbes. All in favor.

Health, Education and Welfare Committee adjourns at 8:15 p.m.

There are no orders in Public Works Committee to be acted on.

Maribeth Harrington
Clerk of Committees