

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER  
JULY 19, 2012**

**ESTHER HOWLAND, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 455 MAIN STREET**

**Commission Members Present:** Paul Mullan, Commissioner  
Anthony Salvidio, Commissioner

**Staff Present:**  
Joel Fontane, Planning & Regulatory Services  
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services  
Attorney Alexandra Haralambous, Law Department  
Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department  
James Foley, Inspectional Services

**COMMISSION SITE VIEWS:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Mullan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes were held.

**Old Business**

1. 55 Salisbury Street – Worcester Art Museum  
Petition: Request for change of manager  
Ms. Steele informed the Commission that applicant had requested item be postponed.  
Exhibit A: Application for change of manager dated March 8, 2012 and received on June 15, 2012.  
Item was postponed until August 16, 2012 License Commission meeting.
  2. 41 Pleasant Street – Club Instyle  
Petition: Request for under 21 nights on Wednesday & Sunday nights  
Hitesh Harjani appeared on behalf of petition.  
Mr. Harjani stated he would like to reduce the amount of details at location and have no alcohol on Wednesday and Sunday and allow 21 and younger in establishment. Mr. Harjani stated that business has been slow and this would help with paying bills.  
Lt. Johnson stated that he had recently been in the area of Club Instyle and found establishment to be very busy.  
Commissioner Salvidio reviewed the police logs provided for location and stated that this is difficult area and did not feel it would be wise to approve any changes.  
Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvdio the Commission voted 2-0 to deny the request.
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## **New Business**

### **One Day Liquor Permits:**

3. 91 Stafford Street – John Ly  
Petition: Request for one day liquor permit for July 20, 2012  
Attorney Glen Mattheson appeared on behalf of the applicant, John Ly. He stated this will be a community celebration which will be family oriented.  
Attorney Mattheson stated he has spoken with his client about problems in the past at location under previous ownership and they have spoken with Worcester Police Department to hire an off-duty police officer to ensure that no problems occur at the event.  
Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit dated June 26, 2012 and received on June 26, 2012.  
Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor permit for July 20, 2012.

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4. 102 Russell Street – St. Spyridon Cathedral  
Petition: Request for one day liquor permit for August 4, 2012 & August 18, 2012  
Tony Economou appeared on behalf of the applications. He stated they have done events like this in the past and will hire off-duty police.  
Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the two one day liquor permits on August 4, 2012 and August 18, 2012.  
Exhibit A: Applications for one day liquor permits dated June 28, 2012 and received on July 11, 2012.

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5. 100 Barber Avenue – The Bartending Service of New England LLC  
Petition: Request for one day liquor permit for August 25, 2012 & September 29, 2012  
Bill Fuller from The Bartending Service of New England LLC appeared on behalf of the applications.  
Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvdio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the two one day liquor permits for August 25, 2012 and September 29, 2012.  
Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permits dated July 13, 2012 and received on July 13, 2012.

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6. 300 Barber Avenue – Holy Trinity Nursing & Rehabilitation Center  
Petition: Request for one day liquor permit for October 4, 2012  
Chris Liazos appeared on behalf of the application. He stated this is for a food and wine festival and 300 to 400 people are expected.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor permit for October 4, 2012.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit dated July 3, 2012 and received on July 5, 2012.

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**Common Victualer – Food Only:**

7. 47 Blackstone River Road – Jeffrey Gouveia  
Petition: Request for common victualer license  
No one appeared for meeting. Ms. Steele stated Mr. Gouveia had passed the police background check.  
Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license for 47 Blackstone River Road.  
Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license dated July 9, 2012 and received on July 9, 2012.

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8. 316 Main Street – Blush Yogurt  
Petition: Request for sidewalk café – Food only  
Thien Nguyen appeared on behalf of application.  
Commissioner Mullan stated the Commission along with Lt. Johnson had viewed the site prior to the meeting and recommend that applicant keep the tables and chairs cordoned off.  
Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the sidewalk café of 316 Main Street.

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9. 538 Pleasant Street – Sol of Mexico  
Petition: Request for sidewalk café – Food only  
Brendan Schage appeared on behalf of application. Commissioner Mullan stated the Commissioners and Lt. Johnson had viewed the site prior to the meeting.  
Commissioner Mullan asked about many tables would be outside.  
Mr. Schage stated only two tables and location only sells food.  
The Commissioners reminded applicant that when business is closed that all tables and chairs must be removed from sidewalk.  
Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the sidewalk café of 538 Pleasant Street.  
Exhibit A: Application for sidewalk café dated June 25, 2012 and received on June 25, 2012.

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10. 261 Millbury Street – Soul Sisters  
Petition: Request for common victualer license  
The applicant did not appear for meeting.  
Ms. Steele informed the Commission that applicant had passed police background check.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license for 261 Millbury Street.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license dated June 28, 2012 and received on June 28, 2012.

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**Alcohol Permit Applications –**

11. 935 Grafton Street – Ervin Kasmi – Plaza Liquors  
Petition: Request for change of manager  
Ms. Steele informed the Commission that Worcester Police were awaiting for a copy of applicant's naturalization papers in order to complete the background check.  
Exhibit A: Application for change of manager dated June 18, 2012 and received on June 26, 2012.  
Item was postponed until August 16, 2012 License Commission meeting.
12. 537 Lincoln Street – William Gillespie – Ruby Tuesday  
Petition: Request for change of manager  
William Gillespie appeared on behalf of the application.  
Lt. Johnson stated Mr. Gillespie has passed the background check.  
Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the change of manager for Ruby Tuesday.  
Exhibit A: Application for change of manager dated June 27, 2012 and received on July 3, 2012.
13. 358 Shrewsbury Street – Corapi, Inc.  
Petition: Request for alteration of premises for outdoor patio  
Attorney Robert Hennigan and Antonio Corapi appeared on behalf of the application.  
Commissioner Mullan stated that the Commissioners along with Lt. Johnson had viewed the site prior to the meeting.  
Attorney Hennigan stated this application is for an outdoor patio area for five tables with 25-30 people.  
Commissioner Mullan stated that they had received an email from an abutter to the property in opposition to the application.  
Ms. Steele asked for clarification on outside area as application stated outside area would be for 20 people.  
Attorney Hennigan stated that it would be 25-30 people.  
Joel Fontane stated under the City of Worcester zoning ordinance the outside area has to be limited to 20.  
Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the alteration for outside area with condition it be limited to 20.

Exhibit A: Application for alteration of premises dated July 2, 2012 and received on July 19, 2012.

Exhibit B: email from Nikki Clemente dated July 13, 2012 and received July 13, 2012 in opposition to application.

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14. 317 West Boylston Street – Norton Restaurant Group dba Wild Willy's  
Petition: Request for transfer of common victualer all alcohol license from J&B Burgers Inc.  
Andrew Norton, Nicholas Norton and Bob Stein appeared on behalf of application. Andrew Norton stated they are taking over the restaurant and it will be run the same way.  
Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the transfer of the common victualer all alcohol license.  
Exhibit A: Application for transfer of liquor license dated June 28, 2012 and received on July 3, 2012.
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15. 265 Park Avenue – Leitrim's Inc. dba Leitrim's Pub  
Petition: Request for transfer of common victualer all alcohol license from Coonan Café Inc.  
Rebecca Laramée appeared on behalf of application.  
Ms. Laramée stated that she is taking over Leitrim's Pub and plans to run the business.  
Commissioner Mullan stated that according to the business plan provided that business will cater to a college crowd and warned Ms. Laramée that she will need to be vigilant to prevent problems occurring at the business.  
Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the transfer of the common victualer all alcohol license.  
Exhibit A: Application for transfer of liquor license dated July 3, 2012 and received on July 3, 2012.
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16. 2 Rice Street – Worcester Country Club  
Petition: Request for alteration of premises and change of manager- Jeff Glessman  
Exhibit A: Application for alteration of premises and change of manager dated July 2, 2012 and received on July 2, 2012.  
Item was postponed to August 16, 2012 License Commission meeting.
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17. 82 Millbury Street – Savlana, Inc.  
Petition: Request for transfer of package store all alcohol license from McGovern's Package Store of Worcester, Inc.  
Item was postponed to August 16, 2012 License Commission meeting.  
Exhibit A: Application for transfer of package store all alcohol license dated July 2, 2012 and received on July 2, 2012.
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## **Hearings**

18. 187 Washington Street – S&D Entertainment  
Cessation of Business hearing  
Attorney Al Esposito, Sid Prashad and Representative John Fresolo were present for this hearing.  
Attorney Esposito stated that Mr. Prashad has found a buyer for the business and he will be filing an application for transfer immediately.  
Representative Fresolo stated he would hope the Commission would grant extension in order that the transfer application could be applied for.  
The Commission stated they would continue the item until September.
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19. 244 Main Street – Main Street Brewing  
Cessation of Business hearing  
Attorney Sean Murray and Steve Marshall appeared at this hearing.  
Attorney Murray stated that the business has been closed since June 2011 because of problem with roof and taxes but repairs are on-going at the property and that Mr. Marshall has paid \$135,000 in back taxes and will be meeting with City Treasurer to work out arrangement to pay rest of what is owed.  
Commissioner Mullan asked whether the facade of the building will be worked on as he has concerns about storefront as starting to look run down.  
Mr. Marshall stated the exterior is complete but sitting in a cabinet shop waiting for installation at the property.  
Commissioner Salvidio stated he hoped they will try to keep the property up as having a dilapidated building at that end of Main Street is not good for the business or the City of Worcester.  
Commissioner Mullan asked how long before they thought they would open.  
Attorney Murray stated they up to be open by first week of December.  
The Commission agreed to continue the item until the first meeting in December.
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## **Other Business**

20. Amendment to Rules to include Special One Day Multiple Event Application  
Mr. Fontane stated The Division of Planning & Regulatory Services has worked with the Worcester Law Department and the Worcester Police Department on a proposal to streamline the process for our customers with multiple, one-day liquor needs.  
In addition to the current special one-day, single event, liquor license application, the License Commission will also accept special applications for up to a maximum of 30 one-day events per calendar year, per license holder, provided that at the time of application:

A schedule of all events is submitted as part of the initial application each year or through an amendment.

The management and security for each event is specified.

All other aspects of the application are complete.

Any changes to the proposed schedule of events requires an amendment to the special license.

The cost of these licenses is based on the current fee for special, one-day licenses and will therefore vary by the number of events - \$100 per event up to a maximum of 30 events per applicant. Amendments that reduce the number of events, or change an event date, are free of charge. Amendments that include additional events are required to pay the fee for each additional event up to the maximum per applicant – 30 events.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the amendment to the rules.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned the meeting at **10:35 a.m.**