

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER

AUGUST 11, 2016

ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER

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

Commission Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services
Jennifer Beaton, Law Department
James Foley, Inspectional Services
Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department
Officer Edward Saucier, Worcester Police Department
Lt. Brian McGurl, Fire Prevention Division
Lt. Jeffrey Dubeau, Fire Prevention Division

Approval of the Minutes – July 21, 2016

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of July 21, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

I

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

I-1 Petitioner: Centro Las Americas, Worcester Common

I-1a: Request for one day liquor license

- Friday-August 19, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday-August 20, 2016-Noon-8:00 p.m

I-1b: Request for one day entertainment license for live music, dancing by performers and dancing by patrons

- Friday-August 19, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday-August 20, 2016-Noon-8:00 p.m.

Juan Gomez appeared on behalf of the petitions. He stated that they will be withdrawing the August 19, 2016 liquor petition. He stated that the 20th is for their annual festival and they have been working with the off-duty police for the event and nothing will change and layout will be the same as previous years and the hours will be Noon to 9:00 p.m. He stated that they expect between 7,000 and 10,000 people at the event.

Mr. Gomez stated that on Friday they will have a performer and the hours will only be 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on August 20, 2016 that entertainment is for the festival and the hours will be from Noon to 9:00 p.m.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license and the two one day entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application one day liquor & entertainment license received June 22, 2016 and dated June 22, 2016.

I-2 Petitioner: The Usual Corporation, 166 Shrewsbury St.

I-2a: Request to transfer restaurant all alcohol license

I-2a: Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music, amplification system

Stacey Galla appeared on behalf of the application along with Michael Covino.

Lt. Johnson stated that they have reviewed the paperwork and everything is all set.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the transfer of the restaurant all alcohol license.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license received June 5, 2016 and dated June 5, 2016.

Exhibit B: Application for entertainment license received June 5, 2016 and dated June 5, 2016.

I-3: Petitioner: John Fresolo dba Rockys' Food & Spirits, 139 Water Street

Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music, amplification system, karaoke

John Fresolo appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that he wish to expand his entertainment license.

Ms. Steele asked for clarification as to whether the entertainment was for inside or outside. Mr. Fresolo stated that it would all be for inside.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment and it would be all for inside the License Premises.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received July 10, 2016 and dated July 10, 2016.

I-4: Petitioner: The Blackstone Tap Corporation, 81 Water Street

I-4a: Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license

I-4b: Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music, amplification system, light show, karaoke

Stacey Galla appeared on behalf of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the transfer of the restaurant all alcohol license.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license and the pledge of the license received July 5, 2016 and dated July 5, 2016.

Exhibit B: Application for entertainment license received July 5, 2016 and dated July 5, 2016.

I-5: Petitioner: Meze Greek Tapas, 156 Shrewsbury Street

Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system, light show, karaoke

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item until the September 1, 2016 License Commission meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received July 5, 2016 and dated July 5, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

II Special One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

II-1: Petitioner: Crompton Collective, 138 Green Street

- Saturday, August 20, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

Derek Grillo from Struck Catering appeared on behalf of the application. Mr. Grillo stated that this would be for a wedding and he would have certified bartenders for the event.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received July 26, 2016 and dated July 26, 2016.

II-2: Petitioner: US Rowing/2016 US Rowing Masters National Championships, 10 N. Lake Avenue

Request for one day liquor license

- Thursday-Sunday August 18, 19, 20, 21, 2016-2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Attorney David Bartley appeared on behalf of the application. Attorney Bartley stated that this is for the rowing championship and 2100 rowers are expected and they expect between four and five thousand people to attend the event. He stated that Environmental Police and Worcester Police will be on hand to help with the event.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor licenses.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received August 2, 2016 and dated August 2, 2016.

II-3: Petitioner: Worcester Caribbean American Carnival Association, Park Avenue/Chandler Street

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, live music, amplification system

- Sunday, August 28, 2016 – Noon-7:00 p.m.

Jennifer Gaskon appeared on behalf of the application. She stated this is fourth year for the parade and parade starts at corner of Park Avenue and Chandler Street and they will judging the floats earlier to help with crowd control and the parade usually concludes by 6:00 and they have fifteen off duty details to help with the event.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received July 2, 2016 and dated July 2, 2016.

II-4: Petitioner: Gratitude Festival, 55 Pleasant Street Parking lot

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, live music, amplification system

- Saturday September 10, 2016, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Victoria Mariano appeared on behalf of the application and stated that this will be a family friendly event and there will be music and crafts in the parking lot.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day entertainment license received August 5, 2016 and dated August 5, 2016.

II-5: Petitioner: Peter Stathoulopoulos, 57 Highland Street

II-5a: Request for one day liquor license

- August 13, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

II-5b: Request for one day entertainment license for DJ

Peter Stathoulopoulos appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this will be for a barbeque in the parking lot and it would be secured in the front and two security personnel on duty to control the event and a DJ will be there to provide entertainment and 50 people are expected.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received August 3, 2016 and dated August 3, 2016.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received August 3, 2016 and dated August 3, 2016.

II-6 Petitioner: Paul Barber, 70 Winter Street

II-6a: Request for one day liquor license

August 27, 2016 – 8:00 p.m.-Midnight

II-6b: Request for one day entertainment license for Dancing by patrons, DJ

Ms. Steele stated that the petitions had been withdrawn.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received August 8, 2016 and dated August 8, 2016.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received August 8, 2016 and dated August 8, 2016.

III Common Victualer Request

III-1: Petitioner: Raymundos Restaurant/Pupsenia, 118 Cambridge Street

Request for common victualer license

Teresa Quitanilla appeared on behalf of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received July 26, 2016 and dated July 26, 2016.

III-2: Petitioner: Pizza Castle & More, 332 Pleasant Street

Request for common victualer license

Saba Selem appeared on behalf of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received July 26, 2016 and dated July 26, 2016.

III-3 Petitioner: The Verdict, 225 Main Street

Request for common victualer license

Mark Markarian appeared on behalf of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received August 4, 2016 and dated August 4, 2016.

IV Alcohol & Entertainment Requests

IV-1: Petitioner: McGuire's Lounge, LLC dba McGuire's Lounge, 5 Saugus Place

Request to transfer restaurant all alcohol license

John Tarashuck appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that he is changing from sole proprietorship to a LLC.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the transfer of the restaurant all alcohol license.

Exhibit A: Application for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license received July 12, 2016 and dated May 3, 2016.

Chair Shea recused herself.

V Other Business

V-1 Mambo Drinks, Inc., 105 Water Street – Violation of Rule #14-Manager responsible for all violations or infractions of the law occurring on the premises whether present or not.

Maximo Nunez along with Melvin Santana appeared to answer to the violation and Juan Gomez provided translation services to Mr. Nunez.

Commissioner Salvidio explained that the Licensee had the right to have legal counsel at the hearing and asked the Licensee if they wish to postpone the item until that they had obtained counsel Mr. Nunez stated that he would.

Lt. Johnson stated that he had met with the Mr. Nunez and Mr. Santana and they had agree to some conditions going forward at the Licensed Premises. The conditions were as follows:

21 and older at all times

One police officer remains on site

Two police officers if they have a special event

They will email a month in advance all upcoming events to the Police Department

Commissioner Salvidio asked Mr. Nunez and Mr. Santana if they would be willing to adhere to those conditions until they obtain legal counsel and have their hearing before the License Commission. They both stated that they were.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to continue the item until the September 15, 2016 License Commission meeting and that the following conditions be placed on the licensed:

That the Licensed Premises be

- 21 and older at all times
- One police officer remains on site
- Two police officers if they have a special event
- They will email a month in advance all upcoming events to the Police Department

Exhibit A: Police report dated August 2, 2016.

Chair Shea returned to the meeting room.

Communications

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m.