



Members

Stanley Walczak, Chair
Fred Krampits, Vice Chair
George Balakier
Frank Laflamme
Derek Dobosz

MINUTES
September 27, 2021

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM held in the Chambers, 4th floor, City Hall, 17 Springfield Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 and via Zoom.

Members Present Walczak, Krampits, Balakier, Laflamme, Dobosz

Also Present Daniel Garvey (Associate City Solicitor), Carl Dietz (Building Commissioner)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

In compliance with the Open Meeting Law the Chairman asked if anyone in the audience was recording the meeting. Hearing none the meeting continued.

ITEM #1

Application for a Junk Dealers License at 178 Center Street for The Stash House, LLC.
Applicant Marcus Quiles, 111 Lakevilla Ave, Springfield, MA 01109

Marcus Quiles was present at the meeting. He stated that he intends to sell new and vintage merchandise, team memorabilia, jerseys.

Reports read from the following:

Planning – Property is zoned Business B, Planning has concerns on the lack of information regarding what the requested license pertains to; and Planning requires additional information on this proposal before being able to provide a recommendation.

Health – No concerns at this time

Fire – I spoke with Marcus Quiles by phone to inquire as to the nature of the business. He described it as “used clothing and antique items, sports memorabilia.” Storage of furniture or mattresses would trigger the installation of an automatic fire sprinkler system. There is a residential apartment above this space. I would like to see a detailed written description of the business and inventory and conduct an inspection for fire safety and alarm system.

Engineering – No site work is proposed with submission. No Engineering Department comments.

Mr. Quiles stated that he is not going to sell furniture or mattresses. He also stated that he has applied for a Certificate of Occupancy from the Building Department and has received it.

Restrictions

- Signed copy of lease – number of parking spaces available
- Applicant must submit a copy of items to be sold to Fire Department and Building Department and Planning Department
- Time of Operation M-F 12-8 pm, Saturday 10-9, Sunday 10-6
- No outside displays

Motion made by Councilor Laflamme and second by Councilor Walczak to approve with restrictions.

Committee vote 5 – 0 favorable

ITEM #2

Application for a Class II License for TMD Automotive, Inc., located at 25 Yelle Street.

Applicant Todd Diederich, 206 Bridle Path Road, Chicopee, MA 01013

Todd Diederich was present at the meeting. He stated that he has a used car lot and repair business in Belchertown. He lives in Chicopee and many of his local customers do not want to travel to Belchertown so he decided to open another facility in Chicopee.

Reports read from the following:

Fire Department – Applicant should arrange for a fire inspection of the building

Planning Department – Property is zoned Business A; use is permitted in the zone, two parking spaces per repair bay are required. Ten spaces provided. There is no handicap spot marked on the plan, applicant must have one handicap spot closest to office door. Planning recommends approval of the license once the handicap spot is identified.

Building Department – 25 Yelle Street is zoned Business A. Motor vehicle repair and trade are permitted within the Business A district. The property is currently licensed for second hand auto sales and auto repair activities. The Building Department has no concerns with the continued use on the property.

Carl Dietz stated that the size of the property does not require a handicap parking spot but if the Councilor wants to add that as a requirement they are allowed to do that.

Conditions:

- Good housekeeping
- No outside storage
- No junk cars
- No outside repairs

- License holder must secure a Certificate of Occupancy prior to exercising the rights granted under this license
- Hours of operation M-F 8-8, Saturday 8-12
- Total number of vehicles 19 (5 inside, 14 outside, 2 customer, 4 sales, 2 employee, 6 for repair)
- No music allowed at operation
- License is legally allowed toward end of year

Motion made by Councilor Laflamme and second by Councilor Walczak to approve with restrictions.

Committee vote 5 – 0 favorable.

ITEM #3

Application for an Auto Repair License for TMD Automotive, Inc., located at 25 Yelle Street.

Applicant Todd Diederich, 206 Bridle Path Road, Chicopee, MA 01013

Todd Diederich was present at the meeting.

Conditions:

- Good housekeeping
- No outside storage
- No junk cars
- No outside repairs
- License holder must secure a Certificate of Occupancy prior to exercising the rights granted under this license
- Hours of operation M-F 8-8, Saturday 8-12
- Total number of vehicles 19 (5 inside, 14 outside, 2 customer, 4 sales, 2 employee, 6 for repair)
- No music allowed at operation
- License is legally allowed toward end of year

Motion made by Councilor Laflamme and second by Councilor Walczak to approve with restrictions.

Committee vote 5 – 0 favorable.

ITEM #4

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Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to approve. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.