

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

April 1, 2021

**Commission Members Participating:** Walter Shea, Chairman  
Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner  
Barbara Haller, Commissioner

**Commission Members Absent:** None

**Staff Participating:** Stephen Rolle, Planning & Regulatory Services  
Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department  
Jim Racicot, Inspectional Services  
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services

**Minutes** – March 18, 2021, March 25, 2021

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of March 18, 2021 and March 25, 2021.

**Common Victualer Requests**

**1. Ready Set Pizza, 292 West Boylston Street**

- Hours: Sunday – Saturday – 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 a.m.

No one called in for the application.

Ms. Steele stated that the applicant had received police approval but would still require approval from the Health Department.

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

**List of Exhibits**

*Exhibit A. Application for common victualer license dated and received March 18, 2021.*

**Liquor Application Requests**

**2. Rock Bar, LLC, 81 Water Street**

- Request for change of manager

Julia Yantsides called in for the application. She stated that she would be taking over as manager of the establishment. Lt. Johnson stated that the background check was all set.

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

List of Exhibits

*Exhibit A. Application for change of manager license dated and received January 25, 2021.*

**3. East Side Improvement Club, 170 Shrewsbury Street**

- Request for change of manager

No one called in for the item.

Lt. Johnson stated that the applicant had passed the background check.

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

List of Exhibits

*Exhibit A. Application for change of manager license dated and received January 25, 2021.*

**4. Texas Roadhouse Holdings, LLC, 525 Lincoln Street**

- Change of Officers/Directors/LLC managers

Attorney Andrew Upton called in for the application. Mr. Upton stated that originally the application was being amended to make Gerald Morgan president of the parent company as Mr. Kent Taylor was surrendering his position as president but sadly Mr. Taylor passed away March 22, 2021 so the paperwork has been amended to appoint Mr. Morgan as both President and CEO and that the applications has been reviews with the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of officers/directors/LLC managers.

List of Exhibits

*Exhibit A. Application for change of directors/LLC managers dated and received March 1, 2021.*

**5. Fatchops LLC dba Fat Chops Sportsbar, 225 Canterbury Street-**

- Request for general on premises all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, karaoke

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the applications to the April 15, 2021 License Commission meeting.

**6. Taqueria Del Pueblo Cantina, Inc., 57 Highland Street-**

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license

- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment for jukebox, tv, radio, recorded music, live music, light show, karaoke, any other audio or visual show, whether live or recorded specifically

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the applications to the April 15, 2021 License Commission meeting.

**7. Bay State Brewery & Tap Room, LLC, 112 Harding Street**

- Request for alteration of premises

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the April 15, 2021 License Commission meeting.

**8. Sampson Tona, dba Ash Liquors, 1067 Main Street**

- Request for package store malt & wine license

Sampson Tona called in for the application.

Mr. Tona stated that he is requesting a beer and wine license for a grocery store that he is opening at the location.

Chair Shea and other Commission members expressed concerns about the number of other package stores already located in the vicinity.

Mr. Tona stated that his store would serve more a niche market as he would like to serve specialty beers that serve the Ghana community.

The Commission members stated that they would like to see a business plan from Mr. Tona along with the list of products and beers he wants to sell and would like Mr. Tona to talk to Lt. Johnson about delivery plans he has for the liquor products.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the application to the April 29, 2021 License Commission meeting.

**9. Gupta’s Son Corporation dba Lucky Farms Variety Store, 759 Grafton Street**

- Request for package store malt & wine license

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the April 15, 2021 License Commission meeting.

**Alteration of Premises – Temporary Outdoor Dining (New)**

**10. OD-2021-003- El Basha, 424 Belmont Street**

Request for outdoor dining for 4 tables with 16 seats.

Monday-Thursday- 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday – 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the April 29, 2021 License Commission meeting.

#### **11. OD-2021-004**

##### **SW-2021-001 – Main South Market, 1025 Main Street**

Request for outdoor dining for 3 tables with 12 seats

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the April 15, 2021 License Commission meeting.

#### **Other Business**

#### **12. Outdoor Dining Regulations – Update on temporary program and potential longer term actions**

Mr. Rolle gave an overview of the program and stated that the Commission had received two letters of support regarding extending the program and one expressing concern about the continuance of the program in certain areas.

Bator Lachman from Basil N Spice said she would not support the continuation of the program as it is less parking for her restaurant and a lot of people who come for the outdoor dining on Shrewsbury Street park illegally in her lot. Lt. Johnson stated that he could meet with Ms. Lachman to review parking regulations so that people do not park illegally in her lot.

Paul Giorgio spoke in support of continuing the program stating that it was a life line for a good many restaurants last year.

Mike O'Bara from Three G's spoke in favor of keeping the program.

Paul Barber from the Flying Rhino spoke in support of keeping the program. Mr. Barber stated that last year he was able to keep 50-60 people employed throughout the summer due to the outdoor dining program.

Alex Guardiola from the Chamber of Commerce spoke in support of extending the program.

John Piccolo from Piccolo's Restaurant spoke in support of extending the program.

Commissioner Haller asked how neighbors would be able to contact License Commission if there was concerns about the outdoor dining. Mr. Rolle stated that an updated web-page for the outdoor

dining would be put up and would have a link where people could send email with concerns and the concerns would be investigated.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to extend the program to the end of 2021 or until 60 days after the expiration of the state of emergency.

### **Communications**

- A. ABCC Communication – Advisory Regarding the Opening of Large Capacity Venues
- B. ABCC Communication-Warning Diamond in the Rough, LLC, Violation of Governor’s Executive Order #55
- C. 2022 License Commission Board Schedule

All communications were filed.

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