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MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
FROM: Craig R. Renda
DATE: August 1, 2005
RE: HOT DOG VENDOR - HATTERS PARK

I have had numerous discussions with Mr. Gerald Troccola (Duck Pin Bowling) and Mr. Thomas Spagnola (Hot Dog Vendor) concerning their issues with each other. To my knowledge there is nothing in Mr. Troccola's lease that states exclusive rights to serving food. Mr. Spagnola has no contract with the City to serve food only verbal permission with the City. I have not seen any written documentation to conclude the loss of nearly 80% of Mr. Troccola's food business. Mr. Troccola does have a verbal agreement with PAL Girls Softball that they can purchase food from the bowling alley. Mr. Troccola states that when Mr. Spagnola is in the parking lot after 4:00pm it takes away from his food business. I believe we can establish an agreement between the parties that states permission for Mr. Spagnola to sell hotdogs Monday thru Friday from 11:00am - 4:00pm.

A major contention arises on Saturdays when Mr. Spagnola feels he is entitled to be present from 11:00am - 4:00pm. Mr. Troccola feels the presence of Mr. Spagnola and his hotdog cart takes away from his food business. Mr. Troccola also believes the hotdog cart presents a parking/safety issue on Saturdays. I do believe Saturdays are a parking/safety issue with the hotdog cart present. I have been at my office on Saturdays and noticed times when the entrance/exit to Hatters Park is blocked by double parked cars purchasing hotdogs from Mr. Spagnola.

Hatters Park parking lot is due for expansion in the fall, even with the expansion there still will be double parked cars purchasing hotdogs.

I do not believe there is an answer to the double parked cars, unless Mr. Spagnola has res they park in a parking space.

I did offer Mr. Spagnola permission to sell hotdogs at Kenosia Lake parking lot, but he refused. I have no other options for Mr. Spagnola, due to the fact he wants to stay within the vicinity of his video store.

In conclusion, if Mr. Troccola agrees to Mr. Spagnola vending on Saturdays 11:00am - 4:00pm, I will set up rules for parking. Mr. Spagnola will direct PAL Girls Softball into the bowling alley to purchase food.