

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
JUNE 25, 2020

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

Commission Members Absent: Walter Shea, Chairman

Staff Participating: Stephen Rolle, Planning & Regulatory Services
Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police
Department
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department
Jennifer Beaton, Law Department
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services

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Call to Order – 10:00 am

Approval of Minutes – May 28, 2020

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of May 28, 2020.

New Business

1. License Commission Temporary Outdoor Dining - Rules and Regulations

Alteration of Premises – Temporary Outdoor Dining (New)

2. OD-2020-080 City Line Diner, 1420 Main Street

Bill Anthanasiou called in for the item.

Proposal was as follows: Common victualer (food only); outdoor dining area in parking lot east of building. 70 seats with 18 tables.

Hours of Operation: 7 AM–3 PM daily

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining.

3. OD-2020-083 Doughnuts & Draughts, 225 Main Street

SW-2020-033 Sidewalk Dining License – Main Street

Chris, a representative from Doughnuts & Drafts, called in for the item.

Proposal was as follows: Outdoor dining area on the sidewalk on the east side of Main Street, west of the building (255 Main Street) and the Palladium (261 Main Street). 24 seats with 6 tables, 3 of which will be under the Palladium marquee, and 3 of which will be equipped with large table umbrellas to protect patrons from the weather.

Hours of Operation: Sunday–Wednesday: 8 AM–10 PM; Thursday–Saturday: 8:00 AM–11 PM

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the temporary sidewalk dining license.

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

4. OD-2020-004 Russo’s Restaurant, 65 Water Street

Upon roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to allow for Leave to Withdraw for the item.

~~**5. OD-2020-061 Patsie Dugans, 49 Millbury Street**~~

~~Item was held.~~

~~**6. OD-2020-072 The Hitchin' Post, 5 Saugus Place**~~

~~Item was held.~~

7. OD-2020-073 Ajo y Cilantro, 795 Main Street

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

No one called in for the item.

Proposal was as follows: Food only.

Hours: Monday–Sunday: 7:00 AM–9:00 PM

Commissioner Haller requested that the tables be brought in each night.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the temporary Sidewalk Dining License.

- ~~8. OD-2020-074 Pampas Steak House, 145 East Central Street
SW-2020-029 Sidewalk Dining License—East Central Street~~
- ~~9. OD-2020-075 Acoustic Java, 6 Brussels Street~~
- ~~10. OD-2020-076 Whiskey, 316 Main Street
SW-2020-036 Sidewalk Dining License—Main Street~~
- ~~11. OD-2020-070 White Eagle, 116-118 Green Street~~
- ~~12. OD-2020-077 Bennie's Café, 13 East Mountain Street~~
- ~~13. OD-2020-078 Piccolo's, 157 Shrewsbury Street
SW-2020-031 Sidewalk Dining License—Shrewsbury Street & Plum Street~~
- ~~14. OD-2020-079 Phoenician Hookah Bar, 175 Harding Street
SW-2020-032 Sidewalk Dining License—Harding Street~~

Items #8-#14 held.

Common Victualer Requests

15. Stop Café, 255 Park Avenue

Valon Dalipi called in for the item. He stated that this is for a restaurant food only license.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license dated and received June 10, 2020.

16. Fratelli's Corner Pizza, 186 Stafford Street

Di Yan called in for the item. Request is for a restaurant food only license.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license dated and received June 10, 2020.

Alcohol & Entertainment Requests

17. TB Restaurant Worcester LLC (dba The Broadway), 2 Mercantile Street

Attorney Stephanie Boudreau and representatives from TB Restaurant Worcester LLC called in for the item. She stated that this this for a new restaurant with a roof deck that will open at Mercantile Street.

A brief discussion was held regarding the name of the business and an operation currently operating in Worcester with similar name.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license.

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

- a. Request for restaurant all alcohol license
- b. Request for common victualer license

List of Exhibits:

- A. Application for restaurant all alcohol license dated and received June 4, 2020.
- B. Application for common victualer license dated and received June 4, 2020.

18. Marlboro Foods Inc. (dba 7 Eleven), 1442 Grafton Street

Request for package store malt & wine license

Attorney David L. Rubin and the Applicant, Nakula Patel called in for the item. Attorney Rubin stated that the applicant is seeking a beer and wine license for the 3,000 square foot convenience store.

Lt. James Johnson met the Applicant at the location of the proposed License and conducted a view, thereafter presenting the Commission with photos at the public hearing that were presented through a power point presentation and available for the public to see during the meeting.

Attorney Henry Levin, representing, AADYAC, LLC dba the Icebox, an existing package store located near the proposed license stated that his client is in opposition to the application and that the area is adequately served.

Commissioner Haller stated that based on the map provided by the Division of Planning & Regulatory Services, showing the existing Section 15 establishments in the area, she believes the area is already adequately served. Chairman Shea agreed with Commissioner Haller that the area is well served.

Commissioner Vigliotti stated that he also viewed the map and knows the area very well. He feels the area is adequately served. There are four (4) other licenses within one (1) mile of the proposed license.

In consideration of the discussion at the public hearings and upon a roll call, the Commission voted 3-0 to deny the application for a Section 15 malt & wine license at 1442 Grafton Street, finding the area is adequately served by the existing Section 15 off-premises establishments in the area.

List of Exhibits: Application for package store malt & wine license dated and received June 2, 2020.

Communications

19. ABCC Advisory regarding indoor table service

The Commission reviewed the advisory from the state.

Adjournment

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