

**CITY OF WOBURN
CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & LICENSE
WOBURN CITY HALL
COMMITTEE ROOM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

Voting members present: Chair Robert Ferullo, Councilor William Pappalardo, Councilor Robert Toro, and Councilor Joseph Demers. Absent: Councilor Joanne Campbell

Non-voting members present: President Jeffrey Dillon, Councilor Lou DiMambro, and Councilor Darlene Mercer-Bruen. Absent: Councilor Charles Viola

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Reading and approval of previous meeting minutes: Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Toro to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the meeting of October 7, 2024, all in favor, 4-0-1.

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Woburn Bowling Entertainment LLC for new Bowling Alley License at 32 Montvale Avenue: Representing the applicant were Attorney Michael Vigorito, Vigorito Woolf, P.C., 100 State Street, Boston, MA, and Celio De Oliveira Sousa, 32 Montvale Ave., Woburn, MA. Attorney Vigorito said has never applied for a bowling alley license on behalf of a client. He said Woburn Bowling Entertainment was granted a liquor license in December. He said he and his client appeared before the License Commission last Thursday to discuss the status of the license. He said it is a phased project. He said the first phase involves renovations to the bar, kitchen and bathrooms. He said the renovation of the lanes is the last piece. Councilor Demers asked if the bowling alley is affiliated with the function hall. Attorney Vigorito said Woburn Bowling Entertainment LLC's liquor license applies to the bowling alley only. He said the function hall is a separate entity. Chair Ferullo asked if Mr. Sousa has any experience running a bowling alley. Attorney Vigorito said this is his Mr. Sousa's first time running a bowling alley. He said Rone da Dilva, who is a 20 percent owner of the bowling alley and a principal at the function hall, has a lot more experience with hospitality. Chair Ferullo said he wants assurances the issues that promulgated upstairs will not continue with the bowling alley. Attorney Vigorito said this is a whole different level of ownership. He said Mr. Sousa will be much stricter. He said there is a healthy amount of separation between the bowling alley and the function hall. Councilor Demers

said it sounds like the Bowladrome will have the same concept but upgraded. He said he is excited to see a new era start at the Bowladrome. Mr. Sousa said the project goes back a year and a half. He said all he wants to do is have a license in place. He said they do not want to spend \$2 million on upgrades without knowing whether they will have a license. Councilor Pappalardo asked about hours of operation. Councilor Pappalardo said there have been a lot of complaints about late night noise at the function hall. Mr. Sousa said the bowling alley will be much quieter. Councilor Viola asked about the time line for the work. Mr. Sousa said they are waiting to hear from their engineer. Attorney Vigorito said they have been working with an architect for six months. He said it has been about a year since the liquor license was granted. He said once they get the plans it will be an estimated 8-10 weeks to implement them. He said there has been a steady stream of communication with the License Commission. Motion made by Councilor Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Councilor Demers that the license renewal “ought to pass;” approved, 4-0-1.

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Petition for 2025 renewal of First Class Motor Vehicles Sales License by Gordon Colonial, Inc., dba Colonial Cadillac, 201 Cambridge Road: Chair Ferullo said all the paperwork is in order and there are no complaints in the file. Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Toro that the renewal “ought to pass” with any existing limits or conditions; all in favor, 4-0-1.

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Petitions for 2025 renewal of Second Class Motor Vehicles Sales Licenses by the following: Capelo’s Auto Service, Inc. dba Capelo’s Auto Sales, 22 Winn Street; ACT Leasing Inc., 215 Salem Street; Murray’s Enterprises, Inc. dba Murray’s Auto & Truck Sales, 89 Winn Street; Ollie’s Service Center, 310 Main Street; Wassim (Sam) Nicolas dba Woburn Square Mobil, 23 Pleasant Street; and McSheffrey Auto Sales, Inc., 878 Main Street: Councilor Pappalardo said his family member owns Woburn Square Mobil and he will abstain on that vote. Motion made by Councilor Demers and Councilor Toro to take the following items collectively: Capelo’s Auto Service, Inc. dba Capelo’s Auto Sales, 22 Winn Street; ACT Leasing Inc., 215 Salem Street; Murray’s Enterprises, Inc. dba Murray’s Auto & Truck Sales, 89 Winn Street; Ollie’s Service Center, 310 Main Street; and McSheffrey Auto Sales, Inc., 878 Main Street; approved, 4-0-1. Chair Ferullo said all the paperwork is in order and there are no complaints in any of the files. Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Toro to grant the license renewals with any existing limits or conditions; approved, 4-0-1. Motion made by Councilor Toro and seconded by Councilor Demers to grant the license renewal for Woburn Square Mobil, 23 Pleasant Street, with any existing limits or conditions; approved, 3-0-2, with an abstention from Councilor Pappalardo.

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MOTION made by Councilor Toro and seconded by Councilor Demers to adjourn; all in favor, 4-0-1. Chair Ferullo adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Gordon Vincent

Clerk of Committees