

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER  
JUNE 23, 2020

**Commission Members Participating:** Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner  
Barbara Haller, Commissioner

**Commission Members Absent:** Walter Shea, Chairman

**Staff Participating:** Stephen Rolle, Planning & Regulatory Services  
Lt. James Johnson Worcester Police Department  
James Racicot, Health Department  
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department  
Jennifer Beaton, Law Department  
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services

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**Call to Order – 1:00 pm**

**New Business**

**1. License Commission Temporary Outdoor Dining - Rules and Regulations**

No updates.

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

**2. OD-2020-072 The Hitchin' Post, 5 Saugus Place**

Angelo Sabatalo called in for the item and reviewed the application and the food he would provide.

Proposal was as follows: Outdoor dining area in a 41'x25' space enclosed by temporary fencing and covered by a 20'x40' open-sided tent, in the parking lot east of the building. 75 seats with 15 tables. Hours of operation: Sunday: 11 AM–10 PM; Monday–Wednesday: 2 PM–10 PM; Thursday–Saturday: 11 AM–11 PM.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

**~~3. OD-2020-073 Ajo y Cilantro, 795 Main Street~~**

**~~SW-2020-028 Sidewalk Dining License – Main & Oread Street~~**

Item was held.

**~~4. OD-2020-074 Pampas Steak House, 145 East Central Street~~**

**~~SW-2020-029 Sidewalk Dining License – East Central Street~~**

Item was held.

**5. OD-2020-075 Acoustic Java, 6 Brussels Street**

David Fullerton called in for the item.

Proposal was as follows: Common Victualer (Non-Pouring) License. Outdoor dining area on 342 square foot patio situated north of the north tower wall of the building and east of the main block of the building. 12 seats with 4 tables. Hours of operation: Monday–Friday: 7 AM–7 PM; Saturday & Sunday: 8 AM–6 PM.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

**6. OD-2020-076 Whiskey on Main, 316 Main Street**

**SW-2020-036 Sidewalk Dining License – Main Street**

Roger E. Bachour called in for the item and reviewed the application and the food that would be provided.

Proposal was as follows: Outdoor dining area on sidewalk on the west side of Main Street, east of the building. 10 seats with 5 tables covered by umbrellas. Hours of operation: Sunday–Wednesday: 12 PM–10 PM; Thursday–Saturday: 12 PM–11 PM.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

**7. OD-2020-070 White Eagle, 116-118 Green Street**

Julia B. Sagentelli called in for the item and review the proposal and the food that would be provided.

Proposal was as follows: Outdoor dining area in parking lot north of building. 36 seats with 6 tables. Hours of operation: Sunday: 12 PM–10 PM; Monday–Wednesday: 3 PM–10 PM; Thursday & Friday: 3 PM–11 PM; Saturday: 12 PM–11 PM

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

**8. OD-2020-077 Bennie’s Café, 13 East Mountain Street**

Jay Melick called in for the item.

Proposal was as follows: Outdoor dining area in parking lot south of building, adjacent to existing patio. 37 seats with 11 tables (28 (an increase of 8 from existing license) seats with 9 tables (an increase of 4 from existing license) on existing patio underneath awning; 9 seats with 2 tables in parking lot). Hours of operation: Sunday–Wednesday: 11 AM–10 PM; Thursday–Saturday: 11 AM–11 PM.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

**9. OD-2020-078 Piccolo’s, 157 Shrewsbury Street**

**SW-2020-031 Sidewalk Dining License – Shrewsbury Street & Plum Street**

John Piccolo called in for the item.

Proposal was as follows: Outdoor dining area in the parking lot south of the building; on the sidewalk on the south side of Shrewsbury Street, north of the building; and on the sidewalk on the east side of Plum Street, west of the building. Tables in the parking lot and on the sidewalk adjacent to Shrewsbury Street will have umbrellas to protect patrons from the weather. 60 seats with 15 tables. Only 2-person tables without umbrellas are permitted on the sidewalk adjacent to Plum Street. Hours of operation: Sunday–Wednesday: 5 PM–10 PM; Thursday–Saturday: 5 PM–11 PM.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

**10. OD-2020-079 Phoenician Hookah Bar, 175 Harding Street**

**SW-2020-032 Sidewalk Dining License – Harding Street**

Eddy Wehbe called in for the item and reviewed the application and the food that would be provided.

Proposal was as follows: Outdoor dining area on the sidewalk on the southeast side of Harding Street, northwest of the building. 16 seats with 4 tables. Hours of operation: Sunday–Wednesday: 4 PM–10 PM; Thursday–Saturday: 4 PM–11 PM.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

**Alteration of Premises – Temporary Outdoor Dining (As may be necessary if previously postponed or continued)**

**11. OD-2020-004, Russo's Restaurant, 65 Water Street**

Item was held.

**12. OD-2020-061, Patsie Dugans, 49 Millbury Street**

Patrick Patton called in for the item. Mr. Patton stated that he is looking to erect a tent behind his property but it would be primarily for smokers.

Mr. Patton stated he already has an approved patio.

Mr. Rolle stated that the applicant had applied to use a part of the public parking lot but City is not ready to proceed with that today.

Commissioner Vigliotti stated that he would feel more comfortable if a sketch be provided prior to voting on the item.

Item was continued.

**Adjournment**

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 p.m.