

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

APRIL 23, 2015

LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBERS

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

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services
Alexandra Haralambous, Law Department
James Foley, Inspectional Services

Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes – April 9, 2015 – Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of April 9, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests:

1. Petition: Request for one day liquor license
 - May 6, 2015 – 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - May 15, 2015 – 9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
 - May 16, 2015 – 8:00 p.m. – Midnight

Petitioner: Kim McElroy, 950 Main Street

Kim McElroy appeared on behalf of the petition. She stated that these were for several events including one for the Webster Square Business Association.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the three one day licenses.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor licenses received April 10, 2015 and dated April 10, 2015.

2. Petition: Request for one day liquor license
- May 1, 2015 – 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Petitioner: William Fuller, 1 College Street

William Fuller, from Professional Bartending Service, appeared on behalf of the item. Mr. Fuller stated that this is for the annual pig roast at Holy Cross and will be in an enclosed area with security.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor licenses received April 9, 2015 and dated April 9 2015.

3. Petition: Request for one day liquor license
- May 21, 2015 – 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

Petitioner: Paul Irish, 1 College Street

Paul Irish appeared on behalf of the petition. He stated that this is for annual event which is held in Kimball Dining Hall and campus police will be present.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the three one day licenses.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor licenses received March 19, 2015 and dated March 19, 2015.

4. Petition: Request for one day liquor license
- June 20, 2015 – 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Food Truck Festivals of America-Elm Street & Park Avenue

Item is postponed to next meeting

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor licenses received April 8, 2015 and dated April 8, 2015.

5. Petition: Request for one day liquor license
- May 13, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
 - May 14, 2015 – 9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
 - June 12, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
 - June 13, 2015 – Noon-5:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Michael Rubino, 500 Salisbury Street

Representatives from Assumption College appeared on behalf of the applications. May 13, 2015 is an event for senior week. May 14, 2015 is small food truck festival.

June 12 & 13, 2015 are alumni receptions. Campus police will be present at all events.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the four one day licenses.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor licenses received April 10, 2015 and dated April 10, 2015.

6. Petition: Request for beer tastings
- May 8, 15, 24, 2015 – June 11, 2015

Petitioner: Down the Road Beer Company, 138 Green Street

Item was postponed to next meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for beer tastings April 18, 2015 and dated April 18, 2015.

Common Victualer License Requests:

7. Petition: Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: Virtual Enterprises, Inc. dba Lazerzone, 705 Plantation Street

8. Petition: Request for entertainment license for laser tag & automatic amusement license

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Items #7, #8 were taken contemporaneously.

Steven Taylor and Jenny Eckbold appeared on behalf of the petitions.

Mr. Taylor stated this will be a family entertainment center that will have food, laser tag and video games.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license & entertainment license received April 1, 2015 and dated April 1, 2015.

9. Petition: Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: Pure Juz, 123 A Highland Street

Dante Comparetto appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this will be a socially responsible business using local produce.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received April 15, 2015 and dated April 14, 2015.

Alcohol & Entertainment Permit Applications:

10. Petition: Request for entertainment license for tv, radio,dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system, play, floor show, light show, karaoke

Petitioner: Safari, 215 Chandler Street

Jane Ngweda appeared on behalf of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received April 15, 2015 and dated April 14, 2015.

11. Petition: Request for Restaurant Malt & Wine License

Petitioner: Magalys Rodriguez, 27 Pleasant Street

A representative for Magalys Rodriguez appeared on behalf of the application.

Chair Shea stated that she was unable to make the view but Commissioner Salvidio & Commissioner Shea had viewed the premises.

Commissioner Shea stated that they had viewed the premises and it will be a small restaurant with a little light music.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that the applicant needs to apply for entertainment license and also there have been problems at this location so the applicant needs to be make sure those problems don't reoccur.

The applicant had requested closing hour of 10:00 p.m. but Commission stated that they would allow to Midnight.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the restaurant malt & wine license with closing hour of Midnight.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received March 31, 2015 and dated March 31, 2015.

- 11.** Diamond Inn the Rough, Inc. – Request to amend hour to allow closing at 1:00 a.m.

Mark Webber appeared on behalf of the item. He stated that a few months back when problems were occurring at the premises he volunteered to close at Midnight but the crowd that was causing the problems is no longer around and he has installed twelve new cameras and has fired staff who were there when problems were occurring.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that if any problems occur once the establishment goes back to 1:00 a.m. then Mr. Webber as the license holder is responsible. Mr. Webber stated that he understood that and he is only asking for this to accommodate the neighborhood people who come to the establishment and don't cause any problems.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to allow establishment to stay open to 1:00 a.m.

Exhibit A: Request to amend hours dated April 8, 2015 and received April 8, 2015.

Status Hearing

- 12.** Takara, 10-14 Millbury Street- Status of license

Item postponed until May 7, 2015

- 13.** Danana, 387 Cambridge Street – Status of license

Item postponed until May 7, 2015

- 14.** Antonio's Pizzeria, 266 Chandler Street – Status of license

William Kitsillis appeared on behalf of the item. He stated that he intends to move forward with project but there were delays to new Worcester overlay district, the financing had expired and he needed to reapply and the bad winter but now he is hoping to have everything in place by May and open in October.

The Commission stated that they will hold the item until liquor renewal period.

- 15.** San Ventures, dba Café Dolce, 154 Shrewsbury Street – Status of license

Item postponed until May 7, 2015

- 16.** 97-103 Water Street LLC dba Jose Murphy's, 97-103 Water Street- Cessation of Business hearing

Ms. Steele stated that premises is no longer used and LLC no longer has lease for premises.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to rescind the license due to cessation of business.

Violation Hearings

Communications

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.