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**Members**

Shane Brooks, Chair  
Fred Krampits, Vice Chair  
George Balakier  
Mary Beth Pniak-Costello  
Derek Dobosz

**MINUTES**  
**May 4, 2023**

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 6:30 PM held in the Auditorium, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, City Hall, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 and via Zoom.

**Members Present** Krampits, Pniak-Costello (zoom), Dobosz, Balakier

**Member Absent** Brooks

**Also Present** Daniel Garvey (Associate City Solicitor), Councilor Laflamme, Jerry Rivera (IT)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

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

**Item #1**

Application for a Hawkers & Peddlers License to sell ice cream at various locations.

Applicant Shaikmahmoud Alzubi, 33 Center Street, Apt. A, Windsor Locks, CT 06096

Applicant was not present at the meeting. He had another event to attend tonight.

Motion made by Councilor Dobosz and seconded by Councilor Krampits to postpone to the call of the chair.

Roll Call

Councilor	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained	Out of Chair
Brooks			X		
Krampits	x				
Pniak-Costello (zoom)	x				
Dobosz	x				
Balakier	x				

Motion passed.

**Item #2**

Application for a license to drive a cab for A & Z Transportation, LLC – C-T

Applicant      Zaheer A. Sharikh, 25 Lorraine Street, Chicopee, MA 01013

Mr. Sharikh stated that he used to have a license in the City. He tried to renew it and it was refused by the Acting Police Chief. He applied again and the Police Chief called him in and he explained to the Chief what was going on.

Councilor Krampits stated that there is an approval letter from the Police Department dated February 7, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor Dobosz and seconded by Councilor Krampits to approve.

Roll Call

<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstained</b>	<b>Out of Chair</b>
Brooks			X		
Krampits	x				
Pniak-Costello (zoom)	x				
Dobosz	x				
Balakier	x				

Motion passed.

**Item #3**

BE IT ORDERED THAT Royal Coach Sales, LLC, 576 East Street, be called before the City of Chicopee License Committee and City Council to discuss the license (s) currently held by Royal Coach Sales, LLC, including compliance with restrictions imposed upon any licenses held by Royal Coach Sales, LLC. The Council may modify, suspend, fine, or revoke any license held by Royal Coach Sales, LLC.

1. Change address on licenses from 576 East St. to 574 East Street after review by Engineering Department.

License holder was not present at the meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Balakier and seconded by Councilor Krampits to postpone to the call of the chair.

Roll Call

<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstained</b>	<b>Out of Chair</b>
Brooks			X		
Krampits	x				
Pniak-Costello (zoom)	x				
Dobosz	x				
Balakier	x				

Motion passed.

#### Item #4

Application for an Auto Repair License for Kins Auto Repair II located at 1098 Chicopee Street.  
Applicant Joaquin Rodriguez, 41 Woodside Terrace, Springfield, MA 01108

Joaquin Rodriguez and Gary Piteo were present at the meeting. They stated that they are dismounting, mounting rims and tires that they sell.

Reports read from the following departments:

Fire – none

Planning – Applicant has previously applied for an Auto Repair license, for which Planning recommended denial on February 10, 2020. Property is zoned Business A; auto repair services are permitted in the zone under 275-58(B)(21) for motor vehicle repair services; currently, the property is being used for auto-related retail trade; parcel is impacted by resource areas under the jurisdiction of the Chicopee Conservation Commission (Riverfront Area of the Connecticut River); No further pavement or reconstruction of pavement can occur without filing with the Conservation Commission; Planning is still concerned with having auto repair services located within any riverfront area; with the addition of a repair license, additional parking demand is created on the property to support the existing retail trade and repairs (2 bays x 2 spaces per bay = 4 additional parking spaces). The plan notes only 4 parking spaces and 2 employee spaces. As previously indicated, this site may simply be too small to support this proposal in an efficient manner. Planning cannot recommend approval.

Building – I don't believe that this property is the right fit for auto repair. There is no room in the garage to perform the work, it is very small space. I have already seen them working on cars outside the property.

Engineering – Plan mentions installing a water supply. If any work is required in the city R.O.W., a street occupancy permit is required from the Engineering Department. Other than the H.C. space, there is only one customer parking space striped is this sufficient?

Councilor Balakier stated that he is concerned that the property is very tight and he is not sure if there is adequate parking available for this business.

Gary Piteo stated that they have spoken with the Fire Department, and they were informed what can and cannot be done on this property.

Committee asked Mr. Rodriguez what he does with the used tires. He replied that he collects all the used tires onto a truck at his business on Center Street and then brings to Town Fair Tire to be disposed of.

Gary Piteo stated that the work is done by appointment only. The rims and tires are ordered when they arrive the customer brings the vehicle in and the work is done. Cars do not wait on the property until the tires or rims arrive.

Restrictions

Good housekeeping

No outside storage

No junk cars

License holder must secure a Certificate of Occupancy prior to exercising the rights granted under this license

Total number of vehicles 2 (1 inside, 1 outside)

Hours of Operation M- Saturday 8 AM to 6 PM, closed Sunday

Maximum of quantity 6 disposable/used tires stored on site  
 Repairs limited to mounting/unmounting of tires to rims. No other types of repairs allowed.

Motion made by Councilor Dobosz and seconded by Councilor Krampits to approve with restrictions.

Roll Call

Councilor	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained	Out of Chair
Brooks			X		
Krampits	x				
Pniak-Costello (zoom)	x				
Dobosz	x				
Balakier	x				

Motion passed.

**Item #5**

Application for an Auto Body License for Chuck’s Auto Body, Inc., located at 58 West Street.

Applicant Joseph Bednarz, 743 White Street, Springfield, MA 01108

Joseph Bednarz was present at the meeting. He stated that he has worked at Chuck’s for years and would like to just continue running the operation.

Reports read from the following departments:

Engineering – 1 of 6 rear parking spaces encroach on neighboring property. 3 parking spots along Dublin Street encroach on City property.

Fire – Conduct state hotwork training get required permit. Have fire extinguishers secured. Ensure spray booths meet all applicable codes.

Building – Nothing

Planning – Applicant is requesting an Auto Body License; property is zoned Business A; auto bodywork services are permitted in the zone under 275-58(B)(21) for motor vehicle repair services; According to 275-40(N)(2)(r) Motor vehicle repair services require services require two (2) spaces per repair stall; The submitted plan notes four (4) repair stalls and shows eight (8) total parking spaces; So long as the Police, Fire, and Building Departments have no issue with current operations at this property, Planning recommends approval.

Restrictions

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.

Total number of vehicles 12 (4 inside, 8 outside, 8 customer)

Hours of operation M- F 8 AM to 5 PM, Saturday 8 AM to 12 PM, closed Sunday  
Restricted to 4 of 6 stalls because of parking limitations

Motion made by Councilor Dobosz and seconded by Councilor Krampits to approve with restrictions.

Roll Call

Councilor	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained	Out of Chair
Brooks			X		
Krampits	x				
Pniak-Costello (zoom)	x				
Dobosz	x				
Balakier	x				

Motion passed.

**Item #6**

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Motion made by Councilor Dobosz and seconded by Councilor Krampits to approve.

Roll Call

Councilor	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained	Out of Chair
Brooks			X		
Krampits	x				
Pniak-Costello (zoom)	x				
Dobosz	x				
Balakier	x				

Motion passed.

**Item #7**

Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Balakier and seconded by Councilor Krampits to adjourn at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call

Councilor	Yes	No	Absent	Abstained	Out of Chair
Brooks			X		
Krampits	x				
Pniak-Costello (zoom)	x				
Dobosz	x				
Balakier	x				

Motion passed.