



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

**Thursday, October 10, 2024**

**This meeting was by remote participation only**

**Commissioners Present:** Anthony Vigliotti, Chair  
Charran Fisher, Commissioner (participated remotely)  
Maritza Cruz, Commissioner

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department  
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department  
Deborah Steele, Licensing

**Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.**

**Minutes: September 19, 2024**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of September 19, 2024.

**Requests for Continuances, Extensions, Postponements, & Withdrawals**

**One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests**

**1. St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 102 Russell Street  
Request for one day liquor license**

- **Saturday-October 26, 2024-6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-November 9, 2024-6:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.**

Mike Dionis stated that these applications are requests for one day liquor licenses, and they will have TIPS bartender and security present for the events.

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 license received and dated September 23, 2024.*

**2. Christopher Besaw, 30 Exchange Street (outside)**

**Request for one day liquor license**

**Request for one day entertainment license for live music**

- **Saturday-October 13, 2024-11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Christopher Besaw stated that this is for opening day of the Worcester Railers, and they are looking to have some entertainment outside.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated October 4, 2024.*

**3. WICN Public Radio, 30 Elm Street**

**Request for one day liquor license**

- **Friday-October 25, 2024-6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**

Ixander Garfunkel stated that this event will be at the Historical Museum, and they will have a TIPS certified bartender. No more than 150 will be in attendance and they are getting alcohol from two different wholesalers.

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 October 4, 2024.*

**4. Dia de los Muertos in the Woo, Worcester Common**

**Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, live music, amplification system, dj, interactive kids games**

- **Sunday-November 3, 2024-10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Anna Villar Jimenez stated that event is actually November 2, 2024, and this is annual festival at the Worcester Common.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated October 1, 2024.*

**5. John Ethier, 55 Millbrook Street**

**Request for one day liquor license**

- **Saturday, October 12, 2024-Noon-5:00 p.m.**

John Etheir stated that this is an outdoor event holding with Pulse Magazine and they will have two certified bartenders, and a fence will be around the outside area and they will hire an off duty officer.

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 October 2, 2024.*

**6. Cam Brigham, 48-50 Green Street**

**Request for one day liquor license**

**Request for one day entertainment license for dancing  
by patrons, amplification system**

- **Saturday, October 26, 2024-5:00 p.m.-3:00 a.m.**

Nicholas Oliveri and Cam Brigham. Mr. Oliveri stated that it states 3:00 a.m. as that time is only for clean up and actual event ends at 2:00 a.m. They will have temporary fencing for outside area, private security and a TIPS certified bartender will be present. He stated they are expecting at least 150 people.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated September 30, 2024.*

**7. Blisspoint Meadery, Market on Exchange Street**

**Request for one day liquor license**

- **Sunday, October 13, 2024 -11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Jeff Venuti stated that he is looking to do some wine pourings at the farmers market being held on October 13.

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 October 4, 2024.*

**8. Our Lady of Mercy Maronite Church, 341 June Street**

**Request for one day liquor license**

- **Saturday, October 12, 2024-8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.**

Father Frangie stated that this is event for members of the praish and they expect 150 people and they will have a TIPS certified bartender and will have off duty police officer.

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

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**Common Victualer Requests**

**9. CY Grove Street LLC dba Courtyard by Marriott, 72 Grove Street**

**Sunday Operating Hours\***

**07:00 AM - 11:00AM and 05:00PM - 11:00PM**

**Monday Operating Hours\***

**06:30 AM - 10:00AM and 05:00PM - 11:00PM**

**Tuesday Operating Hours\***

**06:30 AM - 10:00AM and 05:00PM - 11:00PM**

**Wednesday Operating Hours\***

**06:30 AM - 10:00AM and 05:00PM - 11:00PM**

**Thursday Operating Hours\***

**06:30 AM - 10:00AM and 05:00PM - 11:00PM**

**Friday Operating Hours\***

**06:30 AM - 10:00AM and 05:00PM - 11:00PM**

**Saturday Operating Hours\***

**07:00 AM - 11:00AM and 05:00PM - 11:00PM**

Michael Dornquest stated that they will be taking over as the operator.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated October 4, 2024.*

**10. Hampton Inn & Suites Worcester, 65 Prescott Street**

**Sunday Operating Hours\***

**06:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

**Monday Operating Hours\***

**06:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

**Tuesday Operating Hours\***

**06:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

**Wednesday Operating Hours\***

**06:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

**Thursday Operating Hours\***

**06:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

**Friday Operating Hours\***

**06:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

**Saturday Operating Hours\***

**06:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

Michael Dornquest stated that they will be taking over as the operator.

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

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- 11. Desi Bar & Grill, 393 Chandler Street**  
**Sunday Operating Hours\***  
**11am-10pm**  
**Monday Operating Hours\***  
**11am-10pm**  
**Tuesday Operating Hours\***  
**11am-10pm**  
**Wednesday Operating Hours\***  
**11am-10pm**  
**Thursday Operating Hours\***  
**11am-10pm**  
**Friday Operating Hours\***  
**11am-11pm**  
**Saturday Operating Hours\***  
**11am-11pm**

Kabin Bhuel stated that this will be an Indian restaurant that he is taking over at an existing location.

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

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- 12. CC Express & Slice It., 75 Quisigamond Avenue**  
**Sunday Operating Hours\***  
**5AM- 10PM**  
**Monday Operating Hours\***  
**5AM-10PM**  
**Tuesday Operating Hours\***  
**5AM-10PM**  
**Wednesday Operating Hours\***  
**5AM-10PM**  
**Thursday Operating Hours\***  
**5AM-10PM**  
**Friday Operating Hours\***  
**5AM-10PM**  
**Saturday Operating Hours\***  
**5AM-10PM**

Joseph Legeault stated that they are an opening a coffee/pizza shop at a gas station.

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

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- 13. Sham Restaurant, 50 Water Street**  
**Sunday Operating Hours\***  
**10:00am-12:00am**  
**Monday Operating Hours\***

**10:00am-11:00pm**  
**Tuesday Operating Hours\***  
**10:00am-11:00pm**  
**Wednesday Operating Hours\***  
**10:00am-11:00pm**  
**Thursday Operating Hours\***  
**10:00am-11:00pm**  
**Friday Operating Hours\***  
**10:00am-12:00am**  
**Saturday Operating Hours\***  
**10:00am-12:00am**

Mohammad Tanish stated that he is opening an Mediterrean restaurant.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated October 2, 2024.*

### **Alcohol/Entertainment Requests**

#### **14. Cocktail Garden & Kitchen, LLC, 64-66 Franklin Street**

- **Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, recorded music, live music, amplification system, floor show, karaoke, comedy show**

Leonard Pressley stated that they are taking over this location and they are looking to add entertainment.

Chair Vigliotti asked what would be the hours for inside and outside for the entertainment.

Mr. Pressley stated that the outside area will be 10:00 P.M. and inside to 2:00 a.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license with outside entertainment be to 10:00 p.m. and inside to 2:00 a.m.

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated October 2, 2024.*

#### **15. Sazon Bar & Grill, 795 Main Street**

- **Request for change of license type to restaurant all alcohol**

Pedro LaCruz stated that the looking to change from a malt & wine license to a full liquor license.

Commissioner Cruz asked if this restuarant will remain strictly a restaurant. Mr. LaCruz stated it will remain a restaurant.

Upon roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change license type to a restaurant all alcohol license.

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated October 3, 2024.*

**16. Apple New England, LLC, 632 Park Avenue**

- **Request for change of manager**

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

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**17. Edenish, 220 Harding Street (Worcester Public Market)**

- **Request for restaurant all alcohol license**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone application to October 24, 2024.

**18. RCSH Operations, Inc. dba Ruth Chris, 4 Mercantile Street**

- **Request for change of officers/directors, change of ownership interest, transfer of stock**

Elizabeth Pasano attorney for RSCH reviewed the transactions that will take place.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of officers/directors, change of ownership interest, transfer of stock.

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**19. Jose Hernandez dba Macao Restaurant, 181 Millbury Street**

- **Request for restaurant all alcohol license**

Jose Hernandez stated that he opening a new restaurant. He stated that the restaurant portion will close by 10:00 p.m. and after that just a bar to 2:00 a.m.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and hours will be Noon to 10:00 p.m. as restaurant and 10:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. will just be a bar.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated September 24, 2024.*

**20. Interstate Management Company, Inc., 65 Prescott Street**

- **Request for change of manager**

Michael Dornquest stated that they will be taking over as the operator.

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

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**21. Interstate Management Company, Inc., 72 Grove Street**  
• **Request for change of manager**

Michael Dornquest stated that they will be taking over as the operator.

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

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**Cessation of Business Hearing**

**22. Mackao Restaurant and Bar, Inc., 181 Millbury Street**  
• **Cessation of business hearing**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to rescind the restaurant all alcohol license due to cessation of business.

**Other Business**

**Entertainment Application Guide/Entertainment Applications**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to advertise for the October 24, 2024 License Commission meeting.

**Communications**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.