



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

Thursday, February 1, 2024

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

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present:
Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department
Officer Patrick Harrington, Worcester Police Department
Alexandra Kalkounis, Worcester Law Department
Paul Payer, Worcester Law Department
Deborah Steele, Licensing

Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.

Minutes: January 18, 2024

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of January 18, 2024.

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

1. Salgabom Snacks, 257 Park Avenue - outside.

Request for one day liquor license

- **Sunday, March 10, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Request for one day entertainment license for live music, amplification system, band

- **Sunday, March 10, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Tito Daniels along with Marcelo and Ana Monfa appeared upon behalf of the applications. Mr. Daniels stated that they are looking to have one day liquor/entertainment outside for the St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Sergeant Needham stated that the past practices of the License Commission is to limit the outside entertainment to 6:00 p.m. Sergeant Needham reminded the applicant to be sure that alcohol does not leave the approved liquor area.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one-day liquor and one day entertainment licenses with condition that entertainment outside would end by 6:00 p.m.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received and dated January 22, 2024

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment application received and dated January 22, 2024.

Common Victualer Requests

2. Cordella's Kava, LLC, 116 June Street

- **Sunday-8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Mondy-closed.**
- **Tuesday-Saturday-7:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.**

Philip Jimison, participating remotely, stated that he is looking to open a coffee shop.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer received and dated January 19, 2024.

Alcohol/Entertainment Requests

3. 638D Chandler Street LLC dba Scruffy Murphy's, 638D Chandler Street

- **Request for change of manager**

Cal Dolan and Alanna Dolan appeared upon behalf of the application. Ms. Dolan stated that she is taking over as manager of the premises.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager dated and received November 30, 2023.

Other Business

4. Paku Corporation, 215 Chandler Street

- **Request to credit 2023 liquor license to year 2024 liquor license**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the February 15, 2024, License Commission meeting.

5. New Worcester Yellow Cab

Proposal for taxi fare increase

Current Fare: \$3.00
Mileage rate: \$2.50 per mile at interval of \$0.25 per 1/10 of a mile
Waiting time: \$23.00 per hour

Proposed increase in fare:

Starting Fare: Would remain at \$3.00.
Mileage rate would increase to \$3.00 per mile at interval of \$0.25 per 1/12 of a mile.
Waiting time would increase to \$28.00 per hour.

William Clark appeared upon behalf of the item.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the last time the taxi fare was increased was ten years ago.

No one spoke on item.

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

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Letter from William Clark dated January 24, 2024

Exhibit B: Law Department memo dated January 30, 2024

Violation Hearings

6. Blake Enterprises LTD dba Bennie's Café, 13 East Mountain Street

Violation of Rule #14 and Rule #28-manager responsible for premises/server training violation

Jay Melick appeared to answer to the violation and waived his right to counsel.

Sergeant Needham presented the following.

On October 30, 2023, Officer Patrick Harrington was assigned to the Alcohol Enforcement Unit and was conducting a follow-up investigation from a violation that occurred at Bennie's Café. On October 28, 2023, the bartenders serving the public did not have server training certificates and could not produce any documentation that any people on premises had certification.

Jay Melick was contacted via cell phone and was advised of the situation. The owner was able to contact a bartender to cover for the remaining of the night.

Mr. Melick was advised and acknowledged that all employees in the service of liquor cannot serve alcohol until the server training certificates had been completed and have on file and Mr. Melick as given a verbal warning.

On October 30, 2023, at 7:15 p.m. Officer Harrington went to Bennie's Cafe and explained his reason for being there and asked the bartender if he was aware of the previous incident. The bartender stated that he was and was asked to produce a server training certificate and he stated he did not have one. Officer Harrington asked the other bartender on duty had a server training certificate and she told Officer Harrington she did not.

Mr. Melick stated that he did not dispute was presented and since that time they have had a class, and every person at Bennie's Café has the certificate.

Mr. Melick stated that the employees took the class immediately after incident, but it took three months for the certificates to arrive from the company.

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

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to issue a Warning.

List of Exhibits: Police report dated November 20, 2023.

Other Business

7. Vote to advertise amendment to Rule #37 – Bottle Service

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to advertise the amendment for the February 29, 2024, License Commission meeting.

Communications

ABCC Notice of Violation hearing-Creed Lounge, 41 Pleasant Street – filed.

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m.