

**CITY OF GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2019**

Committee Chairman Councillor James Johnson called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall. Committee member Councillor Karen Hardern was also present. Councillor Edward Gravel was absent.

Other Officials present and/or participating were Council President Scott Graves; Building Commissioner Roland Jean; and, City Clerk Alan Agnelli.

I. Minutes of Prior Meeting(s).

On a motion by Councillor Hardern and seconded by Chairman Johnson, it was voted to accept the Minutes of March 18, 2019 Public Safety Committee Meeting, as printed.

II. #10069, An Application by Osagi Enterprise, LLC, for a License to Buy and Sell Second Hand Motor Vehicles, Class 2, on Toby Street (In City Council and Referred to Public Safety, 3/4/2019).

Chairman Johnson reported that the entire Committee, along with Building Commissioner Roland Jean and Police Detective William Crockett, conducted a site inspection of the property on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Citing the poor condition of the fence that adjoins Mr. Lajoie's property and Walmart, Chairman Johnson recommended that, as a condition of the new license, the fence be repaired. In addition, he stated that since the Fire Department was unable to provide an official to participate in the site inspection, he requested that the Fire Chief inspect the facility and to submit a list of safety concerns that the Committee could incorporate as part of the License conditions.

Chairman Johnson cited the following:

- 1) Mounted extinguishers must be properly installed in the main business office/shop area.
- 2) Fire Department Permit required for the storage of combustible liquids and adequate protections (clearances) for container storage.
- 3) The hot work (welding/cutting) area is in need of proper clearance and removal of combustibles (storage of combustible liquids / materials) in the area.
- 4) The overhead structure of the hot work area is compromised due to a past fire that needs to be addressed to ensure structure integrity. A Permit from the Building Commissioner is required.
- 5) The hot work area is in need of approval (permit) as a designated work area by the Fire Department.

Chairman Johnson stated that the hours of operation will remain as they are currently established, as follows: Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; closed on Sundays. In addition, the scope of the existing operation shall remain and shall not be expanded into other areas of the property.

On a motion by Councillor Karen Hardern and seconded by Chairman James Johnson, it was voted to recommend to the City Council that a License to Buy and Sell Second Hand Motor Vehicles, Class 2, on Toby Street, be granted to Osagi Enterprise, LLC, for the period expiring December 31, 2019, with the following conditions, and that License to Rahaim Auto Sales be revoked:

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- 6) The hot work area is in need of approval (permit) as a designated work area by the Fire Department.
- 7) Hours of operation will remain as they are currently established, as follows: Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; closed on Sundays.
- 8) The scope of the existing operation shall remain and shall not be expanded into other areas of the property.

#10070, An Application by Osagi Enterprise, LLC, for a License to Deal in Motor Vehicle Junk, Class 3, on Toby Street (In City Council, Referred to Public Safety, and Ordered to Public Hearing, 3/4/2019; Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, 3/18/2019 @ 7:30 p.m.).

On a motion by Councillor Karen Hardern and seconded by Chairman James Johnson, it was voted to recommend to the City Council that a License to Deal in Motor Vehicle Junk, Class 3, on Toby Street, be granted to Osagi Enterprise, LLC, for the period expiring December 31, 2019, with the following conditions and that License to Lajoie's Used Auto Parts, Inc. be revoked:

- 1) The fence be repaired
- 2) Mounted extinguishers must be properly installed in the main business office/shop area.
- 3) Fire Department Permit required for the storage of combustible liquids and adequate protections (clearances) for container storage.
- 4) The hot work (welding/cutting) area is in need of proper clearance and removal of combustibles (storage of combustible liquids/materials) in the area.
- 5) The overhead structure of the hot work area is compromised due to a past fire that needs to be addressed to ensure structure integrity. A Permit from the Building Commissioner is required.
- 9) The hot work area is in need of approval (permit) as a designated work area by the Fire Department.
- 10) Hours of operation will remain as they are currently established, as follows: Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; closed on Sundays.
- 11) The scope of the existing operation shall remain and shall not be expanded into other areas of the property.

III. Other Business.

None

IV. Adjournment.

On a motion Councillor Karen Hardern and seconded by Chairman James Johnson, it was voted to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.