

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

April 16, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 23, 2020 Order, as amended, imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting was conducted through remote participation. The meeting was livestreamed from the City of Worcester website and via the local cable access channel and is available for streaming online. Public participation was facilitated through a call-in number, 415-655-0001 (Access Code: 735751404#), which was publicized on the posted meeting agenda and during the video broadcast.

Commission Members Participating: Walter Shea, Chairman
Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner
Barbara Haller, Commissioner

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Participating: Stephen Rolle, Planning & Regulatory Services
Lt. James Johnson Worcester Police Department
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department
James Racicot, Inspectional Services
Kevin Fusaro, Worcester Fire Department
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services

Call to Order – 10:5 a.m.

Minutes

April 2, 2020

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of April 2, 2020.

Common Victualer Requests

None

Special One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

None

Alcohol & Entertainment Requests

None

III-2: C&N Vietnamese Cuisine, Inc. 10 Millbury Street

Request for restaurant all alcohol license

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the restaurant all alcohol license application to the April 30, 2020 License Commission meeting.

III-3: Thacura Inc. dba One Eyed Jack's Tiki Bar & Grill, 433 Park Avenue

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music, amplification system, moving picture show, light show, karaoke

David Thacker appeared on behalf of the item. He stated that he is looking to run something new in Worcester and that it would be a Tiki Bar with dining tables for food and an outdoor patio area. He stated that he would be using an ID scanner to check ID's of patrons and that the establishment would have live music.

Mr. Thacker stated that since he has taken over the premises he had fixed the plumbing leak and had the kitchen professionally cleaned.

Chair Shea stated that the Commission had view the photos provided.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve;

- Restaurant all alcohol license
- Common victualer license
- Entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music, amplification system, moving picture show, light show, karaoke

III-4: Taco Caliente dba Taco Caliente, 226 Chandler Street

- Request for restaurant malt & wine license

Patrick Heffernan appeared upon behalf of the application.

Mr. Heffernan stated that he had opened his restaurant on February 1, 2020 and now he is looking to add beer and wine to the establishment.

Chair Shea stated that the Commission had view the photos provided.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the

- Restaurant malt & wine license

III-6: Café Neo, Inc. dba One Way Bar & Grill, 202 Millbury Street

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, TV, karaoke

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone

- Restaurant all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, TV, karaoke

to the June 11, 2020 License Commission meeting.

III-6: Global Montello Group Corp dba Honey Farms, #3825, 101 Highland Street

- Request for package store malt & wine license

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone

- Request for package store & wine license

to the April 30, 2020 License Commission meeting.

Retail Marijuana License

IV-1: TDMA LLC dba Diem Cannabis, 74 Grafton Street 30 day opening plan-

Attorney Michael Brangywyne and John Divolla appeared upon behalf of the item.

Mr. Brangywyne stated that they are awaiting for final inspection from the Cannabis Commission and once that happens they will be set to open. He stated that they will be doing a grand opening but no soft opening. He stated that they will have 20-25 employees at first.

Commissioner Vigliotti asked where the parking would be located. Mr. Divolla stated that there are nine parking spots on site and that there is parking in the vicinity as well as the Union Station parking garage.

The Commission reviewed the conditions proposed by the Police and Law Department and the applicant stated that they were fine with the conditions as proposed.

Chair Shea stated that the Commission had reviewed the video the site sent in by the applicant.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the 30 day opening plan with the following conditions;

- The hours of operation shall be 9am to 10pm Monday through Saturday and 10 am to 9 pm on Sundays.
- The Licensee shall provide no less than five (5) business days advanced written notice to the Worcester Police Department and the Division of Planning and Regulatory Services of the scheduled opening date for adult use sales.
- The 30 Day Opening Plan submitted to the Commission is hereby incorporated and made a condition of the License during the first thirty (30) days of operation with the following amendments under the section entitled “Police Detail”:
 1. Delete paragraphs 1 and 2 and replace with the following: “Two police details shall be required for the opening date through the end of the weekend. This means if opening day is a Wednesday, 2 police details are required from Wednesday to Sunday.”
 2. Subsequent to the first weekend of Operations after opening day the establishment shall one paid police detail officer during the following hours:
 - Monday- Friday – 6pm-10pm
 - Saturday – 9am-10pm
 - Sunday – 10am-9pm
 3. The above detail requirement is subject to modification at any time during the first 30 days of operation by the Worcester Police Department as approved by the Commission.
 4. The Worcester Police Department shall work with Diem towards eliminating the above described police detail requirement as soon as it is reasonable and safe to do so, considering any parking, traffic or crowd concerns at the Premises

Must comply with all conditions of Special Permit issued by Planning Board

IV-2: Resinate, 1191 Millbury Street, 30 day opening plan-

Peter Decaro appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that they opened the medicinal marijuana on March 21, and now they are waiting for final approval from the Cannabis Commission for the retail portion of the site.

He stated that they will have 29 parking spots and that they will have an online ordering system as well as curbside pickup.

Chair Shea stated that the Commission had viewed the video of the premises sent in by the applicant.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the 30 day opening plan with the following conditions;

Hearings

None

Other Business

Communications

- ABCC communication: Jay Brahmani Mataji Corp dba Stafford Discount Liquors, 191 Stafford Street – Notice of Suspension, April 27, 2020 – ABCC follow up – Notice of Payment of Fine
- ABCC communication: Beer Garden MA, LLC, 64-66 Franklin Street – Issuance of Warning
- Email: April 7, 2020 – ACRI Corporation dba Fourth and One Club, 7 Muskeego Street – Relinquishing of liquor license
- Maywood Associates dba Blarney Stone, 75-77 Maywood Street – Notice of Appeal of revocation of liquor license

There were no comments on the communications.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m.