

The Committee on Community & Business Development met on Monday, March 11, 2019.

Members present were Councilor Rosa DiFlorio, presiding, Councilors Fred Capone and John McKinnon.

Member absent was Councilor Peter Napolitano.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilors Wayne Matewsky and Stephen Simonelli: That Vito's Auto Repair Shop, on the corner of Villa Ave & Ferry Street, correct its operation at neighborhoods request.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio and Ali Hamadi, the Property Owner were also present.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia, Tenant Abraham Colon, Neighborhood Representatives and City Council Sponsors Wayne Matewsky and Stephen Simonelli were all invited but were not present.

Mr. Cornelio informed the Committee that the Landlords eviction process with his Tenant was before the Court system last week with a court judgement (attached) that the matter be dismissed with prejudice allowing the tenant to continue to operate until the expiration of the current lease term to May 31, 2020 with the Tenant waiving any rights to a lease extension after that date. Councilor McKinnon questioned how this decision would impact the neighbors to this licensed business. Mr. Cornelio responded that his office would continue to monitor and that to date the speeding of cars has ceased, parking in front of resident houses have ceased and that he has not witnessed any late night or Sunday operations. He stated further that all existing restrictions would remain in place. Councilor Capone asked if the confrontations between workers and residents have ceased as well and Mr. Cornelio responded that there were no issues that he was made aware of. Councilors Capone and DiFlorio requested that the City Clerk's office keep monitoring the business and noted that any future license violations could result in the license being rescinded. The Committee requested that the City Clerk send a letter to the licensed business reminding them that all restrictions to the license will remain in place and be monitored during the remainder of the lease term with the Landlord.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with a recommendation to refer back to Sponsor.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees