



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

Thursday, June 29, 2023

Commissioners Present: Anthony Vigliotti, Chair
Charran Fisher, Commissioner
Maritza Cruz, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

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

Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.

Minutes: June 15, 2023

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of June 15, 2023.

Requests for Continuances, Extensions, Postponements, & Withdrawals

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

1. Worcester Center For Crafts, 25 Sagamore Road

Request for one day entertainment license for live music outside

- **Friday – July 21, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Candance Casey appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that this will be for their annual craft event.

Chair Vigliotti asked how many people are expected at the event. Ms. Casey stated 800-1000 and the event will consist of a gallery opening with outside vendors, food trucks and Redemption Rock will be present for alcohol service.

Sergeant Needham asked what would be time of event and Ms. Casey stated that she would like to amend time on your application to 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day entertainment license with the amended time.

List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated May 15, 2023.

2. H.2.0 Car & Bike Show, 3 Salem Square

Request for one day entertainment license for carshow, speaker, microphone

Miguel Pabon appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he would like to host a car/bike show such as he had done previously in the past. There will be no music at event. Just speakers and cars and police details have been hired for event.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated July 13, 2023.

3. SSJ Harpoon, LLC, Mercantile Plaza

Request for one day liquor license for

- **Saturday – July 8, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday – July 9, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday – July 13, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
- **Friday – July 14, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Saturday – July 15, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Sunday – July 16, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Thursday-July 20, 2023-Noon-Midnight**
 - **Friday – July 21, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Saturday – July 22, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Sunday – July 23, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Thursday – July 27, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Friday – July 28, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Saturday – July 29, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Sunday – July 30, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Thursday – August 3, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Friday – August 4, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Saturday – August 5, 2023-Noon-Midnight**
 - **Sunday-August 6, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Thursday – August 10, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Friday – August 11, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Saturday – August 12, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Sunday – August 13, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
 - **Thursday – August 17, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**

- **Friday – August 18, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
- **Saturday – August 19, 2023- Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday – August 20, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday – August 24, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
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3a. SSJ LLC, Mercantile Plaza- Request to amend dates due to weather.

*May 14, 2023, May 20, 2023, June 2, 2023, June 3, 2023, June 4, 2023, June 8, 2023 – License holder was unable to operate due to inclement weather and request proposed makeup days of June 29, 2023, June 30, 2023, July 1, 2023, July 2, 2023 and July 7, 2023.

3b. Harpoon Beer Garden, Mercantile Plaza

Request for one day entertainment license radio, recorded music, live music, amplification system (outside)

- **Saturday – July 8, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday – July 9, 2023 – Noon-Midnight**
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Items 3, 3a, 3b were taken contemporaneously.

Shawn Briggs, from SSJ Harpoon appeared upon behalf of the items. He stated that he is requesting to host an additional 30 day events at the Mercantile Plaza and to request that dates he was unable to use in May and June 2023 due to rain be proposed to be made up in July and July.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor, one day entertainment and amended rain date liquor licenses.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor and entertainment license received and dated June 16, 2023.

4. Pride Kickoff Party, 69 Green Street

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, amplification system

- **Saturday – September 2, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.-1:30 a.m.**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the July 13, 2023 License Commission meeting.

5. APW Summer Slam 2023, 165 Southbridge Street

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, amplification system

- **Friday - August 4, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the July 13, 2023 License Commission meeting.

6. African Festival, Franklin Street

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, live music

- **Saturday - August 5, 2023 - Noon-6:00 p.m. - Rain Date: Saturday - August 12, 2023.**

Jerome Kenana appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this will be for an African Festival, and they will have live music and expect about 500 to 2000 people and plan to hire one to two off duty police officers for the event.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated June 16, 2023.

Common Victualer Requests

7. Maker to Main, 162 Harding Street

- **Monday – Saturday - 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday - 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Lynn Cheney appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that she is looking to obtain a common victualer license for her new location at 162 Harding Street.

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 date June 21, 2023.

8. Jim’s Pizza and Sub, 98 Belmont Street

- **Sunday – Saturday - 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.**

Vijay Patel appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he will be taking over this location.

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 June 21, 2023.

Alcohol/Entertainment Requests

9. CM&Family dba Wicked Wings, 321 West Boylston Street

- **Request to amend entertainment license to add tv, radio, live music, amplification system, karaoke/outdoors**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the July 13, 2023 License Commission meeting.

10. Mayoush Enterprises, LLC (Meraki), 274 Shrewsbury Street

- **Request for jukebox, tv, radio, live music, karaoke**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the July 13, 2023 License Commission meeting.

11. Worcester Regional Food Hub, 446 Main Street

- **Request for outdoor dining for 16 seats on patio**

Rob Morris appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that they are looking for outdoor seating for the Food Hub and the hours they will utilize the area will be Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the outdoor area.

List of Exhibits: Application for outdoor area received and dated June 5, 2023.

12. Cool Licks I Cream & Frozen Yogurt, 325 Pleasant Street

- **Request for outdoor parklet for 2 tables with 10 seats**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the July 13, 2023 License Commission meeting.

13. Fat Chops, LLC, 225 Canterbury Street

- **Request for change of manager**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the August 10, 2023 License Commission meeting.

14. Alsomyalma Inc. LUNO Pizzeria, 90 Madison Street, Unit 7

- **Request for restaurant malt & wine license with outdoor area for 3 tables with 12 seats**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for radio, tv, background music**

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commission members had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Noel Nieves appeared upon behalf of the application and stated that this is for a pizzeria, and they would like to add beer and wine for people who may want something after the ballgames. He stated that they will be open 7 days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Staff asked what the ending time for the outdoor area would be. Mr. Nieves stated that the outdoor area would close by 8:00 p.m.

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

- **Restaurant malt & wine license with outdoor area for 3 tables with 12 seats**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for radio, tv, background music**

List of Exhibits: Application for restaurant malt & wine, common victualer and entertainment license received and dated June 12,2023.

15. Kazahiyah’s Hair Studio, 160 Green Street TG-3

- **Request for general on premises all alcohol license**
- **Request for common victualer license**

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commissioners had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Kaz Hardy appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he has a small storefront retail space that he like to create a function room to do events.

The Commissioners expressed concern that the space is small and there is no plan for where the alcohol would be stored or the occupancy that was going to be required for the space.

The Commission suggested Mr. Hardy work on developing a plan addressing the Commission concerns and go to speak with Inspectional Services relative to the use and occupancy of the premises.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the application to the July 13, 2023 License Commission meeting.

16. Femme Enterprises LLC, dba Femme 62 Green Street

- **Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from NAP, LLC**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for radio, tv, background music, acoustic music**

Julie Toupin appeared upon behalf of the applications. She stated that she is finalizing the transfer of the licensees to her corporation.

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

- **Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from NAP, LLC**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for radio, tv, background music, acoustic music**

List of Exhibits: Application for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license, common victualer license and entertainment license received and dated June 8, 2023.

Status Hearing

17. SC Worcester LLC dba Shaking Carb, 554 Main Street

Staff stated that they had received an email this morning that the landlord and tenant issues have been resolved and this item can be filed.

Hearings

18. Nuve Lounge, 755 Main Street Restaurant & Lounge - Cessation of business

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to revoke the restaurant all alcohol license due to cessation of business.

Other Business - Update to License Commission Rules

Discussion on proposed changes to

Rule #28 Server Training Requirements

Rule #36 notification of events

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to advertise and schedule these amendments for the July 13, 2023 License Commission meeting.

Communications

ABCC Communications - FatChops LLC - Violation decision-filed

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m.