



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

**Thursday, July 13, 2023**

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

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Staff Present:**

Officer Patrick Harrington, Worcester Police Department  
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department  
Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

**Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.**

**Minutes: June 29, 2023**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of June 29, 2023.

**One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests**

**1. Worcester Public Library Foundation, 3 Salem Square**

Request for one day liquor license

• **Thursday, September 14, 2023-6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

Christine Murray, participating remotely, stated that this is for an event at the library and about 80-100 people are expected. She stated that the library will have security and a custodian on site as well as TIPS certified bartender.

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 22, 2023.*

**2. Pride Kickoff Party, 69 Green Street**

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, amplification system

• **Saturday – September 2, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.-1:30 a.m.**

Al Green, the event coordinator, participating remotely, stated that he will be partnering with the Mai Tai Restaurant for this event, and they will have a DJ in the parking lot as well as some entertainment.

Officer Harrington asked if the parking lot was one that is fenced off in the back area of the location. Mr. Green stated that it was.

Upon 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 9, 2023.*

**3. APW Summer Slam 2023, 165 Southbridge Street**

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, amplification system

• **Friday - August 4, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Lamar Brown-Noguera, participating remotely, stated that this will be for a community health fair, and they will have a DJ playing from a play list and about 50-200 people are expected to be in attendance.

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 13, 2023.*

**4. Worcester Beer Garden, Worcester Common**

Request for one day liquor license

- **Thursday-August 17, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday-September 21, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**

Mark Speroni appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that he would like to set up a small mobile bar at the event and sell cans of beer. He stated that about 100 people are expected.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated July 6, 2023.*

**5. WICN Public Radio, Parking Lot at Hanover Theater**

Request for one day liquor license

- **Friday-August 25, 2023-5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

David Ginsburg appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this is for their annual event they hold in the parking lot. It is their sixth annual jazz at sunset, and they are expecting about 500-700 people and they will be selling beer and wine as addition to having food trucks outside. He stated ID's will be checked by their security on site that will be there for the event.

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 21, 2023.*

**6. Worcester Bazaar, 100 Grove Street (courtyard)**

Request for one day entertainment license for live music, recorded music, amplification system

- **Saturday-July 29, 2023-3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-August 26, 2023-3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-September 30, 2023-3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-October 28, 2023-3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Carissa Cleawater, participating remotely, stated that this would be for an event at 100 Grove Street in the parking lot area of Fuel.

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 July 3, 2023.*

**7. Worcester Regional Food Hub, 446 Main Street**

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system, moving picture show (outside)

- **Saturdays-April-October – 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Victoria Mariano and Rob Morris appeared on behalf of the application. Mr. Morris stated that this will be for an outdoor market in front of the food hub and they would like to have light music outside.

Ms. Mariano stated that Food Hub staff will be there to monitor the event and porta potties will be brought in for patrons.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated July 5, 2023.*

**Common Victualer Requests**

**8. Mochie Tea LLC dba Mochinut, 385 Park Avenue**

- **Monday-Sunday-11:00 a.m. -8:30 p.m.**

James Ta appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that he plans to open a donut shop but will also be selling other food items.

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 30, 2023.*

**9. Team Elite Pizza, LLC, 304 Park Avenue**

- **Sunday-Saturday-10:00 a.m. – 3:00 a.m.**

Anna Ramos appeared on behalf of the application. She stated that she is taking over the current shop that is located at this address.

Commissioner Cruz asked why she intended to be open to 3:00 a.m. Ms. Ramos stated that is the current hours the current establishment has.

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 29, 2023.*

**10. Imperio Brazil Meat Market, 675 Main Street**

- **Sunday-Saturday-6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Mucio Berberg Olivera Da Silva appeared on behalf of the application. Ms. DaSilva stated that she is looking to start a meat market.

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 July 10, 2023.*

**Alcohol/Entertainment Requests**

**11. 1121 LLC, 1121 Grafton Street, Suite C**

- **Request for change of manager**

Ralf Makhoulta appeared on behalf of the application.

Officer Harrington stated that applications had passed.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of manager.

*List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager received and dated May 23, 2023.*

**12. 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 allow for Leave to Withdraw for the application.

**13. 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 August 10, 2023 License Commission meeting.

**14. Cool Licks I Cream & Frozen Yogurt, 325 Pleasant Street**

- **Request for outdoor parklet for 2 tables with 10 seats**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the August 10, 2023 License Commission meeting.

**15. Fat Chops, LLC, 225 Canterbury Street**

- **Request for change of manager**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the August 10, 2023 License Commission meeting.

**16. Kazahiyah's Hair Studio, 160 Green Street TG-3**

- **Request for general on premises all alcohol license • Request for common victualer license**

Kaz Hardy appeared upon behalf of the application.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the application had been continued from the last meeting as the Commission members had concerns about the storage of the alcohol on the premises and the occupancy. Mr. Hardy stated that he had met with Inspectional Services and the occupancy is going to be 21 people and he has built a storage unit.

Officer Harrington expressed concerns that where the alcohol could be stored that other people have access to space. Mr. Hardy stated that the space is locked, and he would only person who would have access to it. Officer Harrington explained that there is a gap at the top of the storage area so people could still have access so the storage area would not meet the criteria required under Massachusetts General Laws.

Chair Vigliotti stated that from looking at the photos it looks like other people could have access to the storage area and he has concern that the storage unit being built would impede access for fire apparatus required on site.

Commissioner Fisher reminded Mr. Hardy that the 21-occupancy limit would also include himself and a bartender.

Chair Vigliotti and the other Commission members stated that they would like to continue the item to the next meeting in order that another site view of the location could be done, and Mr. Hardy could speak with fire regarding the storage area.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the applications to the August 10, 2023 License Commission meeting.

**17. Bocado, Inc., 82 Winter Street**

- **Request for alteration of premises for outdoor patio**

Michael Covino appeared on behalf of the application.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commissioners had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Mr. Covino stated that he has purchased the building adjacent to his and plans to make a connection between the two buildings and build a 750 square foot patio.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the alteration of premises.

*List of Exhibits: Application for alteration of premises received and dated June 1, 2023.*

**18. Lara Hookah Bar, Inc., 267 Lincoln Street**

- **Request for general on premises all alcohol license**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, amplification system**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the August 10, 2023 License Commission meeting.

**19. Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream, 44 Front Street**

- **Request for outdoor sidewalk dining for 4 tables with 8 seats**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the August 10, 2023 License Commission meeting.

**20. Unique Café & Catering, 322 Cambridge Street**

- **Request for outdoor dining for 2 tables with 8 seats**
- **Request for entertainment license for Live Music, recorded music, amplification system inside/outside**

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commission members had view the site prior to the meeting.

The applicant was not present for the meeting.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the outdoor dining area for 2 tables with 8 seats.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the entertainment application to the August 10, 2023 License Commission meeting.

**Other Business - Update to License Commission Rules**

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE WORCESTER LICENSE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE SERVER TRAINING REQUIREMENT AND REQUIRED EVENT NOTIFICATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, upon the request of Worcester business owners, the License Commission has determined that it is beneficial to local businesses and the city of Worcester to allow on-line Server Training certifications; and,

**WHEREAS**, upon the receipt of a request for clarification regarding required notification of events at licensed establishments, the License Commission voted to amend the existing Rule #36;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it adopted by the License Commission of the City of Worcester as follows:

*Section 1.* The City of Worcester License Commission Rules and Regulations for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages to be Drunk on Premises is hereby amended by deleting the referenced Rule 28 and inserting the following new Rule 28:

**RULE #28**

Managers and all persons involved in the service of liquor are required to submit a Server Training Program certification, approved by the Worcester Police Department, within thirty calendar days of each person’s first day of work, except for persons serving under the authority of a one-day special license who shall have received such certification prior to serving any alcoholic beverages. Licensees shall submit a copy of the record manager's Server Training certificate to the License Commission for filing. A copy of the server training certificate of each employee or volunteer involved in the service of liquor shall be kept on the premises.

*Section 2.* The City of Worcester License Commission Rules and Regulations for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages to be Drunk on Premises is hereby amended by deleting the referenced Rule 36 and inserting the following new Rule 36:

**RULE #36**

- a) Licensees shall submit, electronically in the format required by the License Commission, a monthly calendar of events to be held at the licensed premises, including but not limited to DJs, live performances and Trivia.
- b) Any licensee holding a promoted event must notify the License Commission, electronically in the format required by the License Commission, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the event. A promoted event shall include when a person or entity (“Promoter”) contracts with a licensee to hold an event at the licensed premises, including performing artists, advertising services, and entertainment performances such as live performances and amplified presentations, and said Promoter has a financial interest in the event by receiving a portion of the profit by renting the licensed premises from licensee, or by receiving a portion of gross receipts from the door or bar.
  - i. Promoters must use the licensed premises’ security staff; they may not bring in their own staff.

Chair Vigliotti read the proposed rule amendments into the record.

Melvin Collins stated that he would like to speak regarding the proposed rule on the monthly calendar of events and stated that it would be helpful to know what the city is trying to achieve by asking for a monthly calendar of events.

Officer Harrington stated that this is so it can be helpful for Worcester Police and Worcester Fire for occupancy and public safety issues as if there is a large event expected then WPD would know in case they need to put an extra a patrol in the area.

Mr. Collins stated that he understands in the event of a promoted event as an establishment is going to schedule that well ahead of time but for week-to-week entertainment an establishment is not going to know what you are going to be scheduling. You may get a DJ available at the last minute you want to bring in.

Mr. Collins stated that the has been approached by families who may want to have a mercy dinner and he wouldn’t know that until last minute. There be no way to know that a month ahead of time all the different events.

Commissioner Fisher stated that from the way she is reading the rule it sounds like this only applies if there is some profit sharing from the door.

Mr. Collins stated that he understands the promoted event and right now the rule states that license holders have 14 days ahead of time to notify but now requiring a monthly calendar of what entertainment an establishment is going to have is impossible as no way are they going to do every day in the month what they going to be doing for entertainment.

Ms. Kalkounis stated that the request is for all events that an establishment has and from what she understands that a lot of license holders already have a monthly calendar of events that they can provide but if event does come up, she believes the license holder can still submit that the police, but the purpose of the rule is for license holders to notify WPD and License Commission of larger events.



Officer Harrington stated that this more for larger events that are posted on social media so that the city is aware of the events. They aren't looking at mercy meals or birthday parties.

Chair Vigliotti asked if the License Commission can amend the regulations. Ms. Kalkounis stated that yes, the Commission is allowed to amend.

Commissioner Fisher stated that how does the Commission determine what is an adequate time for the license holders to provide notice of events.

Commissioner Cruz asked Mr. Collins what type of license he has. Mr. Collins stated that he has a restaurant with liquor license and what he has been encountering is that he has own DJ equipment and event may happen at another establishment that will end at 9:00 p.m. and he will get a call asking to bring the DJ over to his establishment. Officer Harrington stated that is the problem WPD is having is suddenly 300 people show up at the location and WPD and Worcester fire are not prepared for parking problems, etc. and that is what they trying to avoid.

Mr. Collins stated that license holders have a capacity so if they follow the capacity it shouldn't matter. Officer Harrington stated but they don't know what type of event it will be. They don't know if they should have extra patrols.

Mr. Collins stated that he understands the promoted event as he has to advertise himself well ahead of time to get the word out and there is no way for a license holder to know entertainment for the whole month and this is going to put a burden on the license holder.

Julius Kumah stated that he had same concerns that Mr. Collins has. He stated he has capacity of 273 and every night different amount of people show up. Again, like Mr. Collins he understands the promoted event and the notification as he has to advertise that in advance to make sure people show up, so he doesn't lose money. As long as he follows the capacity, he doesn't think he should have to post a monthly calendar.

Chair Vigliotti asked if the license holders would have to come back for approval each of these events. Ms. Kalkounis stated no that this is just a notification to the Commission and the Worcester Police.

Officer Harrington stated that the an establishment will say they are having a DJ and then the regular DJ doesn't show up and they bring in a DJ from Boston who well known who brings in 500 people and they have a problem where some establishments don't know occupancy of their business and aren't prepared for the crowd and then they have 300 people standing in the street.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the rule amendments.

### **Communications**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m.