

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
July 11, 2013

ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBERS

Commission Members Present: Karon Shea, Chairperson
Anthony Salvidio, Commissioner

Absent: Paul Mullan, Commissioner

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

Call to Order –

Chair Shea called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Approval of the Minutes – 4/11/2013, 4/25/2013, 5/9/2013, 5/23/2013, 6/27/2013-HELD

New Business

1. One Day Liquor Requests

Petition: 280 Shrewsbury Street – Request for one day liquor
permits on:
July 12, 2013
July 19, 2013
July 26, 2013
August 2, 2013
August 9, 2013
August 15, 2013
August 16, 2013
August 17, 2013
August 18, 2013

Petitioner: Paul Barber

2. Petition: 280 Shrewsbury Street – Request for outside entertainment on:

July 12, 2013
July 19, 2013
July 26, 2013
August 2, 2013
August 9, 2013
August 15, 2013
August 16, 2013
August 17, 2013
August 18, 2013

Petitioner: Paul Barber

Items #1 and #2 were taken contemporaneously.

Paul Barber appeared on behalf of the item. He stated his request was for several one day permits for several events which include, a kickball league season ending party, the Walk & Rock on Shrewsbury Street, the Rhino Country Rock and the Annual Beach Party weekend.

Joe Simone, an abutter to the property, stated he would request that music should end by 10:00 p.m. on all the nights requested.

Paul Giorgio, stated he was the organizer of the Walk & Rock portion of the events and they had met with neighbors and they changed the event dates to Friday nights in an effort to work with the neighbors and the businesses on Shrewsbury Street.

Seth Moyers, an abutter to the property, stated he did not think music going to 10:00 p.m. would be too late.

Commissioner Salvidio asked if a compromise could be reached on the two dates, August 16, 17, 2013 where music was requested to end by 11:00 p.m. and asked if music could end by 10:30 p.m. Mr. Barber stated he would accept that as a compromise.

Upon a motion by Chair Shea and seconded by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the nine one day liquor licenses as submitted.

Upon a motion by Chair Shea and seconded by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the nine entertainment licenses as submitted with amendment that August 16, 17, 2013 the music would end at 10:30 p.m.

Exhibit A: Application for one day permits and one day entertainment permits received on June 24, 2013 and dated June 24, 2013.

3. Petition: 535 Salisbury Street – Request for one day liquor permit, August 25, 2013

Petitioner: St. Mary's Assumption Albanian Church

Mark Baker appeared on behalf of the petition. Mr. Baker stated this was for a church naming day.

Upon a motion by Chair Shea and seconded by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor permit for St. Mary's Assumption Albanian Church.

Exhibit A: Application for one day permit received on July 3, 2013 and dated July 3, 2013.

4. Petition: Worcester Public Library – Request for one day liquor permit, September 1, 2013

Petitioner: James Kersten

James Kersten appeared on behalf of the item. Mr. Kersten stated this will be for a wedding reception which will be held on third floor of the Worcester Public Library.

Upon a motion by Chair Shea and seconded by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor permit for James Kersten.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit received on June 27, 2013 and dated June 27, 2013.

Common Victualer – Food Only

5. Petition: 35 Blackstone River Road – Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: Luis Pizarro

Luis Pizarro appeared on behalf of the item. He stated this will be a restaurant named Blackstone Bistro serving all American food and he plans to do BYOB.

Commission members reminded Mr. Pizarro that if he is doing BYOB he is assuming the same type of liability as if he had a liquor license. Mr. Pizarro stated he was aware of that and will card and has spoken with his insurance company.

Upon a motion by Chair Shea and seconded by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license for 35 Blackstone River Road.

Exhibit: Application for common victualer license received on July 1, 2013 and dated July 1, 2013.

6. Petition: 560 Lincoln Street – Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: Bukhoro, Inc.

Khabijon Kjomojou appeared on behalf of the application. He stated this will be a restaurant named Bukhoro, Inc. He stated he had worked in the restaurant business in New York City so had experience operating a business.

Upon a motion by Chair Shea and seconded by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license for 560 Lincoln Street.

Exhibit: Application for common victualer license received on July 1, 2013 and dated July 1, 2013.

7. Petition: 118 Cambridge Street – Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: Phuc Tran

Phuc Tran appeared on behalf of the application. Mr. Tran stated this will be a Cambodian restaurant named Soc Trang Express.

Upon a motion by Chair Shea and seconded by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license for 118 Cambridge Street.

Exhibit: Application for common victualer license received on June 27, 2013 and dated June 27, 2013.

8. Petition: 1406 Main Street – Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: Freshway Pizza

Habib Hakhloota appeared on behalf of the application. Mr. Hakhloota stated he is taking over ownership of an existing pizza restaurant.

Upon a motion by Chair Shea and seconded by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license for 1406 Main Street.

Exhibit: Application for common victualer license received on July 2, 2013 and dated July 2, 2013.

Alcohol Permit Applications

9. Petition: 65 James Street – Request for transfer of ownership of package store malt & wine license

Petitioner: Convenience Plus Co.

Ken Do appeared on behalf of the application. Lt. Johnson stated that Mr. Do had passed the background check.

Mr. Do stated he was taking over ownership of the existing package store.

Upon a motion by Chair Shea and seconded by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the transfer of the package store malt & wine license to Convenience Plus Co.

Exhibit: Application for transfer of package store malt & wine license received on May 2, 2013 and dated May 2, 2013.

10. Petition: 301 Park Avenue – Request for change of manager

Petitioner: Kozara Corporation.

Attorney Howard Stempler along with the proposed manager Wei Dong Wang appeared on behalf of the application. Mr. Stempler stated Mr. Wang has worked in the restaurant business and will be taking over as manager of Kozara Corporation. Lt. Johnson stated that Mr. Wang had passed the background check.

Upon a motion by Chair Shea and seconded by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the manager of manager for Kozara Corporation.

Exhibit: Application for change of manager received June 25, 2013 and dated June 25, 2013.

Entertainment Applications

11. Petition: 157 Shrewsbury Street - Request for outside entertainment on:

July 19, 2013

July 26, 2013

Petitioner: John Piccolo

John Piccolo appeared on behalf of application. Mr. Piccolo stated this will be for a two piece band in back of parking lot which will be roped off and hours will be 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Chair Shea and seconded by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the two one day entertainment licenses.

Exhibit: Application for entertainment received on July 3, 2013 and dated July 3, 2013.

12. Petition: 90 Commercial Street – Request for pool table license

Petitioner: Worcester Entertainment Concepts

Michael Barrasso appeared on behalf of the application. He stated this will be for two pool tables.

Upon a motion by Chair Shea and seconded by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve a pool table license for Worcester Entertainment Concepts.

Exhibit: Application for pool table license received on June 26, 2013 and dated June 26, 2013.

13. Petition: Greendale Mall – Request for entertainment license for carnival on September 5-8, 2013

Petitioner: Fiesta Shows

Exhibit: Application for entertainment license received on June 27, 2013 and dated June 27, 2013.

Item postponed until July 25, 2013 License Commission meeting.

Adjournment

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m.