



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final License Committee

*Chairperson Paul Condon
Vice Chair Jadeane Sica
Craig Spadafora
Amanda Linehan
Neal Anderson*

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

5:45 PM

215 Pleasant Street - Room 105 Lg. Conf. Rm.
Malden, MA 02148

Roll Call

There were multiple committee meetings taking place. Councillor Linehan was not able to attend License because she was in the Finance Committee meeting. Councilor Sica was present for roll call in License to make quorum but needed to leave at 5:54 to go into Finance, Councillor Spadafora came in to the license meeting at 5:54 so there was a quorum to continue the meeting.

Also in attendance off committee was Councillor Winslow and Compliance Officers Dave Morse and Jim Tuxbury.

Present: 4 - Paul Condon, Jadeane Sica, Craig Spadafora and Neal Anderson

Absent: 1 - Amanda Linehan

Minutes to be Approved

[332-21](#)

Minutes of the Meeting of June 15, 2021.

A motion was made by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Vice Chair Sica, that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 3 - Chairperson Condon, Vice Chair Sica and Anderson

Business

[326-21](#)

Petition: Class II - AGM, 160 Eastern Ave., Malden, MA - change number of vehicles from 18 to 24.

Sponsors: Paul Condon

Chair Condon asked Compliance Officer Morse is if there were any issues with the petition. Mr. Morse stated there were none.

A motion was made by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Vice Chair Sica, that the Petition be recommended favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 3 - Chairperson Condon, Vice Chair Sica and Anderson

[311-21](#)

Bonzer, Cambridge, MA SNAP Vehicle License to Operate in the City of Malden, (see attached document).

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Councillor Winslow spoke on the paper and the process how the ordinance was passed last year and now the License Committee and Traffic Commission will need to weigh in. Councillor Winslow spoke of the need for Bonzer cars and how they differed from zip cars. Councillor Winslow told the committee they could by ordinance issue 10 licenses, Bonzer is the first company to show interest and is looking for three licenses. Srikanech Aravamuthan from Bonzer was there to answer questions. Councillor Condon asked what is the benefit to the community. Mr. Aravamuthan answered that Bonzer was looking for a public/private relationship with the city. The vehicles are small and can fit two people, are electric and can be charged from a regular electrical socket. Covid stopped their rollout and they would be a convenience for those in the community that would be users of the vehicles. He stated the vehicles would be assigned to specific streets and although they would not be returned to 100% where they should be there is confidence most will. Councillor Condon mentioned lime bikes, Mr. Aravamuthan stated the programs are different, Bonzer would be available when there is bad weather. Councillor Winslow mentioned there are companies already putting shared cars on our streets, Bonzer is a pilot program and would reduce parking issues and we are trying to be innovative. Mr. Aravamuthan explained the process it is done by an app on the phone and the user would be charged by the minute (20 cents) and it is for local driving only. Bonzer was in Cambridge but are currently not in any cities but are talking to Newton. Councillor Winslow stated there are two parts to the process, get a license from the Council and then there is a need to go before The Traffic Commission. Councillor Condon does not want Bonzer competing with taxis who have been going through a difficult time because of Covid and Uber. Councillor Spadafora stated he would be opposed to giving them resident status in those areas that have resident parking stickers. Councillor Winslow answered that the Council controls the license, the Traffic Commission controls where they can park. These are short distance cars (up to 20 miles). Councillor Anderson stated there is a need to talk to other departments, the law department and even Cambridge because Bonzer was there at one time. Councillor Anderson made a motion to table to get more information.

A motion was made by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Spadafora, that the Petition be tabled. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 3 - Chairperson Condon, Spadafora and Anderson

Tabled Papers

162-21

Outdoor Parking: AGM Auto Sales, 135 Eastern Ave. Malden, MA, 24 spaces
(Renewal)

Sponsors: Paul Condon

Councillor Anderson made a motion to take from the table paper #162-21, seconded by Councillor Spadafora. It was so voted by voice vote; Spadafora (y), Anderson (y), Condon (y)

Compliance Officer Morse stated there have been over parking vehicles issues in the past and that is why the petition was tabled. The petitioner was present and agreed that a license for 24 cars means only 24 cars will be parked on site.

A motion was made by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Vice Chair Sica, that the Petition be recommended favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 3 - Chairperson Condon, Vice Chair Sica and Anderson

[298-21](#)

Minutes of the Meeting of June 1, 2021.

Councillor Anderson made a motion to take paper 298-21 from the table, seconded by Councillor Spadafora, it was so voted by voice vote; Spadafora (y), Anderson (y), Condon (y)

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Spadafora, that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 3 - Chairperson Condon, Spadafora and Anderson

Other Business

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Spadafora, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 P.M.

Yea: 3 - Chairperson Condon, Spadafora and Anderson