



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

Thursday – May 19, 2022

Commissioners Present: Walter Shea, Chair
Barbara Haller, Commissioner (participated remotely)
Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present:
Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department
Amanda Cornwell, Law Department (remote)
Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services
Kevin Vescera, Worcester Fire Department

Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes – May 5, 2022

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of May 5, 2022.

1. Sanchez & Sons, 387 Cambridge Street

Request for one day entertainment license for car show

- **Sunday – May 22, 2022 – rain date – May 29, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday – June 26, 2022 – rain date – July 3, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday – July 18, 2022 – rain date – July 24, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday – August 7, 2022 – rain date – August 14, 2022 -10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Javier Sanchez appeared upon behalf of the application. Eric Flint help with translation services.

The Commission members and Mr. Sanchez reviewed the proposal and the License Commission members expressed concern about 75 cars being on site as they don't see how the lot could accommodate that many cars as well as patrons coming to event.

Mr. Vescera expressed concern about how emergency vehicles would access/exit the event.

Mr. Sanchez stated that he would hire two police details and have his own security present for event.

Mr. Sanchez stated that he would withdraw the May 29, 2022 event.

The Commission members stated that the Commission will approval for June 26 event, WPD, and Fire will be present and police and fire will update the Commission on how the event went and if there are no problems the Commission will move forward with the other two dates.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license for June 26, 2022. The other two dates will be continued to the July 14, 2022 License Commission meeting.

Common Victualer Requests

2. Burritos Tossaint, 377 Park Avenue

- **Sunday – Saturday – 8:00 a.m. –Midnight-approved**

No one appeared for the item. Staff provided update and stated application would need final inspections from Health Department.

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 May 6, 2022.

3. New Golden Dragon Island, Inc., 1328 Main Street

- **Monday-Closed, Tuesday-Thursday-11:00 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday-11:00 a.m.-10:30 p.m., Sunday – Noon-9:30 p.m.**

Tianxing Jiang appeared on behalf of the application.

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 May 10, 2022.

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

4. Latitude Beverage, 138 Green Street

Request for one day liquor license

- **Friday – June 10, 2022- 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Christina Solazzo appeared on behalf of the application. This event will be for Worcester's 300 celebration. Police details will be at event.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated April 11, 2022.

5. Summit Agency, 59 William Street

Request for one day liquor license

- **Wednesday – June 15, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.**

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the June 2, 2022 License Commission meeting.

6. Michael Rubino, 500 Salisbury Street

Request for one day liquor license

- **Saturday June 11, 2022 – Noon -11:00 p.m. – Chapel Lawn**
- **Saturday June 11, 2022 – Noon – 11:00 p.m. – Hagan Center**
- **Saturday June 11, 2022 – Noon -11:00 p.m. –Testa Science Center**

A representative from Assumption College appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that this will be for a reunion weekend and campus security will be present.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor licenses received and dated April 30, 2022.

7. SSJ Management, LLC, Mercantile Plaza, 100 Front Street

Request for one day liquor license

- **Thursday May 26, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Friday May 27, 2022- 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday May 28, 2022 – Noon – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday May 29, 2022-Noon – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday June 2, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Friday June 3, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday June 4, 2022 – Noon – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday June 5, 2022-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday June 9, 2022-4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Friday June 10, 2022- 4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday June 11, 2022-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday June 12, 2022 – Noon -11:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday June 16, 2022-4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

- **Friday June 17, 2022 -4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday June 18, 2022-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday June 19, 2022-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday June 23, 2022-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
- **Friday June 24, 2022-4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday June 24, 2022-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday June 26, 2022-Noon – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday June 30, 2022-Noon -11:00 p.m.**
- **Friday July 1, 2022-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday July 2, 2022-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday July 3, 2022-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday July 7, 2022-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
- **Friday July 8, 2022-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday July 9, 2022-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday July 10, 2022-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday July 14, 2022-4:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m.**
- **Friday July 14, 2022-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**

Attorney Mark Donahue appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that he would like to amend the name on the license to Shawn E. Briggs. He stated that this will be for a seasonal beer garden. That will have seating for 250 people and security will be present.

Mr. Donahue stated that he had viewed the site with Sgt. Needham and the area is fully enclosed with one primary entrance with separate emergency exit. The seating will be for 250 people. Security will be provided by SSJ management.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor licenses received and dated May 3, 2022.

7a. Harpoon Worcester Beer Garden, Mercantile Plaza, 100 Front Street

Request for one day entertainment license for radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system

- **Thursday May 26, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Friday May 27, 2022- 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday May 28, 2022 – Noon – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday May 29, 2022-Noon – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday June 2, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Friday June 3, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday June 4, 2022 – Noon – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday June 5, 2022-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday June 9, 2022-4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Friday June 10, 2022- 4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**

- **Saturday June 11, 2022-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
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- **Sunday July 10, 2022-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday July 14, 2022-4:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m.**
- **Friday July 15, 2022-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**

Attorney Mark Donahue appeared on behalf of the applications.

Commissioner Haller reminded the applicant to make sure they monitor noise level.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment licenses received and dated May 3, 2022.

8. Worcester Caribbean American Festival, Institute Park

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

- **Sunday June 19, 2022 – Noon – 7:00 p.m. rain date June 20.**

Andrew Sharp appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this event will be held at Institute Park and there will be about 20 vendors. There will be police details for the event.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment received and dated May 5, 2022.

9. Dan Carlson, Worcester Historical Museum, 30 Elm Street

Request for one day liquor license

- **Thursday, May 19, 2022 – 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Dan Carlson appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that they expected 30-40 people to attend the event.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated May 13, 2022.

Liquor & Entertainment Application Requests

10. Texas Roadhouse Holdings, LLC, 535 Lincoln Street

Request for change of manager

April Benett and Byrna Stark participated remotely for the application.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager received and dated May 9, 2022.

11. JMAR, LLC dba 107 Tap, 107 Water Street

- **Request for restaurant all alcohol license with sidewalk seating**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system, play, moving picture show, floor show, light show, theatrical exhibition, karaoke, any other audio or visual show whether live or recorded specifically.**
- **Speakers for the sidewalk seating area**

Jefferson Mararian and Garo Bekirian appeared upon behalf of the applications.

Chairman Shea stated that the Commission members had viewed the premises prior to the meeting and were very impressed with the site.

Commissioner Vigliotti asked that the dancing by entertainers be withdrawn from the entertainment portion of application.

The Commission members reminded the applicant to be cognizant of noise for entertainment outside.

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

- **Request for restaurant all alcohol license with sidewalk seating**
- **Request for common victualer license**

- **Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system, play, moving picture show, floor show, light show, theatrical exhibition, karaoke, any other audio or visual show whether live or recorded specifically. – Dancing by patrons removed from request**
- **Speakers for the sidewalk seating area**

List of Exhibits: Application for restaurant all alcohol license, common victualer license and entertainment license received and dated May 11, 2022.

12. Anagrams for Everything, LLC, 34 Green Street

Request for alteration of premises for patio with 5 tables and 20 chairs.

Sean Woods appeared upon behalf of the application.

Chairman Shea stated that the Commissioners had done a site view prior to the meeting and were very impressed.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the alteration of premises.

List of Exhibits: Application for restaurant all alcohol license, common victualer license and entertainment license received and dated May 11, 2022.

13. LTS Entertainment Inc. dba Freeplay Bar Arcade, 25 Union Street

- **Request for alteration of premises for outdoor patio with 6 tables with 18 chairs**
- **Request to amend entertainment license to include recorded music, live music, amplification, dj and karaoke for outdoor area**

Anthony Santuri appeared upon behalf of the application.

Chairman Shea stated that the Commissioners did a view prior to the meeting and were impressed with the site.

Mr. Santuri stated that his location is located in a business complex so they are the only business open in the evening so there should not be a problem with noise but they will always be good neighbors.

List of Exhibits: Application for restaurant all alcohol license, common victualer license and entertainment license received and dated May 11, 2022.

14. RSCH Operations, Inc. dba Ruth's Chris Steak House

- **Request for restaurant all alcohol license with patio for 40**
- **Request for common victualer**

Matthew Williams has appeared upon behalf of the applications. The Commissioner stated that they had viewed the site and welcome this entity coming to Worcester.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for restaurant all alcohol license and entertainment license received and dated May 11, 2022.

Communications

*Email communication from Inspectional Services re: Little Caesars-filed

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.