

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

March 15, 2018

ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBERS

Commission Members Present: Walter Shea, Commissioner
Barbara Haller, Commissioner

Commission Members Absent: Anthony Salvidio, Chairman

Staff Present: Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department
Jennifer Beaton, Law Department
Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department
Officer Edward Saucier, Worcester Police Department
John Biancheria, Inspectional Services
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services

Minutes

March 1, 2018-Held

NEW BUSINESS

Common Victualer Requests

I-1: One Fastway Inc. dba Fastway Pizza, 84 West Boylston Street

Request for a common victualer license

Adilson Barbosa appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license dated March 6, 2018 and received March 6, 2018.

I-2: City Line Diner, 1420 Main Street

Request for a common victualer license

Vasilios Athonasiou appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license dated March 6, 2018 and received March 6, 2018.

I-3: Subway, 281 Shrewsbury Street

Request for a common victualer license

Cesar Garcia appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license dated March 6, 2018 and received March 6, 2018.

I-4: New Golden Pizza, 1137 Grafton Street

Request for a common victualer license

Maher Garas appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license dated February 27, 2018 and received February 27, 2018.

I-5: Caribbean Flaavor, 976A Main Street

Request for common victualer license

Luke Dennis appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license dated February 27, 2018 and received February 27 2018.

Special One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

II-1: Stephen Hopkins, 266 Park Avenue

a. Request for one day liquor license
o September 17, 2018-11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

b. Request for one day entertainment license for live music
o September 17, 2018-11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Items postponed to the March 29, 2018 License Commission meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated February 15, 2018 and received February 15, 2018.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license dated February 15, 2018 and received February 15, 2018.

II-2: St. Spyridon Cathedral, 102 Russell Street

Request for one day liquor license

- March 24, 2018-7:00 p.m.-Midnight
- April 21, 2018-7:00 p.m.-Midnight

Mike Dionis appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that the first event will have 200 people and the second event will have 250 and TIPS bartenders will be serving the alcohol.

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated March 1, 2018 and received March 1, 2018.

II-3: St. George Orthodox Cathedral, 30 Anna Street

Request for one day liquor license

- April 14, 2018-7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

II-4: St. George Cathedral, 30 Anna Street

Request for one day liquor license

- May 5, 2018-6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Items #3, #4 were taken contemporaneously.

Christine El Houssan appeared upon behalf of the applications. She stated that these events are fundraisers and police details will be present.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license for April 14, 2018 and May 5, 2018.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated February 19, 2018 and received February 19, 2018.

Exhibit B: Application for one day liquor license dated March 5, 2018 and received March 5, 2018.

II-5: Addie Lee's Soul Food, 596 Main Street

Request for one day liquor license

- o March 25, 2018-TBD

Robert Evans appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he would like to change the event date to April 8, 2018 and hours would be 4:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license with the amended date of April 8, 2018.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated February 20, 2018 and received February 20, 2018.

Alcohol & Entertainment Requests

IV-1: Maywood Associates, Inc., 75-77 Maywood Street

Request for change of manager

Thomas McCabe appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager dated February 16, 2018 and received February 16, 2018.

IV-2: Worcester Detachment Marine Corps League, 181 Lake Avenue

Request for change of manager

John Schuster appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager dated March 6, 2018 and received March 6, 2018.

IV-3: Creed Lounge, Inc., 41 Pleasant Street

- a. Request for transfer of general on premises all alcohol license
- b. Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music, amplification system, light show, karaoke, dancing by entertainers

Item postponed to March 29, 2018.

Exhibit A: Application for general on premises all alcohol licensed dated January 11, 2018 and received January 11, 2018.

Exhibit B: Application for entertainment license dated January 11, 2018 and received January 11, 2018.

IV-4: Great Walk, Inc. dba Great Wall, 521 Main Street

Request for restaurant malt & wine license

Item postponed to April 12, 2018.

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant malt & wine license dated October 30, 2017 and received November 10, 2017.

IV-5: J & NS Belmont, Inc., 424 Belmont Street

Change of corporation name from El Basha, Inc.

No one appeared for item.

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

Exhibit A: Application for change of corporate name dated February 28, 2018 and received February 28, 2018.

IV-6: Seven Hills Bay State dba Canal, 65 Water Street

Request for change of manager

Application was withdrawn.

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager dated March 8, 2018 and received March 8, 2018.

Lodging Houses

V-1: Multi Family Realty, LLC, 34 Richards Street

Request for transfer of lodging house ownership

No one appeared for the item. Item was postponed to March 29, 2018 License Commission meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for lodging house license dated February 28, 2018 and received February 28, 2018.

V-2: Multi Family Realty, LLC, 36 Richards Street

Request for transfer of lodging house ownership

No one appeared for the item. Item was postponed to March 29, 2018 License Commission meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for lodging house license dated February 28, 2018 and received February 28, 2018

V-3: AKFH Renovations, LLC, 52 High Street

Request for transfer of lodging house ownership

No one appeared for the item. Item was postponed to March 29, 2018 License Commission meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for lodging house license dated February 28, 2018 and received February 28, 2018

V-4: Phuong Hang, 184 Highland Street

Request for transfer of lodging house ownership

Phuong Hang appeared upon behalf of the application.

Commissioner Haller reminded Ms. Hang that running a lodging house is a tough business and if she has any questions about rules to contact staff.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the transfer of the lodging house license.

Exhibit A: Application for lodging house license dated February 27, 2018 and received February 27, 2018

V-5: AGD Fraternity, 5 Trowbridge Road

Request for lodging house license

Attorney Jonathan Finkelstein appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that the location had received a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals and now they are looking for the lodging house license and there will be on-site parking.

Maureen Coneman stated that she representing her father and expressed concern about the parking.

Attorney Finklestein stated that as there was no current parking they were required through the Zoning Board of Appeals to create an eight car parking lot.

Attorney Finkelstein stated the he and a representative from the fraternity would be happy to meet with Ms. Coneman to discuss her situation.

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

Exhibit A: Application for lodging house license dated February 27, 2018 and received February 27, 2018

Violations

VI-1: Kobe Enterprises, Inc., 60 Shrewsbury Street

Violation of Rule #7-Sale to minor

Attorney Craig Mulcahy along with Laurel Guihau Xie appeared to answer to the violation.

Lt. Johnson reported the following,

On November 25, 2017 members of the Alcohol Enforcement Team were conducting compliance checks throughout the City of Worcester.

A twenty year old male was instructed to enter the Licensed Premises with an accompanying officer and sit at the bar area and attempt to order an alcoholic beverage without providing identification.

At 12:37 p.m. Officer Edward Saucier and the underage male entered the Licensed Premises and both ordered a Bud Light 12 oz. bottle. Both were served by the female bartender. Neither one was asked to provide identification.

Mr. Mulcahy stated that they did not dispute the violation. He stated that there was an employee being trained and she jumped behind the bar to show what she had been learning when the incident occurred. After the incident management took corrective action with the employee and suspended her indefinitely from service promotion and she is back taking orders at the counter.

The Commission noted that a similar incident just occurred in 2017 and the establishment was given a warning at that time.

Commissioner Haller stated that more training needs to be done at the establishment. Lt. Johnson stated that he had gone to the establishment and done training but he will go again.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 that the violation occurred and imposed a one day suspension on April 5, 2018.

Exhibit A: Police report dated November 27, 2017.

VI-2: Carter Realty Group, Inc. dba Brooks Pub, 251 Lincoln Street

Violation of Rule #7-Sale to minor

Item was postponed to the March 29, 2018 License Commission meeting.

Exhibit A: Police report dated April 27, 2017/

Communications

- ABCC Communication-Seven Hills Bay State, Inc. dba Canal Restaurant-Sale to minor
- Electronic Communication from Attorney Mark Borenstein-re: amendments to one day license – March 24, 2018

Adjournment