

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
JULY 24, 2024

LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBERS

Commission Members Present: Paul Mullan, Commissioner
Anthony Salvidio, Commissioner

Commission Members Absent: Karon Shea, Chairperson

Staff Present: Stephen Rolle, Planning & Regulatory Services
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services
Alexandra Haralambous, Law Department
Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department
Amanda Wilson, Inspectional Services
James Foley, Inspectional Services

Approval of the Minutes –Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the minutes of June 19, 2014

Old Business

1. Petition: Request for one day liquor & entertainment on
 - August 7, 2014-5:00-11:00 p.m-Alcohol License
Entertainment License-5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
 - August 8, 2014 – 11:00 a.m.-Midnight-Alcohol License
Entertainment License-11:00 a.m. –11:00 p.m.
 - August 9, 2014 – 11:00 a.m.-Midnight.-Alcohol License
Entertainment License-11:00 a.m. -11:00 p.m.
 - August 10, 2014-Noon-11:00p.m...-Alcohol License
Entertainment License-Noon-9:00 p.m.
 - August 11, 2014-11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m...-Alcohol License
Entertainment License-Noon-9:00 p.m.
 - October 12, 2014 – Noon-8:00 p.m-Alcohol.License
Entertainment License-Noon-7:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Paul Barber, 280 Shrewsbury Street

Paul Barber appeared on behalf of the petitions. Mr. Barber stated that the August events are for a summer beach weekend and he holds the event as the business' slowest time of the year. He stated that he has spoken with the neighbor relative to the noise concerns and will be withdrawing the petitions for August 7, 2014.

Commissioner Mullan stated that the concerns has been the noise volume and that Inspectional Services will be monitoring the noise throughout the events.

Councilor Philip Palmieri thanked staff and City Manager's Office for helping to create some conditions for the event.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the special one day liquor and entertainment events with following conditions

Alcohol

August 8, 2014 – 11:00 A.M.-11:00 P.M.

August 9, 2014 - 11:00 A.M.-11:00 Pm.

August 10, 2014 - Noon-10:00 P.M.

August 11, 2014 – Noon-6:00 P.M.- Limited To Employees And Invited Guests

October 12, 2014 - Noon-8:00 P.M.

Entertainment

August 8, 2014 – 11:00 A.M.-10:00 Pm

August 9, 2014 - 11:00 A.M.-10:00 Pm

August 10, 2014 - Noon-8:00 Pm

August 11, 2014 – Noon-6:00 P.M.-Limited To Employees And Invited Guests

October 12, 2014 - Noon-7:00 P.M.

Exhibit A: Applications for one day liquor & entertainment licenses received June 16, 2014 and dated June 16, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests:

2. Petition: Request for one day liquor license – August 9, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Regatta Point Community Sailing, 10 N. Lake Avenue

Lucas Marken appeared on behalf of the petition. He stated this is for an annual event and either Environmental Police or a police detail will be hired as security for the event.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license for Regatta Point Community Sailing.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license filed on July 9, 2014 and dated July 9, 2014.

3. Petition: Request for two one day liquor licenses –
- August 3, 2014 – 2:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
 - September 6, 2014 – 2:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.

Petitioner: Marc Guinette, 236 Franklin Street

Marc Guinette appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that the August 3, 2014 request will be withdrawn. He stated the September 6, 2014 event, the area will be fenced off and a police detail will be hired.

Upon a motion, the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license filed on July 8, 2014 and dated July 8, 2014.

4. Petition: Request for one day liquor & entertainment license
- October 2014 – 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Megan Lally Memorial Fund Inc., 19 Temple Street

David Gray appeared on behalf of the petitions. He stated this was for a fundraiser.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor & entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor & entertainment received on July 10, 2014 and dated July 10, 2014.

5. Petition: Request for Farmer Winery for license to sell at Farmer’s Market

Petitioner: Aaronap Cellars, LLC, 138 Green Street

A representative from Aaronap Cellars appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that they are looking for permission to sell at a Farmer’s Market and had received state approval.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the license.

Exhibit A: Application for Farmer Winery license received on July 16, 2014 and dated July 16, 2014.

Common Victualer – Food Only:

6. Petition: Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: Worcester Street Café, 486 Chandler Street

Joseph Kraskoukas appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this is for new dining location at Worcester State University.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received on June 19, 2014 and dated June 19, 2014.

7. Petition: Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: Roasted Peppers, 229 Canterbury Street

Marianisa Munguia Perez appeared on behalf of the application. She stated that this will be for a new restaurant.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received and dated July 7, 2014.

8. Petition: Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: Bay State Café, 86 Water Street

Hamad Jaber appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this will be for a restaurant.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received dated July 8, 2014.

9. Petition: Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: Anh Thu II Vietnamese Restaurant, 91 Stafford Street

Attorney Glen Mattheson along with the applicant appeared on behalf of the application. Attorney Mattheson stated that this will be for a new restaurant.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received and dated June 24, 2014.

10. Petition: Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: Thomas & Nestor Xhupi, LLC, 325 Pleasant Street

Thomas Xhupi appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this will be for a restaurant on Pleasant Street.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received and dated July 2, 2014.

11. Petition: Request for common victualer license

^^ Petitioner: Newton Pizza, 712A Pleasant Street

Monika Roci appeared on behalf of the application. She stated that this will be for a pizza restaurant.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for a common victualer license filed dated July 2, 2014.

Alcohol & Entertainment Permit Applications:

12. Petition: Request for change of director

Petitioner: 99 Restaurants of Boston, LLC, 900 West Boylston Street, 50 Southwest Cutoff,
11 East Central Street

Ms. Steele stated that the ABCC had already approved this and the application needed local approval.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the request for change of director.

Exhibit A: Application for change of director filed July 7, 2014 and dated July 7, 2014.

13. Petition: Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, recorded music

Petitioner: Anh Thu II Vietnamese Restaurant

Attorney Glen Mattheson along with the applicant appeared on behalf of the application. Attorney Mattheson stated that this will be for entertainment at the new restaurant.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received June 24, 2014 and dated June, 24, 2014.

14. Petition: Request for change of manager to Stacy Czakoczi

Petitioner: Ruby Tuesday, 537 Lincoln Street

Stacy Czakoczi appeared on behalf of application and stated that she would be the new manager.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the change of manager request.

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager received July 1, 2014 and dated July 1, 2014.

15. Petition: Request for change of manager to Padmaja Donepudi

Petitioner: Avighna Corporation, 12 Boylston Street

Padmaja Donepudi appeared on behalf of the application and stated that she be the new manager of the store.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the change of manager.

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager received July 1, 2014 and dated July 1, 2014.

16. Petition: Request for change of manager to Eric Andreoli

Petitioner: Sole Proprietor, Inc., 118 Highland Street

Eric Andreoli appeared on behalf of the application and stated that he would be the new manager of record for Sole Proprietor.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the change of manager.

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager received and dated July 26, 2014.

17. Petition: Request for restaurant all alcohol license

Petitioner: Antonio's Pizza by the Slice, 266 Chandler Street

William Kitsillis appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this will be for a new full-service restaurant that is being constructed on Chandler Street and location will have a pick-up window that will only be used for people who call ahead to order.

Commissioner Mullan asked how the alcohol would be handled. Mr. Kitsillis stated that all employees are trained and the establishment will have an area inside where people can eat and have alcohol.

Commissioner Salvidio asked when the proposed restaurant was opening. Mr. Kitsillis stated that it would open in January.

Commissioner Mullan stated that if any entertainment was planned that an application would need to be filed.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license.

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received on July 24, 2014 and dated July 24, 2014.

18. Petition: Request for restaurant all alcohol license

Petitioner: Seven Hills Ventures, Inc. dba Seven Hills Bar and Grill, 0 Pullman Street

Matthew Ormond and Attorney Todd Rodman appeared on behalf of the application. Attorney Rodman stated that this is for a new restaurant that will have outdoor seating.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license.

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received on July 24, 2014 and dated July 24, 2014.

19. Petition: Request for general on premises all alcohol license

Petitioner: G Bar, LLC, 62 Green Street

This item was held at request of Worcester Police Department.

20. Petition: Request to transfer restaurant all alcohol license from Wonder Bar of Worcester, Inc.

Petitioner: One Pizza, Inc., 121 Shrewsbury Street

This item was held at request of Worcester Police Department.

21. Petition: Request to transfer restaurant all alcohol license from 60 Madison Street to 50 Front Street

Petitioner: J.P. Alliance dba Shangri La

Xin Shun Yan appeared on behalf of application. He stated that he would like to move his restaurant from Madison Street to 50 Front Street and the new location would have outside seating.

Commissioner Mullan reminded the applicant to make sure he has appropriate clearance for wheelchairs to get by in the outside area.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license.

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received on July 24, 2014 and dated July 24, 2014.

22. Petition: Request to transfer restaurant all alcohol from Corapi, Inc.

Petitioner: Padavano's Place, Inc., 358 Shrewsbury Street

Attorney James Scola along with the applicant appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this will be a change of ownership but not a change of premises.

Councilor Philip Palmieri stated he supports the transfer.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the transfer of the restaurant all alcohol license.

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received on June 24, 2014 and dated June 24, 2014.

23. Petition: Request to transfer package store malt & wine license from Michael Hanlan dba Colony Farms

Petitioner: Worcester Convenience, 1127 Main Street

Attorney Arthur Pearlman along with Mr. Patel, the applicant, appeared on behalf of the application. Attorney Pearlman stated that this is a transfer of an existing license.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the transfer of the restaurant all alcohol license.

Exhibit A: Application for transfer of package store malt & wine license received on July 7, 2014 and dated July 7, 2014.

24. Petition: Request for general on premises all alcohol license

Petitioner: 90 Harding Street, LLC.

David Domenic appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this will be a new establishment that will serve pub style food.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the general on premises all alcohol license.

Exhibit A: Application for transfer of package store malt & wine license received on July 8, 2014 and dated July 8, 2014.

25. Petition: Request to amend entertainment license to include karaoke and acoustic music

Petitioner: Scorz, 58 Shrewsbury Street

Attorney Jay Madaus along with Josh Head appeared on behalf of the application. Attorney Madaus stated that this location currently has DJ and jukebox and they would like to expand their entertainment options.

Joanne Columbo, an abutter, stated that she would be in opposition as there is a senior living facility right next door and last week the owner of Scorz's put a speaker on sidewalk and had loud music playing and the establishment isn't allowed to have music outside.

Carol Youngstrom stated that she lives at Mt. Carmel Apartments and many of the residents would have liked to come to the meeting to oppose this request but are unable to due to their age. She also stated that when applicant first applied they said they wanted to be a sports bar and now they have table and chairs outside and are playing loud music.

Councilor Phil Palmieri stated he understands it is hard to run a business but this is a difficult location as it is right next door to an elderly high rise and he thinks the applicant should speak with residents of Mt. Carmel before trying to expand the entertainment.

Councilor Mo Bergman stated that he also understands that it is a difficult business but Scorz could do things to try and co-exist with the residents of Mt. Carmel as right now there is a level of mistrust as owners have not been following the rules and allowed entertainment outside without getting permission.

Josh Head stated that he was unaware the he could not have the speaker outside and does want to work with the neighbors and he wants to expand the entertainment in order to compete with everyone else on the street.

Commissioner Mullan pointed out that just adding some additional entertainment isn't going to save the business and noise is different from place to place.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that the entertainment has to be quieter and suggested there be no amplification and no music outside and that the acoustic performers be limited to two and that the music has to end by 11:00 p.m and the back door is to be kept closed.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the entertainment license for acoustic music with no amplification. That the music end by 11:00 p.m. and that the back door be kept closed.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received July 7, 2014 and dated July 7 2014.

26. Petition: Request for entertainment license for TV, amplification system, moving picture show and pool table

Petitioner: Acri Corporation dba Fourth and One Club, 12 Aitchison Street

William Ferraco appeared on behalf of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received and dated June 19, 2014.

27. Petition: Request for entertainment license for singer/dj

Petitioner: 99 Restaurants, 50 Southwest Cutoff

A representative of 99 Restaurants appeared on behalf of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received June 19, 2014 and dated June 19, 2014.

28. Petition: Request for entertainment license for TV, radio, dancing by patrons recorded music, live music, amplification system, light show, karaoke, any other audio or visual show, whether live or recorded specifically

Petitioner: Petitioner: G Bar LLC, 62 Green Street

Held at request of Worcester Police Department.

29. Petition: Request for pool table license

Petitioner: The Saloon, 715 West Boylston Street

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for pool table license received June 19, 2014 and dated June 19, 2014.

Hearings

- 30.** Club Milon, LLC, 47 Pleasant Street, Cessation of Business hearing

Ms. Steele stated that the business had received liquor license a year ago and has not opened and the applicant has not contacted the Division regarding whether they intend to open.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to rescind the liquor license for Club Milon, LLC.

- 31.** Martwi, Inc., 187 Washington Street – Reinstatement of license

Item continued to August 14, 2014 License Commission meeting.

Other Business

A.B.C.C. communications – Santiago’s Liquors hearing – August 13, 2014 - No comment.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.