



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

**Thursday, May 2, 2024**

**Commissioners Present:** Anthony Vigliotti, Chair  
Charran Fisher, Commissioner  
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: April 25, 2024**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of April 25, 2024.

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

**One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests**

**1. Preservation Worcester, 61 Harvard Street**

- **Request for one day liquor license**

**Wednesday-May 15, 2024-6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Deborah Packard, participating remotely, stated that they are having a public meeting, and they anticipate around 75 people at event and two TIPS certified bartenders will be present for event. She stated they do need to change the distributor they listed on application to Yankee Spirits.

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 April 24, 2024.*

**2. Katrina Lewonczyk, 1 College Street**

- **Request for one day liquor license**

**Thursday-May 16, 2024-5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Katrina Lewonczyk stated that they are hosting a gala for Abby's House and they will use on-site catering staff who are server trained and they will use campus security.

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 April 11, 2024.*

**3. Queiroz Meat Market, 11 Suffolk Street**

- **Request for one day entertainment license for outside music**

**Tuesday- May 9, 2024-Noon-6:00 p.m.**

Bruna Queiroz, participating remotely, stated that she needed to change the date of event to May 19, 2024.

She stated that she is having a two-year celebration of her store opening and like to have some music 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 entertainment license received and dated April 26, 2024.*

**Common Victualer Requests**

**4. FreshWay Pizza, 96 Water Street**

- **Sunday-Saturday-Noon-2:30 a.m.**

Esmerlin Lara, participating remotely, stated that he is taking over the location.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer received and dated March 26, 2024.*

**Alcohol/Entertainment Requests**

**5. Lara Hookah Bar, Inc., 267 Lincoln Street**

- **Jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system, play, moving picture show, floor show, theatrical exhibition, karaoke**

Saif Handhal appeared upon behalf of the application.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commissioners had viewed the site prior to the meeting. Mr. Handhal withdrew moving picture show, floor show, theatrical exhibition from proposal.

Commissioner Fisher stated that after viewing the premises today and seeing the back door and the parking lot and the neighbors are quite away from property, she is okay with going to 2:00 a.m. Commissioner Cruz was in agreement.

Chair Vigliotti stated that requirement discussed with applicant at view was that the interior door and the exterior door must be closed at all times.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification and karaoke with the hours of Monday-Saturday- 5:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. and Sunday-11:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.

*List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated April 26, 2024.*

## **6. Café Neo, Inc., 289 Harding/46 Millbury Street**

- **Request for tv, recorded music, karaoke**

Katherine and Peter Tsigas, participating remotely, stated that they would like to add entertainment to the new restaurant they are opening. The Commission discussed adding DJ to request.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license for tv, recorded music, karaoke and DJ and the hours would be 11:00 a.m. to 1:45 a.m. Sunday through Saturday.

*List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated April 22, 2024.*

## **7. Dubai Restaurant & Lounge, Inc, 105 Water Street**

- **Request for change of manager**
- **Status hearing**

Attorney Dan Cotton along with Gardenia Jimenez appeared upon behalf of the items.

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

Mr. Cotton stated that they are still working with the building inspectors on the new location and asked to continue item to next meeting.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the status hearing to the May 16, 2024, License Commission meeting.

*List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager received and dated April 16, 2024*

## **8. Aelux Lounge LLC dba Aelux Lounge, 316 Shrewsbury Street**

- **Request to amend entertainment license to add 1 pool table**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the May 16, 2024, License Commission meeting.

### **Bottle Service**

#### **9. Lara Hookah Bar, Inc., 267 Lincoln Street**

Saif Handhal appeared upon behalf of the application.

The Commissioners reviewed what would be the requirements which would be that the hours be Monday-Saturday-5:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m., Sunday-10:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. There be four (4) wait staff for nine tables on elevated area on left side. Need to staff at all times. No patrons can pour own drinks. If wait staff leaves the table, they must take bottle with them.

*List of Exhibits: Bottle Service application received and dated April 3, 2024.*

### **Communications**

**ABCC hearing-Dream Catcher Farms, Inc., 102 Green Street – filed**

### **Adjournment**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m.