



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

Thursday, January 26, 2023

Commissioners Present: Walter Shea, Chair
Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner
Charran Fisher, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department
Officer Patrick Harrington, Worcester Police Department
Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.

Minutes: January 12, 2023

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of January 12, 2023.

Requests for Continuances, Extensions, Postponements, & Withdrawals

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

1. Lupus Foundation of New England, Worcester Common

Petition Purpose: Request for one day liquor license
Request for one day entertainment license for radio. Live music (outside)

- Saturday, June 10, 2023-11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the applications to the March 9, 2023 License Commission meeting.

2. St. Mary's Albanian Orthodox Church, 535 Salisbury Street

Petition Purpose: Request for one day liquor license
Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system

- Friday – June 2, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – 11:15 p.m.
- Saturday – June 3, 2023-Noon-11:15 p.m.
- Sunday- June 4, 2023-Noon-7:00 p.m.

Mark Baker appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that this festival has been done in the past and will have similar set up as in past years and police details will be hired for the event.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one-day liquor and entertainment request.

List of Exhibits: Applications for one day liquor/entertainment requests received and dated January 6, 2023.

Common Victualer Requests

3. Domino's Pizza, 1413 Grafton Street

- Sunday-Saturday - 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.

A representative from Domino's Pizza appeared upon behalf of the application. This will be for a change of ownership.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated January 9, 2023.

4. Unique Café, 322 Cambridge Street

- Monday-Wednesday – 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.- Thursday-Friday-6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Saturday-6:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

No one appeared for item. Staff stated that Worcester Police had approved but the application needs final inspections with Health Department.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated January 9, 2023.

5. Infused, 112 Harding Street

- Sunday-Saturday-7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Mhaine Ribeiro, participating remotely, stated that this will be for coffee shop that will have coffee, tea, smoothies, salads and healthy food.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated January 20, 2023.

Liquor and Entertainment Application Requests

6. Aelux Lounge, LLC, dba Aelux Lounge, LLC, 316 Shrewsbury Street

Petition Purpose:

- Request for general on premises all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for tv, recorded music

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 continue the applications to the February 9, 2023 License Commission meeting.

7. Femme Enterprises, LLC, 62 Green Street

Petition Purposes

- Transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from Nap LLC dba Buck's
- Request for common victualer license

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the applications to the March 9, 2023 License Commission meeting.

8. NAP, LLC, 62 Green Street

Petition Purpose

- Request for change of dba to Femme

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the March 9, 2023 License Commission meeting.

9. Torito Worcester LLC, 525 Lincoln Street

Petition Purpose

- Request for change of manager
- Request for change of ownership interest

Attorney Jeffrey Oppenheim, participating remotely, stated that the license holder is doing a change of manager and changer of ownership interest and reviewed the changes.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of manager/change of ownership interest.

List of Exhibits: Application for change for change of manager/change of ownership interest received and dated January 9, 2023.

10. MDL Enterprises, Inc. dba Hotel Vernon, 16-18 Kelley Square

- Request for change of manager

Robert Largess appeared upon behalf of the application.

Officer Harrington asked Mr. Largess if he would be on the licensed premises for a minimum of 30 hours a week. Mr. Largess stated he would.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of manager

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager received and dated January 24, 2023.

11. My Liquors, Inc., 340 Shrewsbury Street-request for package store all alcohol license

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the February 9, 2023 License Commission meeting.

Status Hearings

12. KKAP LLC, 244 Main Street

No one appeared for item.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the March 9, 2023 License Commission meeting.

13. Dubai Restaurant & Lounge, 105 Water Street

Staff stated that Attorney Dan Cotton had contacted the office and stated that they are still behind in construction and asked to continue for at least 60 days.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the May 4, 2023 License Commission meeting.

14. Kraftea Kombucha Company, 3 Brussels Street –

Matt Glidden and Doug Vogel appeared upon behalf of the item. Mr. Glidden stated that they behind in construction and think another 30 days renovations will be completed.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the March 9, 2023 License Commission meeting.

15. Justin Kazmierczak, dba Stogotz Tapas Restaurant/Piano Lounge, 120 Stafford Street

Justin Kazmierczak, participated remotely. He was unable to obtain audio for meeting. Staff stated that they had spoken with the applicant, and he is behind in construction and requesting to continue 30-60 days.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the March 9, 2023 License Commission meeting.

16. SC Worcester LLC dba Shaking Crab, 554 Main Street

Attorney Hu, participating remotely, stated that they are behind in construction and asked to continue item.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the March 23, 2023 License Commission meeting.

17. JMAR LLC dba 107 Tap, 107 Water Street

A representative from 107 Tap, participated remotely but was unable to obtain audio. Staff stated applicant is looking for more time as behind in construction.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the March 23, 2023 License Commission meeting.

18. New Tradition, LLC, 7 Jackson Street

Joseph Weis, participating remotely, stated he was behind in construction and requested more time.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the March 23, 2023 License Commission meeting.

19. Nuve Lounge, 751 Main Street

No one appeared for item. Staff stated that the owner's son had contact her and owner is ill but would like to continue with the license but behind in construction.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the March 23, 2023 License Commission meeting.

Violation Hearing

20. MDL Enterprises Inc. dba Hotel Vernon 16-18 Kelley Square

- Violation of Rules #8, #14-manager violation
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Marlene and Robert Largess appeared to answer to the violation and waived their right to counsel.

Officer Harrington stated that The Alcohol Enforcement Team received complaint that Marlene Largess the listed manager of MDL Enterprises, Inc. dba The Hotel Vernon, has nothing to do with the day-to-day operations of the licensed premises and in discussion with police she stated that she just owns the business but has no knowledge of the licensed premises.

Mr. Largess stated that he thought had done everything right but when found out there was issue immediately corrected.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 that the violation did occur.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted to issue a two-day suspension. One day to be served and one to be suspended.

List of Exhibits: Police report dated January 18, 2023

Other Business

21. Café Neo, 97 Millbury Street

- Notice of non-renewal of lease

Attorney Robert White along with Peter Tsigas appeared upon behalf of the item. Mr. White stated that Café Neo has filed a preliminary injunction to allow it to remain at its current location and expects a hearing in the next two to three weeks and if injunction not granted Café Neo plans to exercise its right to remain at location for 30 days as a holdover tenant and requested item be continued to March.

Attorney Kalkounis stated that city policy was not to take any action during active litigation.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item to the March 9, 2023 License Commission meeting.

Communications

Communication from Christopher and Brigette Mahoney dated December 12, 2022 and received January 3, 2023 re: Hotel Vernon. No comment

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

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