

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
JULY 9 2015

LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBERS

Commission Members Present: Karon Shea, Chairperson
Walter Shea, Commissioner

Commission Members Absent: Anthony Salvidio, Commissioner

Staff Present: Stephen S. Rolle, Planning & Regulatory Services
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services
Alexandra Haralambous, Law Department
Jim Foley, Health Department

Approval of the Minutes – July 9, 2015

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the minutes of July 9, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests:

1. Petition: Request for one day liquor license
July 24, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Worcester Center for Crafts, 25 Sagamore Road

Honee Hess appeared on behalf of the application. She stated that this was for an event for the Worcester Center for Crafts and alcohol will be purchased from Wormtown Brewery for the event.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received June 11, 2015 and dated June 10, 2015.

2. Petition: Request for one day liquor license
August 7, 8, 2015 – 12:20 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Preservation Worcester, Worcester Common

Matthew Gray along with John Giangregorio appeared on behalf of the petition. Mr. Gray stated that a 5k road race will be held that day and there will be a brew festival after the race.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received June 22, 2015 and dated June 22, 2015.

3. Petition: Request for one day liquor license & entertainment license
- August 1, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
 - August 22, 2015-1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Joseph O’Grady, 350 Southbridge Street

Joseph O’Grady appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that August 1, 2015 was for a bike and car wash and August 22, 2015 will be for a beach party outside.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor and entertainment licenses.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor & entertainment license received June 22, 2015 and dated June 22, 2015.

4. Petition: Request for one day liquor license
- July 24, 25-2015 – 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Petitioner: City of Worcester, City Hall Plaza

Che Anderson from the City Manager’s Office appeared on behalf of the item. He stated that this is for the first annual Worcester Local Weekend Kick Off on the Common and they will have a beer garden on back of City Hall Plaza and are expecting about 250 people.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received June 23, 2015 and dated June 19, 2015.

5. Petition: Request for one day liquor license & entertainment license
- August 21, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
 - August 22, 2015-11:00 a.m.-11:00 .m.
 - August 23, 2015-11:00 a.m.-5:0 p.m.

Petitioner: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 28 Mulberry Street

Nick Moradic appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this is for the Italian Festival.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license & entertainment license received June 22, 2015 and dated June 22, 2015.

Common Victualer License Requests:

6. Petition: Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: China Sea Chinese Restaurant, 566C Southwest Cutoff

Yong Chen appeared on behalf of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received June 22, 2015 and dated June 22, 2015.

7. Petition: Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: 7-Eleven, 501 Main Street

Isabel Shera and Marie Sorgin appeared on behalf of the application. Ms. Shera stated that they are taking over an existing 7-Eleven franchise.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received June 22, 2015 and dated June 9, 2015.

8. Petition: Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: Seven Hills Convenience, Inc. 1326 Main Street

Isabel Shera and Marie Sorgin appeared on behalf of the application. Ms. Shera stated that this is an additional 7-Eleven franchise they are taking over.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received June 22, 2015 and dated June 22, 2015.

Alcohol & Entertainment Permit Applications:

- 9.** Petition: Request for change of manager

Petitioner: Beatnik's, 433 Park Avenue

Ms. Steele stated that this item had been postponed until next meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager received June 9, 2015 and dated June 9, 2015.

- 10.** Petition: Request for package store malt & wine license

Petitioner: Viriditas, LLC, 25 Exchange Street (6 Waldo Street)

Ms. Steele stated that this item had been postponed until next meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for package store malt & wine license received June 22, 2015 and dated July 9, 2015.

- 11.** Petition: Request for alteration of premises for outside area in rear of building

Petitioner: T-Bone, LLC, 1281 Pleasant Street

Ms. Steele stated that this item had been postponed until next meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for alteration of premises received June 15, 2015 and dated June 15, 2015

- 12.** Petition: Request for Shooting Gallery License

Petitioner: The Gun Parlor, Inc. 170 Prescott Street

Attorney Sean Murray along with Justin Gabriel appeared on behalf of the item.

Chair Shea stated that she and Commissioner Shea had both visited the site prior to the meeting and were very impressed with the location and amount of security but some questions had been raised by Worcester police that still need to be addressed and asked Attorney Murray if his client would like to continue this item until the next License Commission meeting in order for the applicant to meet with the City of Worcester to discuss.

Mr. Murray stated that time is of the essence as Mr. Gabriel is currently a tenant at will at his existing location and has several licenses he must transfer prior to him moving to the new location.

Mr. Gabriel stated that he has a lot of inventory at the existing location that needs to be moved and the current location where he is at is being sold for a hotel to be built

on the same lot and he only has verbal agreement that he has another 30-60 days before he needs to vacate.

Mr. Rolle stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals had approved the special permit for this location with about sixteen conditions and after that Board signs the decision there is a 20 day appeal period which would end first week in August and due to the conditions placed by the Zoning Board of Appeals staff would like additional time to meet with the applicant to discuss conditions that would be agreeable to the parties as well as protect the public.

Deputy Chief Sean Fleming from the Worcester Police Department read a statement from Chief Gemme in opposition to the issuing of the license due to previous violations at another gun range located in the City of Worcester and they understand this is a different operator but still do not support the application but if the Commission chooses to go forward the Worcester Police would request additional time to meet with the applicant to discuss security measures.

Chair Shea asked Mr. Gabriel after what has been said would he prefer to continue item.

Mr. Murray stated that they would like to continue the item until the August 6, 2015 License Commission meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for Shooting Gallery license received June 23, 2015 and dated June 23, 2015.

Exhibit B: Supplemental security plan received July 8, 2015 and dated July 8, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.