

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER  
APRIL 11, 2019

ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBERS

**Commission Members Present:** Anthony Salvidio, Chairman  
Walter Shea, Commissioner  
Barbara Haller, Commissioner

**Commission Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department  
Officer Glenn Stout, Worcester Police Department  
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department  
Jim Racicot, Inspectional Services  
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services

**Minutes**

March 14, 2019 and March, 28, 2019

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of March 14, 2019 and March 28, 2019.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Common Victualer Requests**

**I-1: Island Fin Poké, 41-2 Park Avenue**

Request for common victualer license

Marilyn and James Way appeared upon behalf of the application. Mr. Way reviewed the concept for the business.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license dated March 31, 2019 and received March 31, 2019.

**Special One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests**

**II-1: Sarah Baldiga, 7 Jackson Street**

Request for one day liquor license

May 18, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Sarah Baldigia appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that she will have TIPS certified bartenders at the event and they will check the IDs of anyone served.

The Commission reminded Ms. Baldigia to make sure all IDs are checked.

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated March 26, 2019 and received March 26, 2019.

**II-2: Exhibit 'A' Brewing Company, 157 Harding Street**

Request for one day liquor license

April 28, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Kelsey Roth appeared upon behalf of the application and stated that this event is for an art reception.

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated April 1, 2019 and received April 1, 2019.

**II-3: Sandra Burke, 1 College Street**

Request for one day liquor license

May 22, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

No one appeared for the item.

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated April 1, 2019 and received April 1, 2019.

**II-4: Paradise Bar, 387 Cambridge Street**

Request for one day entertainment license for live music, amplification system (Outside)

April 20, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

June 8, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Javier Sanchez appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that on April 20, 2019 he will be doing a motorcycle show and on June 8, 2019 he will be doing a car show.

Sergeant Needham reminded Mr. Sanchez that he needs to make sure he has adequate police details for the event.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the two (2) one day entertainment requests.

Exhibit A: Application for one day entertainment license dated April 1, 2019 and received April 1, 2019.

**II-5: Sean Woods, 299 Barber Avenue**

Request for one day liquor license

April 27, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Sean Woods appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that about 60 to 70 people are expected to attend.

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated April 2, 2019 and received April 2, 2019.

### **Alcohol & Entertainment Requests**

#### **III-1: 110 Grill TC Worcester, LLC, 123 Front Street**

Request for change of manager

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to allow for Leave to Withdraw for the application.

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager dated March 7, 2019 and received March 7, 2019.

#### **III-2: Maa Chintapurnia, Inc. dba Om Indian Grill & Bar, 118-124 Water Street**

- a. Request for restaurant all alcohol license with outdoor dining
- b. Request for common victualer license
- c. Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, recorded music, live music, amplification system, karaoke, any other audio or visual show, whether live or recorded specifically

Attorney Jonathan Finkelstein along with Gaurav Sharma appeared upon behalf of the applications.

Mr. Finkelstein stated that this is a former restaurant that will be renovated and will be a full service restaurant.

Mr. Finkelstein stated that Mr. Sharma has experience in the restaurant industry.

The Commission noted that DPW still needs to approve the sidewalk dining portion of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license with outdoor dining subject to DPW approval for the sidewalk dining.

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

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

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license dated March 25, 2019 and received March 25, 2019.

Exhibit B: Application for common victualer license dated March 25, 2019 and received March 25, 2019.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license dated March 25, 2019 and received March 25, 2019.

Chairman Salvidio recused himself from Item III-3 and left the meeting room.

#### **III-3: EFR Enterprises LLC dba Russo, 65 Water Street**

- a. Request for restaurant all alcohol license with outdoor dining
- b. Request for common victualer license

- c. Request for entertainment license for tv, live music

Ed Russo appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this will be an Italian Restaurant. The Commission noted that DPW still needs to approve the sidewalk dining portion of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license with outdoor dining subject to DPW approval for the sidewalk dining.

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

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

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license dated March 21, 2019 and received March 21, 2019.

Exhibit B: Application for common victualer license dated March 21, 2019 and received March 21, 2019.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license dated March 21, 2019 and received March 21, 2019.

Chair Salvidio returned to the meeting room

#### **III-4: Wormtown Brewery, LLC, 72 Shrewsbury Street**

Request for alteration of premises

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the April 25, 2019 License Commission meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for alteration of premises dated March 26, 2019 and received March 26, 2019.

#### **III-5: JP Alliance, Inc. dba Shangri La, 50 Front Street**

Request to amend entertainment license to include jukebox, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system, karaoke

Eric Jiang appeared upon behalf of the application. Mr. Jiang stated that he would like to add additional entertainment to his application.

Staff reminded the applicant that he will need to review his proposal with Inspectional Services to determine whether the additional entertainment will change the designated use of the operation.

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

Exhibit A: Application to amend entertainment license dated March 21, 2019 and received March 21, 2019.

### **Hearings**

#### **IV-1: Shooters Bar and Billiards, LLC, 70 James Street**

Violation of Rule #14 – Manager responsible for premises, Rule #36 – failure to notify a promoted event

Tobias Bassett appeared to answer to the violation and waived his right to counsel.

Sergeant Needham presented the following:

On February 23, 2019 Worcester Police Officers went to Shooters Bar and Billiards to investigate a report of disorderly persons called in by the management of Shooters Bar and Billiards. Management stated that they had an 18+ event with a DJ and there were underage patrons attempting to buy alcohol at the bar. They requested that the police assist with clearing the premises so there wouldn't be any trouble.

On February 23, 2019 Officer Glenn Stout went to Shooters Bar and Billiards and spoke with the manager, Tobias Bassett. Mr. Bassett stated that on February 22, 2019 he had a music event with a DJ promoted by T.U.G. Entertainment. When asked if familiar with the rules regarding promoted events Mr. Tobias stated that he was not.

Mr. Bassett stated that he does not do promoted events but they do rent space for small parties and when this event was booked he assumed that this was for a small party. He stated the event was booked to start at 10:00 p.m. and staff knew something was wrong when no one started arriving for the party until 11:30 p.m. As soon as staff saw the type of party that was going on they pulled the plug on the DJ brought for the event and called Worcester Police Department to request assistance removing the patrons from the premises.

Mr. Bassett stated that he also went to the Inspectional Services Department and spoke with staff there regarding the designation for his establishment as it is not a nightclub and he has no wish to be a nightclub.

Mr. Bassett stated that when anyone books a party now they make it clear what type of events are allowed.

Sergeant Needham stated that the owner was pro-active the night the incident happened.

The Commission stated that it looked like whoever booked the event lied about the type of event and were glad to see the owner is taking steps to ensure this does not happen again.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 that the violation had occurred.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to issue a warning.

Exhibit A: Police report dated March 2, 2019.

#### **IV-2: Rodi Corp. dba Gallagher's Pub, 97 West Boylston Street**

Paul Tsamis appeared to answer to the violation and waived his right to counsel.

Violation of Rule #1 – Hours, Rule #14 – manager responsible for premises

Sergeant Needham presented the following:

On February 2, 2019 at 2:46 a.m. Officer Nathan Lafleche of the Worcester Police Department observed that Gallagher's Pub had patrons inside well after closing time.

Officer Lefleche entered Gallagher's Pub and spoke with bartender Andrew Eglin; he observed three patrons still inside and the smell of burnt cigarettes.

On February 8, 2019 Officer Glenn Stout of the Alcohol Enforcement Unit met with Mr. Eglin and Paul Tsamis the owner of Gallagher's Pub. Mr. Eglin stated that on the evening in question it was a

larger crowd than usual so he asked a couple of patrons, one of which was an ex-employee to assist him in clearing the bar at closing hour. Mr. Eglin stated that he did allow the ex-employee to have a beer after closing and let him smoke in return for helping him clean up.

Video surveillance obtained from Gallagher's Pub showed that on February 2, 2019 between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 2:45 a.m. several patrons were in the Gallagher's consuming alcohol and one male was smoking what appeared to be a cigarette inside the premises.

Mr. Tsamis admitted that the violation had happened and stated the evening in question he was not present as he was not feeling well so didn't help close up. During that time a person came in who was intoxicated so the bartender let him stay on the premises until his wife came to pick him up.

The Commission reminded Mr. Tsamis that 2:00 a.m. closing means establishment is closed by 2:00 a.m. Mr. Tsamis stated that he understood that and this will not happen again.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 that the violation had occurred.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to issue a warning.

Exhibit A: Police report dated February 6, 2019.

### **Communications**

- Palladium event dates, July 6, 14, 2019, August 3,4,10, 11, 2019, September 7, 14, 2019-Filed

### **Adjournment**

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m.