



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

**Thursday, March 28, 2024**

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

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Staff Present:**

Alexandra Kalkounis, Worcester Law Department  
Paul Payer, Worcester Law Department  
Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department  
Deborah Steele, Licensing

**Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.**

**Minutes: March 14, 2024**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of March 14, 2024.

**One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests**

1. **Axe to Grind Barbershop, 174 Shrewsbury Street**  
**Request for one day liquor license**
- **Saturday-May 4, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Saturday-June 1, 2024-7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Saturday-July 6, 2024-7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
  - **Saturday-August 3, 2024-7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Saturday-September 7, 2024-7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**

- Request for one day entertainment license for comedy show**
- **Saturday-May 4, 2024 – 8:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.**
  - **Saturday-June 1, 2024-8:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.**
  - **Saturday-July 6, 2024-8:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.**
  - **Saturday-August 3, 2024-8:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.**
  - **Saturday-September 7, 2024-8:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the applications to the April 11, 2024, License Commission meeting.

- 2. Tapped Beer Trucks, 500 Salisbury Street**  
**Request for one day liquor license**
- **Saturday-April 20, 2024-5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

Matt Cohen, participating remotely, stated that they will be bringing their beer truck to Assumption University, and they will have TIPS certified bartenders and there will be campus security and Assumption University will be giving students drink tickets.

Sergeant Needham asked about the school giving tickets. Mr. Cohen stated that the school will be giving two tickets to students.

Chair Vigliotti stated that not all students are of age to drink. Mr. Cohen stated that he mis-spoke and that the tickets are only for students who are 21 years of age or older.

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 March 20, 2024.*

- 3. Water Lantern Festival, Elm Park, 138 Russell Street**  
**Request for one day entertainment license**
- **Saturday-July 27, 2024 -5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Rain date August 3, 2024**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the April 11, 2024, License Commission meeting.

- 4. Touch a Truck, Worcester JCC, 633 Salisbury Street**  
**Request for one day entertainment license**
- **Sunday-May 19, 2024-11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the April 11, 2024, License Commission meeting.

- 5. Elms Café & Catering, LLC, 446 Main Street**  
**Request for one day liquor license**
- **Thursday-May 9, 2024-5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.**

Denise Cariglia, participating remotely, stated that this is for a fundraiser for the Girl Scouts, and they are expecting about 250 people, and they will be hiring TIPS certified bartenders for the event as well as having a manager for 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 March 12, 2024.*

**6. Ecotarium, 222 Harrington Way  
Request for one day liquor license**

- **Tuesday-April 4, 2024-6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday-April 28, 2024-5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **Friday-May 3, 2024-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday-June 25, 2024-5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

Kate Williams, participating remotely, stated that April 4, is a facilities rental. April 28, 2024, is another facility rental. May 3, 2024, is climate host climate concert and the June 25, 2024, is their campaign host committee event. All events will have TIPS certified staff.

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 March 12, 2024.*

**7. H20 Car & Bike Show, 3 Salem Square  
Request for one day entertainment license for carshow, microphone speaker**

- **Saturday-June 16, 2024-9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-July 28, 2024-9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-August 25, 2024-9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-September 22, 2024-9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the applications to the April 11, 2024, License Commission meeting.

**8. 32<sup>nd</sup> Latin American Festival, Worcester Common  
Request for one day entertainment license for live music, amplification system, dancing by entertainers.**

- **Saturday-August 17, 2024-11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the April 11, 2024, License Commission meeting.

**9. Plaza Sabados, 27 Lagrange Street  
Request for one day entertainment license for record music, amplification system, DJ**

- **Saturday-April 13, 2024-Noon-4:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-May 4, 2024-Noon-4:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-June 1, 2024-Noon-4:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-July 6, 2024-Noon-4:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-August 3, 2024-Noon-4:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-September 7, 2024-Noon-4:00 p.m.**

Vanessa Cliaxlo appeared in person and Jacob Folson Fraster participated remotely for the item.

Ms. Cliaxlo stated that the September 7 date has been changed to September 14. She stated that this will be a monthly block party and they will have art exhibits, music and a vendors market.

Chair Vigliotti asked where on Lagrange Street this would be located.

Ms. Cliaxlo stated that they will be closing down portion of Lagrange so they will be using the street and they have applied for the street obstruction permits.

Chair Vigliotti asked if the lot next to 27 Lagrange Street will be used. Mr. Fraster stated that the lot will be used for the porta potties and a few tables will be set up.

Commissioner Cruz stated that she had concerns about the neighborhood impact and asked that the applicants reach out to the residents to make them aware of the event.

Ms. Cliaxlo stated that they plan to knock on doors and give flyers to invite people and make them aware of event.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment licenses received and dated March 11, 2024.*

**10. Chartwells, 100 Institute Road  
Request for one day liquor license**

- Saturday, May 11, 2024-3:30 p.m. -5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 11, 2024-3:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the applications to the April 11, 2024, License Commission meeting.

**11. Christopher Besaw, 30 Exchange Street  
Request for one day liquor license**

- Saturday, April 27, 2024-4:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

Christopher Besaw appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that they are doing an after party for the DCU.

Chair Vigliotti asked how many people will be attending. Mr. Besaw stated around 700 and they will have TIPS certified bartenders as well as security for 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 March 20, 2024.*

**12. Gina Migliozi, 30 Exchange Street  
Request for one day liquor license**

- Sunday-May 26, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.-11:00p.m.
- Saturday-June 22, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

- Thursday-July 4, 2024-11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-August 3, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Friday-August 30, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-August 31, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-September 1, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Friday-September 6, 2024-11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-September 7, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-September 14, 2024-11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-September 21, 2024-11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Sunday-September 22, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Friday-September 27, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-September 28, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-October 26, 2024-11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

**12a. Gina Migliozi, 30 Exchange Street**

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

- Sunday-May 26, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.-11:00p.m.
- Saturday-June 22, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Thursday-July 4, 2024-11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-August 3, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Friday-August 30, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-August 31, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-September 1, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Friday-September 6, 2024-11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-September 7, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-September 14, 2024-11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-September 21, 2024-11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Sunday-September 22, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Friday-September 27, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-September 28, 2024-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-October 26, 2024-11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

*12/12a were taken contemporaneously*

Christopher Besaw appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that this is for their annual concert series they do outside.

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

*List of Exhibits:*

A. *Application for one day liquor licenses received and dated March 20, 2024.*

B. *Application for one day entertainment license received and dated March 20, 2024.*

### **Common Victualer Requests**

**13. New Golden Pizza, 1137 Grafton Street**

- **Sunday-Saturday-11:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the April 11, 2024, License Commission meeting.

### **Alcohol/Entertainment Requests**

**14. Odd by Nature, LLC, 22 Front Street**

- **Request for change of manager**

Jay Gray appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that they are looking to change the manager at the location.

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 March 11, 2024.*

**15. Guertin’s 1905, Inc., 139 Grand Street**

- **Request for general on premises all alcohol license**
- **Request for common victualer license**

Theodore Dimpoulos appeared upon behalf of the application.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commission members had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Mr. Dimpoulos stated that he plans to open Guertin’s to service the people who work in the area.

Commissioner Cruz asked what the hours of operation.

Mr. Dimpoulos stated he would be looking from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. – Sunday through Saturday.

### ***Public Comment***

Kevin Ramirez stated that he was speaking on behalf of the pastor from the church located at 136 Grand Street. He stated nothing against Guertin’s but they are against any bar opening in the area as they have had some troubling events in the area. Gun shots have penetrated the church building. Car crashes into building. So, they would recommend not having any bar in the area.

Commissioner Fisher stated she sympathizes but some of the issues are neighborhood issues.

Chair Vigliotti asked if the church had any problems with the former Guertin's. Mr. Ramirez stated no. Chair Vigliotti stated that they are trying to be fair to the applicant and the neighborhood and trying to be fair to both.

Commissioner Cruz stated that none of the incidents have happened from the bar and she sympathies and she suggested maybe forming an association and asking Guertin to be part of it. Mr. Ramirez stated that he would be happy to work together with the applicant.

Mr. Dimpoulos stated that he also intends to put in security cameras so that will help with issues around the area also.

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

*List of Exhibits:*

*Exhibit A: Application for general on premises all alcohol license received and dated March 10, 2024.*

*Exhibit B: Application for common victualer license received and dated March 10, 2024.*

**16. Sazon Bar & Grill, Inc. 795 Main Street**

- **Request for entertainment license for tv's**

Pedro LaCruz appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he just looking to add tv's to his establishment and the liquor license application is pending at the state.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated March 18, 2024.*

**17. Home of Flavors, Inc., 102 Green Street**

- **Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system, play, floor show, karaoke**

Juarez Iansen, participating remotely, stating that they are looking to add entertainment to the location and their liquor license application is pending with the state.

Staff stated that the applicant has been working with the fire department to ensure compliance with entertainment requested.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated March 11, 2024.*

**Status Hearing**

**18. SC Worcester, LLC dba Shaking Crab, 554 Main Street**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the April 11, 2024, License Commission meeting.

**19. Dubai Restaurant & Lounge, Inc., 105 Water Street**

Attorney Dan Cotton, participating remotely, stated that the location has had their inspections done and there are certain things that need to be improved and they are going to be putting in for a change of manager for the May License Commission meeting.

Chair Vigliotti asked if Attorney Cotton was asking for continuance to May. Mr. Cotton stated yes.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item to the May 2, 2024, License Commission meeting.

**Other**

**20. Approval of application and fee for Bottle Service**

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Law Department has outlined an application for any license holder who wishes to file for bottle service.

Attorney Kalkounis stated that the Commission just needs to vote to approve the application.

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

Attorney Kalkounis stated that the Commission just needs to vote the fee.

The Commission discussed the fee for the item.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-1 (Chair Vigliotti voting against) to implement a \$50.00 filing fee and \$50.00 bottle service liquor license amendment fee.

**Communications**

**None**

**Adjournment**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.