

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
FEBRUARY 6, 2020
ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBERS

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

Commission Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Lt. James Johnson Worcester Police Department
Jennifer Beaton, Law Department
James Racicot, Inspectional Services
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services

NEW BUSINESS

Common Victualer Requests

I-1: Wachusett Brew Yard, 152 Green Street

Request for common victualer license

Ashley McGuire and Ryan Daigle appeared upon behalf of the application.

Ms. McGuire stated that this is for the Worcester Public Market and this will allow people from the food court to bring food into their space.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received January 20, 2020 and dated January 20 2020.

I-2: Rand Market, LLC, 589 Park Avenue, Unit # 3

Request for common victualer license

Samer Taleb appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received January 20, 2020 and dated January 20 2020.

I-3: Beirut Bite, 156 Shrewsbury Street

Request for common victualer license

Rony Zoghby appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received January 21, 2020 and dated January 21, 2020.

I-4: Stillman's Farm, 152 Green Street

Request for common victualer license

Tammy Gehring appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received January 21, 2020 and dated January 21, 2020.

I-5: Great Wall, Inc., 521 Main Street

Request for common victualer license

Mindy Jiang appeared upon behalf of the application.

The Commission asked what the status of the building was as they had viewed the property last year and there were a lot of problems with the structure of the building.

Ms. Jiang stated that they are ready to re-open. Staff from the Fire Department and Inspectional Services stated that their Division are not ready to sign off on the property.

The Commission stated that they wanted to continue the item to the next meeting in order to view the premises and so that staff from city departments could review the site.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item until February 20, 2020 License Commission meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received January 21, 2020 and dated January 21, 2020.

Special One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

II-1: Artists' Group of the Sprinkler Factory, 38 Harlow Street

a. Request for one day liquor license

- March 7, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- April 4, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- May 2, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- June 6, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- June 20, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

b. Request for entertainment license for live music, amplification system

- March 7, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- April 4, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- May 2, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- June 6, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- June 20, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Luis Fraire appeared upon behalf of the applications.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor licenses and entertainment licenses.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor and entertainment licenses received January 20, 2020 and dated January 20, 2020.

II-2: Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), Friendly House, 661 Salisbury Street

Request for one day liquor license

- March 14, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Bridgid Rubin appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that this a fundraiser for the homeless.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received January 20, 2020 and dated January 20, 2020.

II-3: Katie Stinchon, 112 Harding Street

Request for one day liquor license

- March 14, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Ryan Daigle appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that they held this event last year and it was held in the blue ice skating rink at the rink and they will be doing the same event this year and will have same security as last year.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received January 20, 2020 and dated January 20, 2020.

II-4: Shane Egan, 72 Shrewsbury Street – outside

Request for one day liquor license

- March 14, 2020 – Noon – 10:00 p.m.
- March 17, 2020 – Noon – 10:00 p.m.

David Fields appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that the March 14, 2020 is the 10th anniversary of their opening and March 17 will be for a special event.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor licenses.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received January 22, 2020 and dated January 22, 2020.

II-5: Stephen Hopkins, 266 Park Avenue – outside

a. Request for one day liquor license

- March 15, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

b. Request for one day entertainment license for live music,

- March 15, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

No one appeared for the item it and it was postponed to the February 20, 2020 License Commission meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received January 22, 2020 and dated January 22, 2020.

II-6: Latitude Beverage Company, 138 Green Street – outside

Request for one day liquor license

- May 21, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- May 28, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- June 4, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- June 11, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- June 18, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- June 23, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- July 2, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- July 9, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- July 16, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- July 23, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- July 30, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- August 6, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- August 13, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
- August 20, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- August 27, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- September 3, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- September 10, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- September 17, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- September 14, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- October 1, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m

Kesley Lemmon appeared upon behalf of the applications. She stated that this will be held in the back patio area of Crompton Collective.

She stated that it will be an after hours wine tasting event throughout the Spring and Summer. She stated that the area will be roped off and security will be present and they will have TIPS certified bartenders and use wrist bands to identify people over 21.

Commissioner Vigliotti expressed concern that wrist bands can be easily passed to someone under 21. Ms. Lemmon stated that she could use plastic wrist bands instead of paper.

The Commission stated that the best practice would be for ID's to be checked every time someone buys alcohol.

The Commission stated that Lt. Johnson would visit the site for the first few events to determine whether a police detail would be required for the series of events.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor licenses.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received January 22, 2020 and dated January 22, 2020.

II-7: St. Joan of Arc, 537 Lincoln Street

Request for one day liquor license

- February 29, 2020 – 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Michael O'Rourke appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this will be fundraiser for the church.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received January 6, 2020 and dated January 6, 2020.

II-8: Webster Square Tire & Auto, 616 Park Avenue

Request for one day entertainment license – outside

- March 15, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Jeremy Patson appeared upon behalf of the application.

The Commission stated that they were going to approve entertainment to 6:00 p.m. to be consistent with other parade permits.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license to 6:00 p.m.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received January 22, 2020 and dated January 22, 2020.

II-9: Nancy B. Cotter-Pearson, 257 Park Avenue

Request for one day liquor license – outside

- March 15, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- September 15, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Nancy Cotter Pearson appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that it will be the same set up as last year.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor licenses.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received January 22, 2020 and dated January 22, 2020.

Alcohol & Entertainment Requests

III-1: Bachour Enterprises, LLC, 139 Water Street

- Request for change of manager

Joanna Bachour appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager received January 22, 2020 and dated January 22, 2020.

III-2: Scomarc Inc. dba MB Lounge, 40 Grafton Street

- Request for change of manager

Keith Bellerose appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager received January 22, 2020 and dated January 22, 2020.

Retail Marijuana License Requests

IV-2: Resinate, Inc. 1191 Millbury Street

Attorney Jonathan Finkelstein and a representative of Resinate, Inc. appeared upon behalf of the applicant.

Chairman Shea stated that the Commission had viewed the site prior to the meeting and were very impressed with the site.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the Retail Marijuana license subject to the licensee submitting to the Commission and Worcester Police Department a security, operations and traffic plan addressing the first 30 days of operation, said plan to be submitted and placed on the License Commission agenda for a status hearing prior to opening.”

Exhibit A: Application for retail marijuana license received January 21, 2020 and dated January 21, 2020.

IV-3: New Dia, LLC, 118 Cambridge Street

Attorney Joshua Lee Smith along with representative from New Dia LLC appeared upon behalf of the application.

Chairman Shea stated that the Commission had viewed the site prior to the meeting but it was an unfinished site and the Commission will like to view the site once it further along.

Attorney Smith gave an overview of the history of the applicant and stated that the applicant would be looking to open late Spring early Summer.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the Retail Marijuana license subject to the licensee submitting to the Commission and Worcester Police Department a security, operations and traffic plan addressing the first 30 days of operation, said plan to be submitted and placed on the License Commission agenda for a status hearing prior to opening.”

Exhibit A: Application for retail marijuana license received January 21, 2020 and dated January 21, 2020.

Hearings

None

Other Business

Communications

ABCC Notice of Violation Hearings; - No comments.

Jian Hui Group, Inc. dba Foodworks, 50 Southwest Cutoff
Jay Brahmani Maraji Corp. dba Stafford Discount Liquors, 191 Stafford Street
Brew Garden, MA LLC, 64-66 Franklin Street

Adjournment

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.