

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

March 25, 2021

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

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Participating: Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department
Jennifer Beaton, Law Department
Jim Racicot, Inspectional Services
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services
Michelle Johnstone, Planning & Regulatory Services

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: 1606609360) and link (<https://cow.webex.com/meet/licensecommissionwebex>) which were publicized on the posted meeting agenda and during the video broadcast.

Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.

Other Business

1. Outdoor Dining Regulations – Update on temporary program and potential longer term actions

Mr. Rolle reviewed the status of the program from last year and suggested that the permits be extending another year.

Commissioners Haller and Vigliotti expressed concern that since last year there are more people out and more traffic so not sure they would want to blanket approve all the licenses and suggested maybe reviewing all the applications again or in lieu of that reviewing establishments that lose significant parking by adding the temporary outdoor area and what effects the temporary dining may have on noise level in the neighborhoods.

Mr. Rolle suggested that the item be postponed and staff would look into those matters.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the April 1, 2021 License Commission meeting.

2. On-premises Liquor License Renewal Fees for Calendar Year 2021

Status of deferred payment program for establishments that are not open

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to allow establishments to continue to defer payment to May 1, 2021.