

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
February 16, 2012**

ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER – CITY HALL

Commission Members Present: Peter Lukes, Chairman
Karon Shea, Commissioner
Paul Mullan, Commissioner

Staff Present: Timothy McGourthy, Chief Development Officer
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services
Attorney Jennifer Beaton, Law Department
Attorney Alexandra Haralambous
Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department
Jim Foley, Inspectional Services

REGULAR MEETING (10:00 AM)

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Shea called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
Chairman Lukes arrived at 10:05 and assumed Chair

MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Shea and seconded by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the meeting minutes of February 2, 2012.

Unfinished Business:

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363 Chandler Street – Star Dollar & More LLC

Petition: Request for package store malt & wine license

Ms. Steele informed Commission members that applicant had requested continuance to the March 8, 2012 License Commission meeting.

Exhibits: Application for package store malt & wine license, received on January 6, 2012 and dated December 30, 2011.

433 Park Avenue – Nicole Brouillette

Petition: Request for one day liquor permit – March 11, 2012 – 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Nicole Brouillette appeared on behalf of application. She stated that event is for the annual St. Patrick Day Parade. Event will be held in the rear of the building and will be fenced off.

Chairman Lukes reminded Ms. Brouillette that it is her responsibility to control the number of people at event.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and seconded by Commissioner Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to approve a one day liquor permit for Nicole Brouillette.

Exhibit: Application for one day liquor permit, received on February 7, 2012 and dated February 7, 2012.

10 Lake Avenue North – Norine Elliott

Petition: Request for one day liquor permit for Regatta Point Community Sailing Inc, July 14, 2012, 5:00 p.m to 10:00 p.m.

Tim Woomcomb appeared on behalf of application. He stated it was a fundraiser for Regatta Point Community Sailing which will include a dinner and a bar. All servers are TIPS trained.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and seconded by Commission Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to approve a one day liquor permit for Regatta Point Community Sailing, Inc.

Exhibit: Application for one day liquor permit, received on February 2, 2012 and dated January 26, 2012.

30 Elm Street – William Wallace

Petition: Request for one day liquor permit for Worcester Historical Museum, March 22, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

William Wallace appeared on behalf of the application. Mr. Wallace stated this is an event to show what Worcester was like during the Prohibition era.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and seconded by Commissioner Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor permit for Worcester Historical Museum.

Exhibit: Application for one day liquor permit, received on February 8, 2012 and dated February 6, 2012.

100 Institute Road - Bill Battelle

Petition: Request for four one day liquor permits on following dates: March 2, 2012, April 6, 2012, May 4, 2012 and March 15, 2012

William Battelle appeared on behalf of the applications. He stated these events are for receptions and all servers are server trained.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and seconded by Commissioner Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to approve all four dates for one day liquor permits.

Exhibit: Application for four (4) one day liquor permits, received on February 7, 2012 and dated February 7, 2012.

53 East Central Street – D’Ambra Family Fund

Petition: Request for one day liquor permit for D’Ambra Family Fund – March 24, 2012, 6:30 p.m. – Midnight

Paul Giarouso appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that Mr. D’Ambra had passed away and this was a fundraiser to help assist the family of five that he left behind. He stated he hoped about 300 people would attend the event.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and seconded by Commissioner Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor permit for D’Ambra Family Fund.

Exhibit: Application for one day liquor permit received on February 7, 2012 and dated February 7, 2012.

413 Park Avenue –John Bartosiewicz

Petition: Request for one day liquor permit – March 11, 2012 – 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

John Bartosiewicz appeared on behalf of application. He stated event is for annual St. Patrick Day Parade. Event will be in the back parking lot which will be gated and that two off duty police officers will be hired for event.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and seconded by Commissioner Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to approve a one day liquor permit for John Bartosiewicz.

Exhibit: Application for one day liquor permit, received on February 10, 2012 and dated February 10, 2012.

257 Park Avenue – Konstantionos Singas

Petition: Request for one day liquor permit – March 11, 2012 – 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Konstantinos Singas appeared on behalf of application. He stated event is for annual St. Patrick Day Parade. Mr. Singas stated event will be held in fenced in area.

Lt. Johnson stated he would review location to ensure that fencing was adequate.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and seconded by Commissioner Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor permit for Konstantionos Singas.

Exhibit: Application for one day liquor permit, received on February 9, 2012 and dated February 9, 2012.

266 Park Avenue – Stephen Hopkins

Petition: Request for one day liquor permit – March 11, 2012 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Stephen Hopkins appeared on behalf of application. He stated event is for annual St. Patrick Day Parade. The event will be held outside in the parking lot which will be fenced in and off-duty police will be hired.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and seconded by Commissioner Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor permit for Stephen Hopkins.

Exhibit 1: Application for one day liquor permit received on February 14, 2012 and dated February 14, 2012.

11 Scyamore Street – Angelica Gonzalez

Petition: Request for one day liquor permit – February 19, 2012, 5:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Angelica Gonzalez appeared on behalf of application. She stated it will be a small party and only expecting 80 people.

Lt. Johnson stated that Ms. Gonzalez should contact the off-duty at Worcester Police to see if she would require an off duty detail for event.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and seconded by Commissioner Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to approve a one day liquor permit for Angelica Gonzalez.

Exhibit 1: Application for one day liquor permit received on February 13, 2012 and dated February 13, 2012.

139 Green Street – Danielle Spring

Petition: Request for one day liquor permit – March 17, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Danielle Spring appeared on behalf of petition. Ms. Spring stated this event will be held on St. Patrick's Day in the parking lot at location.

Chairman Lukes asked about fencing and security for event.

Ms. Spring stated that area will be fenced in with two entrances and security at entrances with 8-10 security personnel at event. No one under twenty one will be allowed in area. Chairman Lukes asked about whether patrons from restaurant would have access to area. Ms. Spring stated no and that restaurant will be open but people can only access the outside area through the outside entrances.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and seconded by Commissioner Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor permit for Danielle Spring.

Exhibit 1: Application for one day liquor permit received on February 13, 2012 and dated February 13, 2012.

65 Water Street – Nicole C. Schlener

Petition: Request for general on premises all alcoholic license, sidewalk dining, entertainment license.

Ms. Steele informed Commission that applicant had requested continuance to the March 8, 2012 License Commission meeting.

Exhibit: Application for common victualer all alcohol license & entertainment licensed received on February 3, 2012 and dated January 31, 2012.

494 Lincoln Street – Yashna Asnani

Petition: Request for common victualer license at East Coast Diners, LLC.

Bruce Belman appeared on behalf of application. He stated that a new franchisee is taking over the operation of Denny's on Lincoln Street. He stated they will be cleaning and making some minor changes to operation.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and seconded by Commissioner Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license for East Coast Diners, LLC.

Exhibit 1: Application for common victualer license, received on February 7, 2012 and dated February 7, 201

795 Main Street – Scott Larson

Petition: Request for common victualer license at Straight Up Cafe

Scott Larson appeared on behalf of petition. He stated location used to be Island Coffee and he will be re-opening under new name and serving coffee and pre-made items.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and second by Commissioner Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license for Straight Up Café.

Exhibit 1: Application for common victualer license received on January 25, 2012 and dated January 25, 2012.

20 Front Street – Seungkyu Kim

Petition: Request for common victualer license at J.C. Grill L.L.C.

Seungkyu Kim appeared on behalf of application. Mr. Kim stated he is taking over the Worcester Subway location on Front Street. He stated he has done some updating of the equipment at location and menu will be similar but he will be adding Korean food.

Exhibit 1: Application for common victualer license, received on February 2, 2012 and dated February 2, 2012.

872 Main Street – Kristal House

Petition: Request for common victualer license at Kristal House

Kristal House appeared on behalf of application. She stated she will be cooking Soul food at location and operating the restaurant.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and seconded by Commissioner Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license for Kristal House.

Exhibit 1: Application for common victualer license, received on February 6, 2012 and dated February 6, 2012.

785 W. Boylston Street – Tammy A Lind

Petition: Request for common victualer license at Grillerz

Tammy Lind appeared on behalf of application. She stated she will be running a restaurant that will serve sandwiches, soup and salad bar and she has had experience in the catering business.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and seconded by Commissioner Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license for Grillerz.

Exhibit 1: Application for a common victualer license, received on February 13, 2012 and dated February 13, 2012.

169 Millbury Street – Tadeusz Czubas

Petition: Request for common victualer license at Polka Café

Tadeusz Czubas appeared on behalf of application. Applicant stated this will be a Polish restaurant.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and second by Commissioner Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license for Polka Cafe.

Exhibit 1: Application for a common victualer license dated February 6, 2012 and received on February 6, 2012.

274 Shrewsbury Street – Bar 2010, Inc.

Petition: Request for change of manager to Richard O. Blevins and change of dba to Rivalry Sports Bar

Attorney Dan Cotton and Richard Blevins appeared on behalf of application. Attorney Cotton stated that they are changing the manager and changing the theme of restaurant to a sports bar instead of lounge.

Lt. Johnson stated that Mr. Blevins passed the background check.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and seconded by Commissioner Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of manager and change of dba for Bar 2010, Inc.

Exhibit 1: Application for change of manager & change of dba, received on February 7, 2012 and dated February 2, 2012.

244 Main Street – Main Street Brewing – Status of license

Attorney Sean Murray provided update for location. Mr. Murray stated that about year ago the roof had collapsed during one of the many ice storms and flooded the building. The location has been waiting for the insurance claim to be settled in order to begin the necessary renovations to re-open.

Commission Mullan asked what was the plan for operation when it reopens.

Attorney Murray stated it will be similar to previous operation but they would like to try and get a small brewery in location as well.

Chairman Lukes asked how long before renovations would be done.

Attorney Murray stated that they are hopeful that they can re-open by July.

Chairman Lukes suggested that item be held until July and then applicant can come back before Commission and provide update.

187 Washington Street – S&D Entertainment – Status of license

Sid Prashad appeared to provide update. Mr. Prashad stated he is waiting for a current business he owns to be sold so that he can then operate the 187 Washington Street location and is looking to open in July.

Chairman Lukes stated they would hold item until July and applicant can appear at that time to provide update.

Café Neo Appeal

Attorney Jennifer Beaton stated that license holder had accepted compromise and will not serve the two day suspension but three day suspended suspension will remain on license holders record.

Economic Development Overview

Timothy McGourthy, Chief Development Officer of the City of Worcester gave a presentation on the projects that are currently being worked on in the City of Worcester and the role that Boards play in helping with these important development projects.

Upon a motion by Chairman Lukes and seconded by Commissioner Shea the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.