

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
September 1, 2011**

ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER – CITY HALL

Commission Members Present: Peter Lukes, Chair
Paul Mullan, Commissioner

Staff Present: Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services
Edgar Luna, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services
Jennifer Beaton, Law Department
Alexandra Haralambous, Law Department
Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department
James Foley, Health Department

REGULAR MEETING (10:00 AM)

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Lukes called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

MINUTES:

The Commission accepted the minutes from the August 11, 2011 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. 11 Sycamore Street – One Day Alcohol Permit:** Juan Gomez, Executive Director of Centro Las Americas, presented the petition. Mr. Gomez stated that Centro Las Americas was seeking One Day Alcohol Permit approval to sell beer and wine at an upcoming Comedy Night to be held on September 2, 2011, from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am. He also stated that the proposed activity would take place at the agency's headquarters at 11 Sycamore Street, and indicated that one (1) Police Officer would be hired to be present for the duration of the event. In addition he indicated that the bar would be staffed by trained professionals, and would be restricted to attendants over 21 years of age. Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan and seconded by Chair Lukes, the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the requested One-Day All-Alcoholic Permit for Centro Las Americas.

Exhibit A: City of Worcester Application for One Day Alcohol Permit submitted by Juan Gomez, Executive Director of Centro Las Americas dated August 4, 2011 and received August 4, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. **65 Tainter Street – One Day Alcohol Permit:** Mallory Truman, representative for the Boys and Girls Club of Worcester, petitioner, presented the petition. Ms. Truman stated that the Boys and Girls Club of Worcester was seeking One Day Alcohol Permit approval to sell all alcoholic beverages at an upcoming reception to be held on October 7, 2011, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. She also stated that the proposed activity would take place at the Main South Clubhouse located at 65 Tainter Street, and indicated that the 450 attendants expected were all adults. In addition she stated that the bar would be staffed by trained professionals, and indicated that Police Officer Thomas Hastings had informed them that police presence was not required for this event since the Club would be closed, the event was by invitation-only, and any children would be in a separate room. Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan and seconded by Chair Lukes, the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the requested One-Day All-Alcoholic Permit for the Boys and Girls Club of Worcester.

Exhibit A: City of Worcester Application for One Day Alcohol Permit submitted by Ron Hadron, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Worcester dated July 21, 2011 and received August 29, 2011.

3. **65 Tainter Street – One Day Alcohol Permit:** Mallory Truman, representative for the Boys and Girls Club of Worcester, petitioner, presented the petition. Ms. Truman stated that the Boys and Girls Club of Worcester was seeking One Day Alcohol Permit approval to sell all alcoholic beverages at an upcoming reception for alumni of the Club and their families to be held on March 24, 2012, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. She further stated that the proposed activity would take place in the Main South Clubhouse located at 65 Tainter Street, and indicated that the 450 attendants expected were all adults. In addition she stated that the bar would be staffed by trained professionals, and indicated that Police Officer Thomas Hastings had informed them that police presence was not required for this event since the Club would be closed, the event was by invitation-only, and any children would be in a separate room. Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan and seconded by Chair Lukes, the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the requested One-Day All-Alcoholic Permit for the Boys and Girls Club of Worcester.

Exhibit A: City of Worcester Application for One Day Alcohol Permit submitted by Ron Hadron, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Worcester dated July 21, 2011 and received August 29, 2011.

4. **28 Mulberry Street – One Day Alcohol Permit:** Magdalene Sall, representative for the petitioner, and Korlu Manneh, petitioner, presented the petition. Ms. Sall stated that the petitioner was seeking One Day Alcohol Permit approval to sell all alcoholic beverages at an upcoming wedding reception to be held on September 23, 2011, from 6:00 pm to 2:00 am. She also stated that the proposed activity would take place at the Gymnasium of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church located at 28 Mulberry Street, and indicated that 250 guests were expected to attend the event. Chair Lukes informed the applicant that the bar would need to be staffed by a T.I.P.S. (Training and Intervention Procedures for Servers

of alcohol) certified professional. He also stated that if needed, the applicant could contact Mt. Carmel Church staff member J.A. Venuti for additional information on this matter. Ms. Sall stated that one (1) Police Officer would be hired to be present for the duration of the event. Lt. Johnson stated that based on the number of guests expected, additional Police Officers would need to be hired. In addition, he stated that he would discuss this matter with the applicant at a later date, and indicated that his staff would monitor the event to ensure compliance with all alcohol-related regulations. Commissioner Mullan asked Ms. Sall if the alcohol to be served during the event would be purchased from a licensed wholesaler, and she responded affirmatively. Ms. Steele confirmed that the wholesaler listed in the application: Wormtown Brewery located at 455 Park Avenue was, in fact, a licensed wholesaler. Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan and seconded by Chair Lukes, the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the requested One Day Alcohol Permit for Korlu Manneh.

Exhibit A: City of Worcester Application for One Day Alcohol Permit submitted by Korlu Manneh dated August 23, 2011 and received August 23, 2011.

5. **100 Barber Avenue – One Day Alcohol Permit:** Joanne Roy, representative for William Fuller, petitioner, presented the petition. Ms. Roy stated that the petition was submitted by Mr. Fuller on behalf of the Higgins Armory Museum. She also stated that the petitioner was seeking One Day Alcohol Permit approval to sell alcoholic beverages at six (6) (5?) upcoming wedding receptions to be held on the following dates: (a) September 23, 2011, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, (b) September 29, 2011, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, (c) October 8, 2011, from 6:00 pm to 12:00 am, (d) October 9, 2011, from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm, (e) November 11, 2011, from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm and (f), November 12, 2011 from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Ms. Roy further indicated that that these weddings would take place in the Higgins Armory Museum halls located at 100 Barber Avenue, and indicated that each wedding would have different number of guests attending. She also indicated that during the first and second weddings only beer and malt beverages would be served; however, during the remaining four weddings full alcohol beverages would be served. In addition, Ms. Roy indicated that each event would include the required number of Police Officers, and stressed that the bar would be staffed by certified professional bartenders. Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan and seconded by Chair Lukes, the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the One Day Alcohol Permit requested by William Fuller on behalf of the Higgins Armory Museum.

Exhibit A: City of Worcester Application for One Day Alcohol Permit submitted by William Fuller dated August 23, 2011 and received August 30, 2011.

6. **950 Main Street – Change of License:** Heather Vaillette, petitioner, presented the petition. Ms. Vaillette stated that she was requesting Change of License approval to sell alcohol during catering events at Clark University from the previous Manager Heather Gerhardt, to herself. She indicated that petition was based on the fact that she was recently hired as the new Manager for catering events at Clark University; therefore, the License would need to be transferred. Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan and

seconded by Chair Lukes, the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Change of License requested by Heather Vaillette on behalf of Clark University.

Exhibit A: City of Worcester Application for Change of License submitted by Heather Vaillette dated July 11, 2011 and received July 20, 2011.

7. **108 Belmont Street – Request for Transfer of Stock and Change of Officers and Directors:** Frank and Martha Jordan, current owners of Emerald-Ale Corporation (aka Belmont Liquors), and Madan Donepudi, petitioner, presented the petition. Mr. Jordan stated that he and his wife were in the process of selling the business to Mr. Donepudi, and indicated that the closing date was scheduled to take place on September 20, 2011. Mr. Donepudi stated that as a result of the impending sale, he was seeking approval from the Commission for Transfer of Stock and Change of Officers and Directors, and All Alcoholic License. He stated that he was looking forward to owning and managing Belmont Liquors, and indicated that his experience in the liquor business includes owning and managing Avighna Corporation (aka Valley Liquors). Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan and seconded by Chair Lukes, the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Transfer of Stock and Change of Officers and Directors requested by Madan Donepudi.

Exhibit A: City of Worcester Application for Request for Transfer of Stock and Change of Officers and Directors Change of License submitted by Madan Donepudi dated July 29, 2011 and received July 23, 2011.

8. **244 Main Street – Status of License:** Steve Marshall, on behalf of Main Street Restaurant Associates, Inc. presented the Status of License. Mr. Marshall informed the Commission that the restaurant and related services on site had been closed due to damaged on the premises caused by severe roof leakage. He also stated that when he submitted the Building Permit application at the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) to repair the roof, he was advised by ISD staff that due to the fact that the building was listed in MACRIS (Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System), the proposed roof repair would require Building Demolition Delay Waiver approval by the Worcester Historical Commission prior to issuance of the Building Permit. In addition, he indicated that he had been informed that the Historical Commission process would take approximately six (6) weeks to complete, which would further delay the proposed repair. Mr. Luna informed Mr. Marshall that due to a recent determination by the Commissioner of Inspectional Services, and the fact that the proposed repair involved removing and replacing the rubber membrane on a flat roof, the proposed work may not require Building Demolition Delay Waiver approval. Therefore, he asked Mr. Marshall to visit the Planning and Regulatory Services Division for further review and determination on this matter. Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan and seconded by Chair Lukes, the Commission voted 2-0 to approve to accept the Status of License regarding 244 main Street.

Exhibit A: Letter from Sean Murray dated August 10, 2011 and received August 10-, 2011.

9. 244 Main Street – Status of License: Frank and Martha Jordan, current owners of Emerald-Ale Corporation (aka Belmont Liquors), and Madan Donepudi, petitioner, presented the petition. Mr. Jordan stated that he and his wife were in the process of selling the business to Mr. Donepudi, and indicated that the closing date was scheduled to take place on September 20, 2011. Mr. Donepudi stated that as a result of the impending sale, he was seeking approval from the Commission for Transfer of Stock and Change of Officers and Directors, and All Alcoholic License. He stated that he was looking forward to owning and managing Belmont Liquors, and indicated that his experience in the liquor business includes owning and managing Avighna Corporation (aka Valley Liquors). Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan and seconded by Chair Lukes, the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Transfer of Stock and Change of Officers and Directors requested by Madan Donepudi.

Exhibit A: Letter from Sean Murray dated August 10, 2011 and received August 10, 2011.

10. 320 Main Street – Status of License: Ms. Steele informed the Commission that on August 3, 2011, she received an email notification from Christina Liberty informing the Commission that effective July 30, 2011, Bluri Bar & Lounge ceased to exist. In the notification, Ms. Liberty stated that the decision to close the establishment had been reached mutually by the property owner and herself.

Exhibit A: Letter from Christina Liberty addressed to the License Commission dated July 28, 2011 and received on August 3, 2011.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.