

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION/INFORMATION SYSTEMS

June 9, 1998

5:45 PM

Chairman Pariseau called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Pariseau, Rivard, and Girard.
Alderman Thibault arrived late.
Also present were Aldermen Reiniger and Hirschmann.

Absent: Alderman O'Neil

Messrs.: Deputy Chief Dale Robinson, Matt Normand

Chairman Pariseau addressed item 3 of the agenda:

On motion of Alderman Girard, duly seconded by Alderman Rivard, it was voted to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA-91:A-3 Paragraph 2(c) to discuss the continuation of a taxicab license application.

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Girard, it was voted to return to public session.

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Rivard, it was voted to reinstate the taxicab license of Rauland Heman effective June 17, 1998.

Chairman Pariseau addressed item 5 of the agenda:

Ratify and confirm poll conducted on May 28, 1998, relative to a request of the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Department seeking that the fair license for the fireworks display to be held on July 3, 1998 be waived.

On motion of Alderman Girard, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to ratify and confirm the poll conducted.

Chairman Pariseau addressed item 6 of the agenda:

Communication from Alderman Girard submitting a petition he received regarding EWTN programming on MediaOne.

On motion of Alderman Girard, duly seconded by Alderman Rivard, it was voted to forward a copy of the petition to Thomas O'Rourke (MediaOne) and to request his presence at a future meeting of the Committee.

Chairman Pariseau addressed item 7 of the agenda:

Communication from the President of the Assumption Church Parish Council seeking permission to hang a banner announcing *Greek Fest '98* across Hanover Street, between Chestnut and Elm Streets on or about August 1, 1998.

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Rivard, it was voted to recommend approval of the request to the full Board.

Chairman Pariseau addressed item 8 of the agenda:

Copy of a communication from the City Clerk to the Systems Advisory Committee advising of the Board's request that they review current lease agreements entered into with regard to leasing of office equipment and other agreements similar in nature.

On motion of Alderman Rivard, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted that the communication from the City Clerk be received and filed.

NEW BUSINESS

Denial of a license for outdoor entertainment (Nefelis Restaurant)

Discussion ensued relative to the above-referenced as it related to the former management (Nina's Restaurant) and how citations had been issued, arrests made, court appearances having been made, etc.; that the name had been changed and was now being operated under new management; that within a three-year period it was anticipated that Granite State Glass would be installing new window

treatments which would help alleviate the noise from the music inside the restaurant.

A representative of Nefelis' indicated they did not wish to bother any of the neighbors and wanted to be given a chance as they knew of the problems encountered a year ago.

Alderman Thibault stated that he felt it should be Alderman Hirschmann's call as the facility was located in his ward.

Deputy Chief Robinson suggested that the Committee adopt the following terms to be included in the current entertainment license issued to Nefelis:

“That the entertainment needs to be low-key; and further agrees that if noise complaints become an issue at this location, that the entertainment license can be revoked immediately upon written notice by the Police Department to the City Clerk's Office and Nefelis Restaurant.”

On motion of Alderman Girard, duly seconded by Alderman Rivard, it was voted to approve the entertainment license subject to the conditions attached by the Police Department as outlined by Deputy Chief Robinson.

TABLED ITEM

On motion of Alderman Girard, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to remove the following item from the table for discussion.

Communication from Deputy City Clerk Bergeron submitting proposed changes to the Taxicab Ordinance.

(Note: recommendation from Lt. Tessier enclosed).

(Tabled 3/10/98)

Alderman Rivard stated he had a problem with proposed changes prepared at the request of Alderman Girard specifically 118.42 Prohibited Conduct. (G) *Sound the taxicab vehicle's horn, any time of day or evening, to alert a fare of the taxicab's arrival.*

Deputy Chief Robinson stated there was currently a noise ordinance in effect and that they were restricted by law to a certain extent noting that he did not believe this should be included, however in surveillance activities of the Police

Department it appeared that horns were being utilized as a means of a signaling device with respect to sale of illegal drugs.

Alderman Girard stated that horns were being used at all hours of the day in his neighborhood noting it was most disruptive to the occupants in the area and believed that at time horns were being utilized .

Alderman Rivard stated that regular operators of motor vehicles could also be using their horns at all hours, not merely taxicab drivers and asked how enforcement would be handled.

Deputy Chief Robinson agreed that with Alderman Rivard's statement noting that the Police Department could go back to the cab companies in an administrative capacity once a formal complaint and the proper information had been received.

Alderman Rivard moved to eliminate reference to (G). Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion. Aldermen Pariseau and Girard voted nay. The motion failed.

On motion of Alderman Rivard, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted that this item remain on the table.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Girard, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee