



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final License Committee

Councillor Jadeane Sica, Chair
Councillor Chris Simonelli, Vice Chair
Councillor Paul Condon
Councillor at Large Karen Colon Hayes
Councillor Ryan O'Malley

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

5:30 PM

215 Pleasant Street
Room 105
Malden, MA 02148

Roll Call

Chair Sica called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Also in attendance were Morgan Hunte, Dan Grover, Nelson Miller, Jim Tuxbury, Dave Morse, Zaheer Samee, and Councillors Murphy, McDonald, Winslow.

Present: 4 - Councillor Jadeane Sica, Councillor Chris Simonelli, Paul Condon and Karen Colon Hayes

Absent: 1 - Ryan O'Malley

Minutes to be Approved

[387-23](#)

Minutes for the meeting of October 24, 2023

A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor at Large Colon Hayes, that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Business

[368-23](#)

Petition: Livery: Murat Emen, 607 Highland Avenue, Malden, 1 vehicle (New)

A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor at Large Colon Hayes, that the Petition be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[369-23](#)

Petition: Outdoor Parking: Northeast Transport & Snow Services Inc. 531R Broadway, Malden, 10 spaces (Renewal)

A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor at Large Colon Hayes, that the Petition be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[370-23](#)

Petition: Bowling Alley: Town Line Ten Pin Corp. 665 Broadway, Malden, 48 Lanes (Renewal)

A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor at Large Colon Hayes, that the Petition be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[371-23](#)

Petition: Pool Tables: Town Line Ten Pin Corp. 665 Broadway, Malden, 15 tables
(Renewal)

A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor at Large Colon Hayes, that the Petition be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Other Business

Committee will enter into discussion on an amendment to MCC 6.08.110 VEHICLES FOR HIRE; GENERAL REQUIREMENTS for the purpose of updating out of date language.

Discussion on amending 6.08.110

The parking requirements for livery vehicles has recently changed in that they are now allowed to get a parking permit for on street parking. Since that happened, this ordinance has not been updated so the Committee will now review any needed changes for 6.08.110 VEHICLES FOR HIRE: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

According to the Parking Department, livery owners are now allowed to get one parking permit per house. Any livery owner having more than one car must arrange for off-street parking.

B.8 states any person driving the livery car must have a taxi driver's license as issued by the City Council. This is not something that has been happening, but the Clerk's Office will now institute.

D.1 strike 'office' and replace with residence.

D.2 after 'City of Malden and' strike 'shall include adequate off-street parking for all licensed vehicles' and replace with 'are allowed one parking permit per household. Any additional vehicles over that one requires adequate off-street parking for all licensed vehicles.'

D.3 and .4 strike in their entirety.

F.1.b strike '1.5" by 1.5"' and replace with '2" by 2"'

A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli to have the Clerk create a paper with these amendments and submit to Council for referral to Rules and Ordinance Committee for review. Motion was seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Committee will enter into discussion on a comprehensive strategy on how to go about reviewing and approving upcoming Class II licenses for 2024.

Discussion on process for approving 2024 Class II Licenses

Currently, the city has many Class II licenses that do not comply with ordinances for a number of reasons: lack of dealer plates, no certified plot plan, business was allowed to open outside of properly zoned area, not principal use. The Building Inspector has been reviewing the renewals that are due for December and all but two applications are incomplete. The License Committee began quite some time ago, to crack down on these businesses but COVID got in the way and so the committee is now beginning again to enforce compliance.

The purpose of this discussion tonight is to introduce thoughts on how to come to consensus moving forward and discuss a timeline for conditional licenses to come into compliance.

Some questions include if we should allow older businesses not in the properly zoned

area to be 'grandfathered' in, give businesses a one- or two-year grace period to bring plot plans up to date, allow them to relocate into more appropriate areas, etc.

Councillor Simonelli supports approving licenses conditionally with a one-year grace period. Councillor Murphy asked the Committee to consider changing the amount of parking spots and size of parking spots currently required, making plot plans easier for businesses to manage. This conversation will continue at the next scheduled License Committee meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor at Large Colon Hayes, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.