



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

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Commissioners Present: Walter Shea, Chair
Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent: Barbara Haller, Commissioner

Staff Present:
Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department
Officer Craig Cappiabianca, Worcester Police Department
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department
Amanda Cornwell, Law Department
Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes – June 30, 2022

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the minutes of June 30, 2022.

Common Victualer Requests

- 1. Not Ya Mama’s Vegan Café, 6 Waldo Street**
 - Monday – Sunday – 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Gary Young appeared in person on behalf of the application. He stated that he will be opening a café at Waldo Street.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated June 27, 2022.

2. Dad's Keto Kitchen, 119 Shrewsbury Street

- **Thursday – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Friday-11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Saturday – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Christian Leatham, participating remotely, stated he currently operates the business out of Oxford but looking to expand to Worcester.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated June 27, 2022.

3. Wicked Wing Co, 321 West Boylston Street

- **Sunday-Thursday-11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Friday-Saturday-11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.**

Attorney Dan Cotton along with Jennifer Cardenas appeared on behalf of the applications.

Item #10 was taken up with this item as same applicant.

Mr. Cotton stated that Ms. Cardenas is taking over the location and will be applying to transfer the liquor license at a later date.

The Commission members asked that that light show request be taken out of entertainment request. Mr. Cotton stated that they would be fine with that.

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer received and dated June 28, 2022.

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

**4. SSJ Harpoon, LLC, Mercantile Plaza
Request for one day liquor licenses**

- **Saturday-July 16, 2022 – Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday – July 17, 2022 – Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-July 21, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Friday-July 22, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Saturday-July 23, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday-July 24, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-July 28, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Friday-July 29, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Saturday-July 30, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday-July 31, 200-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-August 4, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Friday-August 5, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Saturday-August 6, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday-August 7, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-August 11, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Friday-August 12, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**

- Saturday-August 13, 2022-Noon-Midnight
- Sunday-August 14, 2022-Noon-Midnight
- Thursday-August 18, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Friday-August 19, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Saturday-August 20, 2022-Noon-Midnight
- Sunday-August 21, 2022-Noon-Midnight
- Thursday-August 25, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Friday-August 26, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Saturday-August 27, 2022-Noon-Midnight
- Sunday-August 28, 2022-Noon-Midnight
- Thursday-September 1, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Friday-September 2, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Saturday-September 3, 2022-Noon-Midnight
- Sunday-September 4, 2022-Noon-Midnight

4a. Harpoon Worcester Beer Garden, Mercantile Plaza

- Request for one day entertainment license for radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system

- Saturday-July 16, 2022 – Noon-Midnight
- Sunday – July 17, 2022 – Noon-Midnight
- Thursday-July 21, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Friday-July 22, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Saturday-July 23, 2022-Noon-Midnight
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- Thursday-July 28, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Friday-July 29, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Saturday-July 30, 2022-Noon-Midnight
- Sunday-July 31, 2022-Noon-Midnight
- Thursday-August 4, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Friday-August 5, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Saturday-August 6, 2022-Noon-Midnight
- Sunday-August 7, 2022-Noon-Midnight
- Thursday-August 11, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight
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- Saturday-August 13, 2022-Noon-Midnight
- Sunday-August 14, 2022-Noon-Midnight
- Thursday-August 18, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Friday-August 19, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Saturday-August 20, 2022-Noon-Midnight
- Sunday-August 21, 2022-Noon-Midnight
- Thursday-August 25, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight
- Friday-August 26, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight

- **Saturday-August 27, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday-August 28, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-September 1, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Friday-September 2, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Saturday-September 3, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday-September 4, 2022-Noon-Midnight**

#4 and #4a were taken contemporaneously.

Attorney Amanda Risch appeared upon behalf of the applications.

Chairman Shea read the dates into the record. Ms. Risch stated that they are looking to continue the beer garden at the Mercantile Plaza.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor and one day entertainment licenses.

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received/dated June 28, 2022.
Application for one day entertainment license received/dated June 28, 2022.*

5. SSJ Management, LLC, Mercantile Plaza

- **Request to utilize one day liquor license on Wednesday-July 27, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight from previous approval as was unable to hold event June 16, 2022 due to rain**

Attorney Amanda Risch appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that they were unable to use one of the one day licenses in June due to rain and would like to change the date to July 27, 2022.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the rain date.

List of Exhibits: Letter dated June 28, 2022 requesting change of one day liquor license date.

6. Mustard Seed Block Party

Request for entertainment license for dancing by patrons, live music

- **Saturday – July 30, 2022 – 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

No one appeared upon behalf of the application. Staff stated that the application had been vetted through the Special Events Committee.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day entertainment license.

List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received/dated June 24, 2022.

7. Cultivators Cup, 216 Main Street- parking lot

Request for one day entertainment license for Dancing by patrons, live music, amplification system, light show

- **Saturday-September 3, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday-September 4, 2022-2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

Jordan Carlson and Chris Besaw appeared upon behalf of the application. Mr. Carlson stated that they are only looking for the entertainment and they did this event last year and had about 45,000 people.

Mr. Besaw stated that he will be handling the production of the event through Palladium and they will handle security for event and there is no alcohol outside.

Sgt. Needham stated that Palladium is adequately staffed for their events.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the entertainment license.

List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment received and dated June 28, 2022.

8. WICN Public Radio, Inc., city lot behind Hanover Theatre

Request for one day liquor license

- **Friday, August 19, 2022 – 5:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m.**

David Ginsburg participating remotely. He stated that is there annual jazz concert and they expect 300 to 500 people. Mr. Ginsburg stated that police and EMS will be on site.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated June 25, 2022.

9. Paul Barber, 20 Pearl Street – rooftop

Request for one day liquor license

- **Saturday-August 13, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. –Midnight**

Request for one day entertainment license for radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, amplification system-rooftop

- **Saturday-August 13, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. –Midnight**

Paul Barber and Paul Giorgio appeared on behalf of the applications. Mr. Giorgio stated that this will be on the roof of the garage and they will have security as well as detail officers.

Sgt. Needham stated that the past practice for these types of events is to stagger the closing of the entertainment 30 minutes earlier than the liquor license.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor and one day entertainment license.

List of Exhibits: Applications for one day liquor and entertainment requests received and dated July 6, 2022.

Liquor & Entertainment Application Requests

10. Wicked Wings Co., 321 West Boylston Street

Request for entertainment license for tv, recorded music, live music, amplification system, light show, karaoke-

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the entertainment with light show removed from request.

List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated June 28, 2022.

11. SMG Food & Beverage, 50 Foster Street

- **Request for change of manager**

Sandy Dunn and Thomas MacMaster appeared upon behalf of the application.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the change of manager.

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager received and dated June 21, 2022.

12. College of the Holy Cross 1 College Street

- **Request for change of manager**

Mark Bornstein and Jeremiah O'Connor appeared upon behalf of the application.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the change of manager.

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager received and dated June 28, 2022.

13. NEP Opts T LLC, 503 Plantation Street

- **Request for change of manager**

Sondra Lewis, participating remotely, spoke on behalf of the application.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the change of manager

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager received and dated June 30, 2022.

14. Hopduvel Enterprises Incorporated dba Armsby Abbey, 144 Main Street

- **Request for change of officers directors, change of llc members, transfer of stock**

Alex Lopez appeared upon behalf of the application.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the change of officers/directors, change of llc members and transfer of stock.

List of Exhibits: Application for change of officers/directors, change of llc members, transfer of stock received and dated May 26, 2022.

15. Justin Kazmierczak dba Stogotz Tapas Restaurant and Piano Lounge, 120 Stafford Street

- **Request for restaurant all alcohol license**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for jukebox, dancing by patrons, live music, tv, radio, karaoke, light show**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the applications to the August 11, 2022 License Commission meeting.

16. The White Room, LLC, 138 Green Street

- **Request for general on premises all alcohol license with outdoor patio**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for dancing by patrons, live music, moving picture show, theatrical exhibition**

Luis Fraire and Birgit Straehle appeared upon behalf of the applications.

Chairman Shea stated that they had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Mr. Fraire stated that this will be a used as an event function space and will have outdoor area.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve;

- Request for general on premises all alcohol license with outdoor patio
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for dancing by patrons, live music, moving picture show, theatrical exhibition

17. Gupta's Sons Corporation dba Lucky Farms Variety Store, 759 Grafton Street

- **Request for package store malt & wine license**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to postpone the application to the August 11, 2022 License Commission meeting.

18. Sanchez & Sons, 387 Cambridge Street –Continued from May 19, 2022 License Commission meeting

Request for one day entertainment license for car show

- **Sunday – July 18, 2022 – rain date – July 24, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday – August 7, 2022 – rain date – August 14, 2022 -10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Javier Sanchez appeared upon behalf of the application.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to deny the one day entertainment licenses.

19. Warsaw, Inc. dba White Eagle, 116-120 Green Street

- **Request to amend entertainment license to add wrestling**

Julie Sargentelli, participating remotely, stated that they do wrestling events once a week at the Licensed Establishment and would like to continue to do so.

Ms. Sargentelli and the Board members discussed the set up and security for the events.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the amendment to the entertainment license with condition that Inspectional Services and Fire Department approval.

List of Exhibits: Application to amend entertainment license received and dated July 8, 2022.

Hearing

Brenda Cuellar from Language Line participated remotely providing interpreter services for Mr. Sanchez.

20. Sanchez & Sons, 387 Cambridge Street

- **Violation of Rules #14 and #17**

Javier Sanchez appeared upon behalf of the application and waived his right to counsel.

Sgt. Needham read the following report;

On June 26, 2022, Officer Patrick Harrington, who is assigned to the Alcohol Enforcement Unit received a call from the police official in charge of the Cambridge Street area. Officer Harrington, was advised that Sanchez and Sons dba Paradise Bar was hosting a car show on their property and there were public safety concerns and liquor violations observed. The following reports were filed:

Report #1 - Operation patrol reported that there had been several calls relative to traffic complaints as well as loud music complaints coming from the Paradise Par at 387 Cambridge Street. Upon arrival police observed that the parking lot was completely filled with both patrons as well as vehicles which

did not leave room for emergency vehicles to access the property, lot, or the building. During the course of the investigation, several people approached the police and made additional complaints regarding the excessive noise as well as the traffic congestion. Officers who went to the Paradise Bar spoke to the person in charge and advised them to remove some of the vehicles from the property and turn the music down to acceptable level.

Report #2 -from the evening shift responding officer stated that officers went to the Paradise Bar to respond to complaints of loud music and vehicles parked on the road that were causing traffic congestion. Upon arrival the police observed several vehicles parked on Cambridge Street which was causing traffic to back up toward Southbridge Street because only one vehicle could pass at a time. Police also observed that the parking lot of the Paradise Bar to be full with approximately 400 people. There were several pop up tailgating tents, extremely loud music that could be heard blocks away and many people were openly drinking alcohol. The police informed the owner that the music needed to be turned off, the alcohol had to be put away, that the vehicles on the street needed to be moved and the party needed to end. The police waited until parking lot cleared out and everything was cleaned up from the party without incident.

On May 19, 2022, the Worcester License Commission gave approval for a one day entertainment license for a car show to be held outside the Paradise Bar in the parking lot. At this meeting Mr. Sanchez stated that there would only be 75 cars for the event, no alcohol outside, and that a crowd manager and two detail officers would be on site for event.

Mr. Sanchez stated that the music was out of control at event and no one at the event was listening to his requests to turn it down.

Chairman Shea asked Mr. Sanchez if he had obtained the police detail that was requested to be hired for event. Mr. Sanchez stated that every other time the police come to the events automatically.

Chairman Shea stated that the car show event didn't leave room for any emergency vehicles to obtain access to premises if required, the traffic in the area was horrendous, the noise was out of control and beer was allowed to be brought in and out of the parking lot which shows that Mr. Sanchez had no control of the event.

Commissioner Vigliotti stated that he was disappointed with the outcome of the event as none of the conditions the Commission requested were followed for the event. Commissioner Vigliotti stated that they were trying to help the business but if they can't follow the rules the Commission can't help and would not approve any more car shows at location.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 that the violation had occurred.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to issue a four (4) day suspension. Two days to be served July 29 and 30, 2022 and two to be held in abeyance for one year.

List of Exhibits: Police report dated June 28, 2022.

Communications

Email from NEC Worcester, 65 James Street- giving up package store malt & wine license

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to accept the surrender of the license.

ABCC Communication-Shri Mahdev, 147 Highland-Fine in Lieu of Suspension-No comment.

Communication from Attorney Mark Donahue re: SSJ Harpoon LLC application for one day special licenses-No comment.

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m.