



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

Thursday, June 15, 2023

Commissioners Present: Anthony Vigliotti, Chair
Charran Fisher, Commissioner
Maritza Cruz, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present:

Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department
Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

Minutes: June 1, 2023

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of June 1, 2023.

Requests for Continuances, Extensions, Postponements, & Withdrawals

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

1. Leila Jachimczyk, 118 Green Street

Request for one day liquor license

- **Saturday – August 26, 2023 – Noon-8:00 p.m.**

1A. Leila Jachimczyk, 118 Green Street

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

- **Saturday – August 26, 2023 – Noon-8:00 p.m.**

Leila Jachimczyk appeared upon behalf of the applications. She stated that this is the second year that they will be doing this festival and this year they will close Pond Street and enclose the liquor area with a fence and will have security as well as a police detail and they will use bracelets to ID people over 21.

Chair Vigliotti asked about the bathroom facilities. Ms. Jachmiczyk stated that people in attendance will be able to use the facilities located inside the premises.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day entertainment license.

List of Exhibits: Applications for one day liquor and one day entertainment license received and dated March 21, 2023.

**2. Gina Migliozi, 30 Exchange Street
Request for one day liquor license**

- **Sunday – August 20, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.**

**2a. Gina Migliozi, 30 Exchange Street
Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers,
recorded music, live music, amplification system, light show**

- **Sunday – August 20, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.**

Christopher Besaw appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that this is a request for an additional date for their concert series. He stated that they will only be serving between Noon and 8:00 and the setup is same as the other events that had been approved.

Sergeant Needham stated that a concern had been raised about the exiting of cars from Exchange lot and Mr. Besaw stated that they have addressed that issue.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor and one day entertainment licenses received and dated May 1, 2023.

**3. Soles of Hope, 34 Boynton Street
Request for one day liquor license**

- **Saturday – August 5, 2023 – 8:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.**

**3a. Soles of Hope, 34 Boynton Street
Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, live music, dancing by
entertainers, recorded music**

- **Saturday – August 5, 2023 – 8:00 p.m.-1:30 a.m.**

Richard Boateng appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that he has done these events in the past and it is fundraiser for Africa.

Sergeant Needham asked about security and how many people expected for event.

Mr. Boateng stated they expect about 200 people, and they will have their own security and a police detail as well as a TIPS bartender and that this event is 21 and older.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor and one day entertainment license received and dated May 17, 2023.

- 4. Jazz on the Sundial, 222 Harrington Way**
Request for one day entertainment license for live music outside
- **Friday – June 16, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Kaitlin Williams (participating remotely) stated that this will be for a one day entertainment license and based on the weather predicted that they will be moving the event inside.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day entertainment license.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated June 8, 2023.

- 5. Worcester Brazilian Association, 30 Elm Street**
- **Saturday – July 22, 2023-5:00 p.m-10:00 p.m.**

Rayanne Sabana appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that this is a gala event and they expect about 80 people.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated June 8, 2023.

- 6. Worcester Center For Crafts, 25 Sagamore Road**
Request for one day entertainment license for live music outside
- **Friday – July 21, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted to postpone the application to the July 13, 2023 License Commission meeting.

- 7. John Travaglio, 179 Shrewsbury Street**
Request for one day liquor license outside
- **Tuesday – June 20, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**
 - **Thursday – June 29, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**
 - **Rain Date – Friday – June 30, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**
 - **Saturday – October 8, 2023 – Noon-7:00 p.m.**

- 7a. John Travaglio, 179 Shrewsbury Street**
Request for one day entertainment license outside live music
- **Tuesday – June 20, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**
 - **Thursday – June 29, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**
 - **Rain Date – Friday – June 30, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**
 - **Saturday – October 8, 2023 – Noon-7:00 p.m.**

Theresa Travaglio appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that these events are for the Taste Shrewsbury Street, the fireworks, and the American Heritage Parade in October. She stated that a beer truck will be brought in, and the bathroom facilities will be located indoors.

Sergeant Needham reminded the applicant to make sure the alcohol remains in licensed area.

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

List of Exhibits: Applications for one day liquor and entertainment licenses received and dated June 8, 2023.

**8. Paul Barber, Taste of Shrewsbury Street, 278 Shrewsbury Street
Request for one day entertainment license radio, recorded music, live music outside**

- Tuesday – June 20, 2023-5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
- Thursday – June 29, 2023-5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Rain Date – Friday – June 30, 2023.-5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Thursday – July 27, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Friday – July 28, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
- Saturday – July 29, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Sunday – July 30, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Sunday – September 3, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday – September 7, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Sunday – October 8, 2023 – Noon- 6:00 p.m.

Paul Barber appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that the events are for the Taste of Shrewsbury Street, the fireworks, the American Heritage Parade and their beach party.

Mr. Barber stated he will be hiring a police detail, have his own security and will have TIPS certified bartenders.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day entertainment licenses.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated June 8, 2023.

**9. Ecotarium, 222 Harrington Way
Request for one day liquor license**

- Monday – June 19, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Kaitlin Williams, participating remotely, stated that this is for a one day liquor request and Ecotarium has its own security.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated June 8, 2023.

**10. Worcester Caribbean American Carnival, Main & Salisbury Streets
Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers,
recorded music, live music, amplification system**

- Sunday – August 27, 2023 – 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Jennifer Gaskin, participating remotely, stated that this will be for their annual parade.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day entertainment license.

- 11. Discover Central MA Worcester Fireworks, Cristoforo Columbus Park**
Request for one day entertainment license radio, live music, amplification system
- **Thursday – June 29, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**
 - **Rain Date – Friday – June 30, 2023-6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

Ashley Rowling appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that this is for the annual fireworks at East Park. She stated that porta potties will be brought in and 21 off duty police officers will be present for the event.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated June 10, 2023.

Common Victualer Requests

- 12. Central Pizza, 222 Chandler Street**
- **Monday – Thursday – 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.**
 - **Friday and Saturday – 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.**

Peter Gerges appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he is taking over the existing business and there will be no changes.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated June 5, 2023.

- 13. Bombay Lounge, 64 Water Street**
- **Sunday – Saturday – 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.**

Devendra Patil appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he and his partner have purchased the assets of the old Maddi's Restaurant and they plan to open a restaurant that will open seven days a week. He stated that they will only have food at this point and then apply for the alcohol license.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated June 7, 2023.

Alcohol/Entertainment Requests

- 14. CM&Family dba Wicked Wings, 321 West Boylston Street**
- **Request to amend entertainment license to add tv, radio, live music, amplification system, karaoke/outdoors**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the June 29, 2023 License Commission meeting.

- 15. Donana Food Services dba Salgabom Snacks, 257 Park Avenue**
- **Request to amend entertainment license to have tv, radio, record music, trivia. Live music, tv, radio.**

Paulo Monfa and Ann Marie Monfa appeared upon behalf of the application.

The Commission and the applicant reviewed the type of entertainment which would consist of tv, radio, recorded music, trivia inside and tv, radio, recorded music, trivia and acoustic guitar in patio area. The outside entertainment to end by 11:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment application.

List of Exhibits: Entertainment application received and dated June 8, 2023.

- 16. Mayoush Enterprises, LLC (Meraki), 274 Shrewsbury Street**
- **Request for jukebox, tv, radio, live music, karaoke**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the June 29, 2023 License Commission meeting.

- 17. Worcester Regional Food Hub, 446 Main Street**
- **Request for outdoor dining for 16 seats on patio**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the June 29, 2023 License Commission meeting.

- 18. Albino's Market, Inc., 92 Belmont Street**
- **Request for package store malt & wine license**

Attorney Sean Murray and Michael Robles appeared upon behalf of the application. Mr. Murray stated that the request is for beer and wine and the location previously had a beer and wine license that was not renewed a few years ago and the applicant wants to mirror what was used to be there.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commission members had done a view of the location and does want to see an ID scanner for checking ID's when store opens.

There was no public comment.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the package store malt & wine license.

List of Exhibits: Application for package store malt & wine license received and dated May 9, 2023.

- 19. Maker to Main, LLC, 328 Main Street**
- **Request to transfer package store malt & wine license to 162 Harding Street and to change corporate name to McGrady Woodman, LLC**

Attorney Jonathan Finkelstein and Lynn Cheney appeared upon behalf of the application.

Mr. Finkelstein stated that they are just relocating the existing license from Main Street as it is an opportunity to expand. Mr. Finkelstein stated that there are no grocery stores in this proposed area so will be serving a need for the area.

Chair Vigliotti read the answers to the Ballarin factors that Attorney Finkelstein had provided into the record.

An assessment of the public want and the basis for the assessment presented.

The overwhelming consensus is excitement for a grocery store that has a full deli counter, prepared foods, fresh produce, local ingredients, bulk options and a continued commitment to small makers and the craft beer industry for the last 11 years. Current residents and transient guests are eager to shop in a grocery store that is convenient to their home and work, has ample parking and easy accessibility. The growth of residential construction will also offer new residents another amenity to move into the area where they can easily access groceries. The public want will increase as the expected 1,000 additional apartments come on line.

The appropriateness of a liquor license at a particular location.

Maker to Main LLC held the beer and wine license at the previous location at 328 Main Street. The grocery store moved to 162 Haring Street, in the same district, and changed entity names to serve and accommodate the requests of residents and transient guests seeking a more robust grocery store within walking distance. The new space enabled a significant expansion by adding a deli, kitchen and prepared foods, plus more grocery varieties. McGrady Woodman LLC dba Maker to Main is not intended to be a liquor store, rather a grocery store with local craft beer and limited local wine for the convenience of guests grocery shopping.

The number of existing §15 licenses in the locality, specifically the number within a radius of 2.5 miles and the number within a radius of 1.5 miles.

The map prepared by the Planning Staff reveals the number of §15 licenses within the respective radii. More significantly, there are two §15 licenses in the immediate neighborhood, each one catering to a different audience of consumers. Maker to Main's audience is a group of consumers who now live in the Canal District and the expected increase of residential tenants over the next 12-24 months. These patrons are looking for a full-service grocery store, not currently available in the neighborhood, where there is the opportunity to purchase wine and beer as part of a more comprehensive shopping experience.

Parking facilities of the proposed location and the effect on traffic by the operation of the proposed license.

There is ample parking for all guests in the allocated parking lot adjacent and behind the building itself. With over 110 parking spots and on street parking, guest parking will easily be available.

The size of the proposed operation and the appropriateness of that sized operation in the location sought.

There are 3124 square feet as indicated in the executed lease and space allocated for dba Maker to Main at 162 Harding Street. 1924 square feet of that space is public access as designated for groceries, deli, cash wrap and refrigeration with 3 of 9 doors for local craft beer, most of which are exclusive and/or limited to Maker to Main and 1 wine rack with local wines. The remaining space is for a food preparation area and dry food storage.
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Public Comment

Olivia Scanlon stated that she was the co-owner of Canal District Wine. She stated that they are thrilled that they are moving in as the need the grocery store in area, but they do not need to sell beer and wine as they have 100's of other items while Canal District Wines only has wine.

Ms. Scanlon stated that when her business first applied, they were denied first time but came back and they were approved as their store would fill a niche market and Canal District Wine has fulfilled that niche so another license is not needed.

Ms. Scanlon stated that Maker to Main is almost at their front door so this will create competition and this is not the right time and place. There are problems with parking in the area that have not been resolved and inflation has been hurting the industry. Ms. Scanlon stated that her store has only been surviving as landlord has reduced their rent and they are just breaking even. She stated that customers could go to Maker to Main and then just walk over to their store to obtain beer/wine.

Domenic Mercurio stated that he is the manager of the Public Market where the Canal District Wines is located and needs to protect his tenant Canal District Wines and asked if there was a way that Maker to Main and Canal District Wine could meet and come to agreement on what type of wines each would sell so they weren't in direct competition with each other. Mr. Mercurio stated that he would have to oppose the transfer.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commissioners had done a view of the proposed new location prior to meeting and a tenant in area had spoke in favor of the new location.

Commissioner Fisher stated that she feels there is room for growth in the area and feels that both stores are very different.

Ms. Cheney stated that she is not opposing the business. She stated that there are 1000 of grocery stores that survive without being 200 feet from an existing package store and stated that Maker to Main can sell grocery and Canal District can sell wines.

Chair Vigliotti stated that he supported the Canal District Wines the first time and second time it came before License Commission, and he feels that Maker to Main's proposal is a unique and doesn't feel it will be detrimental to the area and reviewing the Ballarin factors feels it appropriate for area.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-1 (Commissioner Cruz voting against) to approve the package store malt & wine license.

List of Exhibits: Application for package store malt & wine license received and dated May 25, 2023.

Status Hearing

20. Nuve Lounge, 755 Main Street Restaurant & Lounge, 105 Water Street

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the June 29, 2023 License Commission meeting.

21. KKAP, 244 Main Street

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to accept the surrender of the liquor license.

Other Business

22. Discussion on amending Rule #28 to allow on-line server training programs as well as in person training

Item will be posted on the June 29, 2023 License Commission meeting.

Communications

***ABCC communication. Whiskey on Water-Notice of Suspension**

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m.