

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

SEPTEMBER 4, 2014

LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBERS

Commission Members Present: Karon Shea, Chairperson
Anthony Salvidio, Commissioner

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Stephen Rolle, Planning & Regulatory Services
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services
Alexandra Haralambous, Law Department
Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department
Jim Foley, Inspectional Services

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the minutes of August 14, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Petition: Request to transfer package store all alcohol license & pledge of license from Deptula's, Inc., 191 Stafford Street

Petitioner: Jay Brahmani Mataji Corporation dba Stafford Discount Liquor

Attorney Joe Devlin along with the applicant appeared on behalf of the item. He stated that the current owners of the store are planning to retire and the new owners, who have experience running package stores, will be taking over the establishment.

Lt. Johnson stated that a review of the background check revealed that about 10 years ago one of the establishments owned by the applicant did serve a minor and the applicant needs to be careful to make sure that doesn't happen again.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the transfer of the package store all alcohol license and pledge of license.

Exhibit A: Application for transfer of package store all alcohol license received on July 28, 2014 and dated July 18, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests:

2. Petition: Request for one day liquor license –
- September 6, 2014 – 9:00 a.m. – Midnight

Petitioner: Paul Hanlon, 16 Cambridge Street

Paul Hanlon appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this is for an annual outdoor event and police officer detail has been hired for the event.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor request.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received on August 18, 2014 and dated August 18, 2014.

3. Petition: Request for one day liquor license –
- September 21, 2014 – 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Dino Singas, 257 Park Avenue

Dino Singas appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this is an outdoor event for StArt on the Street.

Commissioner Salvidio asked if the liquor area would be roped off. Mr. Singas stated that it would be.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor request.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received on August 5, 2014 and dated July 23, 2014.

4. Petition: Request for one day liquor license –
- October 18, 2014 – 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Petitioner: The Boys & Girls Club of Worcester, 65 Tainter Street

Ellin Tirrell appeared on behalf of the application. She stated that this is for an auction fundraiser that will raise money for the art program at The Boys & Girls Club.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received on August 13, 2014 and dated August 13, 2014.

5. Petition: Request for one day liquor license –
- September 5, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Petitioner: MCPHS, 10 Lincoln Square

Kristi DeCicero appeared on behalf of the application. She stated that this will be for a casino night.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received on August 13, 2014 and dated August 13, 2014.

6. Petition: Request for one day liquor license –
- December 6, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.- 1:00 a.m.

Petitioner: Our Lady of Vilna, 151 Sterling Street

Tim Phan appeared on behalf of the application. Mr. Phan stated that this will be for a fundraiser for 100-150 people.

Commissioner Salvidio asked if police had been hired for event. Mr. Phan stated that they had.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received on August 12, 2014 and dated August 12, 2014.

Common Victualer – Food Only:

7. Petition: Request for Common Victualer License.

Petitioner: Tayta's Café, 20 Front Street

Robenan Silveria Santos appeared on behalf of the item. She stated that this will be for a new Mexican restaurant across from City Hall that will be open for breakfast and lunch.

Chair Shea asked what the hours would be. Ms. Santos stated 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received on August 15, 2014 and dated August 15, 2014.

8. Petition: Request for Common Victualer License.

Petitioner: Crown Fried Chicken, 344 Grafton Street

No one appeared for the item. Ms. Steele stated that applicant had passed the background check but needed to amend the lease and get final inspections.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license with the condition that final lease be provided to staff.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received on August 19, 2014 and dated August 19, 2014.

Alcohol & Entertainment Permit Applications:

9. Petition: Request for Entertainment License for 9/25/2014 for singer/DJ

Petitioner: 99 Restaurant, 900 West Boylston Street

A representative from 99 appeared on behalf of the application and stated that they are looking to do entertainment on one evening, 9/25/2014.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received on August 11, 2014 and dated August 11, 2014.

10. Petition: Request for Entertainment License for tv, radio, live music, amplification system, karaoke

Petitioner: Padavano's Place, Inc., 358 Shrewsbury Street

Angela Padavano appeared on behalf of the item. Ms. Padavano stated that she was looking to add entertainment inside and outside on the deck.

Commissioner Salvidio asked what the hours would be for the outside area as the Commission has been having problems with noise in area. Ms. Padavano stated that the hours outdoors would be 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the entertainment license with a condition that entertainment outside be from 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received on August 11, 2014 and dated August 11, 2014.

11. Petition: Request for Entertainment License for tv, radio, recorded music, live music, amplification system, karaoke

Petitioner: 90 Harding Street, LLC

David Domenick appeared on behalf of the item. He stated that he is looking to add entertainment once the establishment opens.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received on August 21, 2014 and dated August 21, 2014.

12. Petition: Request to open at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays

Petitioner: Via Italian Table, 89 Shrewsbury Street

Kate Eanlon appeared on behalf of the application. She stated that Via would like to start having brunch on Sundays and needs permission to open at 10:00 a.m.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the request to open at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Exhibit A: Application to open on Sunday am received on August 5, 2014 and dated August 5, 2014.

13. Petition: Request for new officer/director, new stockholder, transfer of stock

Petitioner: Hopduvel Enterprises, Inc., 144 Main Street

Attorney James Maloney, along with the applicant, appeared on behalf of the application and stated that this is a transfer between husband and wife.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the new officer/director, new stockholder and transfer of stock.

Exhibit A: Application for transfer of stock received on August 9, 2014 and dated August 9, 2014.

14. Petition: Request for alteration of premises

Petitioner: Hademo Inc dba Mass Liquors, 392 Chandler Street

Todd Greamo appeared on behalf of the application. The Commission stated that they had viewed the premises prior to the meeting and were very impressed with proposed changes.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the alteration of premises.

Exhibit A: Application for alteration of premises received on August 18, 2014 and dated August 18, 2014.

15. Petition: Request for package store malt & wine license

Petitioner: Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc., 14 West Boylston Street

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to postpone the item until the September 25, 2014 License Commission meeting.

List of Exhibits.

- Exhibit A: Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc., application; dated August 4, 2014 prepared by Attorney Nicholas J. Zozula, Esq.
- Exhibit B: Map entitled "City of Worcester, MA - Off Premise Liquor Licenses (Package Stores) within 0.5 mile buffer radiuses from 14 West Boylston Street parcel"; prepared by City staff; August 20, 2014.
- Exhibit C: Memorandum from the City of Worcester Division of Planning & Regulatory Services to the License Commission; re: Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc.; September 3, 2014
- Exhibit D: Security Plan.

Hearings

16. Blackstone Pizza & Grill, 102 Green Street – Request to lift off-duty police detail condition

Lisa Tiscione Rodriguez appeared on behalf of the item. She stated that she would like to have the condition removed as they have done things to improve security at the establishment.

Lt. Johnson stated that he was okay with the condition being lifted.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to lift the off-duty police detail condition.

17. International Lounge, 27 Pleasant Street- Cessation of Business hearing

Ms. Steele stated that the establishment had ceased doing business.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to revoke the license for cessation of business.

Communications

Executive Session – To discuss ABCC hearing-Upon a motion the Commission voted at 10:25 a.m. to go into executive session and to adjourn at the conclusion of the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.