



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

Thursday – February 24, 2022

Commissioners Present:

Barbara Haller, Commissioner
Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

Walter Shea, Chair

Staff Present:

Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department
Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

The Worcester License Commission meeting was held in person on February 24, 2022.

Due to technical difficulties the meeting was moved at 10:15 a.m. to the Levi Lincoln Chambers.

Meeting attendees additionally had options to participate remotely by joining online or by phone using the following links;

- Use the following link to join the meeting via computer
<https://cow.webex.com/meet/licensecommissionwebex> or
- Call 415-655-0001 (Access Code: 160 660 9360) for the License Commission.

Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes – February 10, 2022

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the minutes of February 10, 2022.

Common Victualer Requests

None

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

1. Chartwells, 100 Institute Road

Request for one day liquor license

- Tuesday, March 16, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Khalid Karachi, participating remotely, stated that this is for a small event at WPI.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated February 7, 2022.

2. Kimberly Goliniski on behalf of Wormtown Brewery, LLC 318 Park Avenue

Request for one day liquor license

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons,
recorded music, live music, amplification system (outside)

- Sunday – March 13, 2022 – 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

Attorney Mark Bornstein was present for the meeting on behalf of Kimberly Goliniski. He stated that the event is for the St. Patrick's Day parade and reviewed the proposed layout.

Sgt. Needham asked whether porta potties would be located on site. Mr. Bornstein stated that could be arrange.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor and one day entertainment license.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor and one day entertainment license received and dated February 16, 2022.

3. Stacey Blanchette, 1051 Main Street

Request for one day liquor license

Request for one day entertainment license for live music (outside)

- Sunday – March 13, 2022 – 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Stacey Blanchette, participating remotely, stated that she would like to do this event for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and this would be her first year doing it.

The Commission members and Sergeant Needham reviewed the plan for the site and had concerns relative to the set up and the fact that there are apartments right across from the business.

The Commission stated that they would like Sgt. Needham to go visit the site and review it.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor and one day entertainment license upon site view from Sgt. Needham.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor and one day entertainment license received and dated February 7, 2022.

4. Webster Square Tire, 616 Park Avenue

Request for one day entertainment license for live music (outside)

- Sunday – March 13, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Jerry Matson, participating remotely, stated that this will be for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and it is more of a family event and customer relations for the customers of the business. He stated that there will be porta potties on site.

The Commission asked if there was any alcohol at event. Mr. Martson stated no.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day entertainment license.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated February 16, 2022.

5. X Golf Worcester, 287 Grove Street

Request for one day entertainment for live music (inside)

- Friday – March 11, 2022 – 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Marc Cantenese, participating remotely, stated that this will be for the grand opening of the business.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day entertainment license.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment received and dated February 16, 2022.

6. Dogfather Vending, LLC, 1 College Street

Request for one day liquor license

- March 5, 7, 10, 13 2022 – Time-TBD

Attorney Mark Bornstein attended the meeting on behalf of the applicant. He stated that the applicant had done in the past and it will be same security for event.

The Commission asked what time would the events end. Mr. Bornstein stated that no alcohol sales would be after 10:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license with end of time of 10:00 p.m.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated February 17, 2022.

Liquor & Entertainment Application Requests

7. GMRI, Inc., dba The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 7 Tobias Boland Way

- Request for change of officers/directors/llc managers

Staff stated that the ABCC had already approved this transaction and it just needed local vote.

Upon roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the change of officers/directors/llc managers.

List of Exhibits: Application for change of officers/directors/llc managers received and dated January 17, 2022.

8. Donana Food Services, Inc, 257 Park Avenue

- Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from Cotter Grille, LLC
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music – indoors
- Outdoors on patio – TV only

Paulo Monfo attend the meeting. He stated that he is looking to purchase the existing restaurant.

The Commission asked what would be the hours of operation.

Mr. Monfo stated Sunday through Thursday – 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to Midnight. He stated that there will be a private function room.

Upon a roll call voted the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the transfer of the restaurant all alcohol license, entertainment license and common victualer license.

List of Exhibits: Application for restaurant all alcohol license, common victualer license and entertainment license received and dated February 4, 2022.

9. CSC&R District, LLC dba the District Woodfired Kitchen, 90 Harding Street

- Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from 90 Harding Street LLC
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for tv, recorded music (inside only)

Dan Jordan appeared on behalf of the applications. He stated that they are looking to rebrand the restaurant and do a family restaurant. No late night dance events. Probably 11:00 p.m. closing.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the transfer of the restaurant all alcohol license, entertainment license and common victualer license.

List of Exhibits: Application for restaurant all alcohol license, common victualer license and entertainment license received and dated February 4, 2022.

10. Mirna's Foods, Inc., 1280 Grafton Street

- Request for package store malt & wine license

Attorney Gerald Shgrue and Ayman Youssef appeared on behalf of the application.

Mr. Shgrue stated that there had been in package store there previously and was not renewed and now a new owner is applying for his own license which would basically be same as before with package store malt & wine license with a deli and the closing time would be 10:00 p.m.

Commissioner Haller stated that this would be an off premises license only. Mr. Shgrue affirmed that.

Commissioner Haller and Commissioner Vigliotti stated that there had been a package store malt & wine license there until a few months ago that had no issues that they would approve this location.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the package store malt & wine license.

List of Exhibits: Application for package store malt & wine license received and dated January 19, 2022.

11. JPP Petroleum, Incorporated, 419 Grove Street

- Request for package store malt & wine license

Attorney Paul Mourad appeared on behalf of the application.

Commissioner Haller stated that this application had appeared before the License Commission in 2020 and was denied.

Attorney Mourad acknowledged that this location had been denied in the past but they are re-applying. He stated that the Commissioners had done a site view this morning and they will have a storage room in the back and they can have a cooler with a locked door and they can look into a ID scanner.

Commissioner Haller explained to Attorney Mourad that they only have a two member Board today and he can ask to continue item until there is full Board.

Commissioner Haller stated that she feel that the area is well served and that if this is granted that more traffic would be generated.

Attorney Mourad stated that they don't see there would be an increase in traffic if the license is granted.

Commissioner Haller stated that if he like to continue the item she would recommend a plan on how station would be staffed as when Commissioners viewed the premises this morning staff left the store to pump gas for customer which left the store unattended.

Public Comment

Mike Faucher, Wachusett Wine and Spirits, spoke in opposition to the application stating that the area is already adequately served.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to continue the application to the March 10, 2022 License Commission meeting.

Retail Marijuana

12. TDMA, LLC, 74 Grafton Street – Request to amend operating hours to;

- Monday-Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Attorney Michael Brangwyne and John Divillo participated remotely for the item.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the amended hours.

List of Exhibits: Letter requested change of hours received and dated

Communications

ABCC communication – Notice of Suspension – Shaani Corp dba Big Bob’s Wine & Spirits

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m.