



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

**Thursday – March 24, 2022**

**Commissioners Present:** Walter Shea, Chair  
Barbara Haller, Commissioner  
Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Staff Present:**

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

**Call to Order** – 10:00 a.m.

**Minutes** – March 10, 2022-

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of March 10, 2022.

**Common Victualer Requests**

**1. Best Chinese Restaurant, 892B Main Street**

- Tuesday – Thursday – 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Friday-Saturday – 11:00 a.m. – Midnight
- Sunday- Noon-11:00 p.m.

Aizhen Zang appeared in person for the application. He stated that he is taking over an existing business.

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 March 11, 2022.*

**One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests**

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

- Friday, May 20, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Christine Murray, participating remotely, stated that this is for a two day mini golf event at the public library and on Friday they would like to have ability to sell alcohol.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated March 14, 2022.*

### **Liquor & Entertainment Application Requests**

#### **3. Texas Roadhouse Holdings, LLC, 535 Lincoln Street**

- Request for change of manager

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the March 7, 2022 License Commission meeting.

#### **4. Mezcal Tequila Cantina, Inc., 30 Major Taylor Boulevard**

- Request for change of manager

Mike Covino, appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this will be for a change of manager.

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 March 10, 2022.*

#### **5. DVN Inc. dba Plaza Liquors, 867 Grafton Street**

- Request for change of manager

Maria Vasiladis, participating remotely, stated that this will be for a change of manager at the location.

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 March 18, 2022.*

#### **6. TB Restaurant, LLC dba Mercantile, 1 Mercantile Street**

- Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, live music, inside and outside
- Monday 11:30 a.m. -2:00 a.m.
- Tuesday 11:30 a.m.-2:00 a.m.
- Wednesday 11:30 a.m.-2:00 a.m.
- Thursday 11:30 a.m.-2:00 a.m.
- Friday 11:30 a.m.-2:00 a.m.
- Saturday 10 a.m.-2:00 a.m.
- Sunday 10 a.m.-2:00 a.m.

Adam Dorey, participating remotely, stated that they are looking to add an entertainment license to the location.

Commissioner Haller stated that she had concerns about the 2:00 a.m. for the outside portion of the request as sound travels.

Mr. Dorey stated it will be acoustic outside and management will be present and will enforce the levels of noise so that it not disruptive to local neighbors and businesses.

The Commission stated that since last call is usually 1:45 a.m. and establishment must close by 2:00 a.m. the Commission would prefer the ending time be 1:30 a.m.

Mr. Dorey stated that they initially probably would not even go that late.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license with condition that outside area does not have entertainment past 1:30 a.m.

*List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated March 15, 2022.*

#### **7. Canal District Wines, LLC, 160 Green Street, Unit TG-3**

- Request for change of location to 160 Green Street – Unit, TG-5

Olivia & Rachel Scanlon appeared on behalf of the application.

Chairman Shea stated that the License Commission is impressed with how the business has been run so far and when they Commission viewed the site this am they were impressed with the size of the new proposed location that store will be located in the Public Market.

Public comment

None

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the transfer of location.

List of Exhibits: Application for transfer of location received and dated March 7, 2022.

#### **8. JPP Petroleum, Incorporated, 419 Grove Street**

- Request for package store malt & wine license

Attorney Paul Mourad appeared upon behalf of the applicant, JPP Petroleum. He stated that this client is looking to add a package store to the gas station.

Mr. Mourad stated that the had provided a summary statement to the Commission relative to the application which included the operation of the business and how many how many other package stores were in the area.

Mr. Mourad stated that the store has put together an employee policy which they have provided to the Commission as well as an argument that that Commission had concern at last meeting on this application that

the area was adequately served but the Commission has approved four licenses for different stores within one mile radius of each other previously.

Mr. Mourad stated that within the mile area of this proposed location it shows Allstar liquor is 1.2 to 1.8 mile away so he wouldn't agree they serve the same community.

Chairman Shea stated that within 0.5 miles there are two package stores and Allstar Liquors is little further away and he believes that the two package stores right in area shows area well served.

Mr. Mourad asked what about adding some contingencies to approval such as getting and ID Scanner and having all employees TIPS certified. Chairman Shea stated that should just be good business practices.

Mr. Mourad stated that he doesn't have understand the reluctantly of the Board in approving the application where there about 18 available package store licenses to be given out and this would be second time this location has been denied.

Chairman Shea stated that according to Ballarin factors the Commission can look at whether the area is adequately served which he believes it is.

Commissioner Haller asked how many employees store has. Mr. Mourad stated about three to four and they all have experience at another package store they have in Oxford, MA.

Commissioner Vigliotti stated that he agrees with argument that area is adequately served but what is going to be sold at this location is such a small volume it won't impact the package stores in the area so he would vote yes on request.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-1 to deny the package store malt & wine license. Commissioner Vigliotti voting in support.

*List of Exhibits:*

- A. Application for package store malt & wine license received and dated March 7, 2022.*
- B. Argument from Attorney Paul Mourad*
- C. Employee policy from Attorney Paul Mourad*
- D. Package store map prepared by the Division of Planning & Regulatory Services*

**9. Marlboro Food, Inc., dba 7 Eleven, 1442 Grafton Street**

- Request to transfer package store malt & wine license from AADYAC, LLC
- Request to transfer location from 1454 Grafton Street

Nakula Patel and Sureshabai Patel appeared upon behalf of the application.

Ms. Patel stated that they are looking to transfer the package store ownership from current license holder to Marlboro Foods and to transfer location 1442 Grafton Street.

Chairman Shea stated that the Commissioners had view the site prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Haller stated she just wanted to clarify for the record that there is license at 1454 Grafton and that will be transferred to 1442 Grafton Street so the 1454 Grafton Street license will no longer exist.

Commissioner Vigliotti stated on the view they saw there was adequate security and storage.

Public Comment

None

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for transfer of package store ownership and location received and dated February 10, 2022.*

**10. Sai Kiran Inc. dba One Stop, 1406 Main Street**

- Request for package store malt & wine license

Taral Naik and Ila Naik appeared on behalf of the application.

Mr. Naik stated that they had been at location for 16 years and stated that he has been in industry for 13 years and the customers of this store have been asking for the store to sell malt & wine and they want to offer more services.

Chairman Shea stated that the Commission had viewed the site prior to the meeting. He stated that during their view they observed that there are two locations within less than 0.05 miles and there are two within 0.75 miles so he feels the area is adequately served so he would not be in support of the petition.

Commissioner Haller stated that she would be inclined to support as there no other provider within a quarter mile and ones within the half mile it is one malt & wine license and one full license so she would not object.

Commissioner Vigliotti stated he would not object as the amount of volume that would be sold would not have an impact on existing stores in area.

Public Comment

None

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

**Status Hearing**

**11. Nuve Lounge, 751 Main Street**

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the April 7, 2022 License Commission meeting.

### **Other Business**

#### **12. Extension of Temporary Outdoor Dining Program**

Mr. Rolle stated that the City is still awaiting word from the state regarding extending the program and believes it will be extended but does not have further details at this time.

The Commission expressed concern that the state has still not informed the local boards whether they will extend the program and is leaving business in limbo. The Commission also stated that they would not support any fees being implemented if program is continued.

Commission members asked if they could vote to continue the program contingent upon receive official word from the state. Mr. Rolle stated that the Commission has that option.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to extend the temporary outdoor dining program until April 1, 2023 with no fees.

#### **13. Memo relative to increase of off-premises license**

Mr. Rolle stated that as the Commission is aware that due to the new census figures there has been increase in number of off premises package store license that the City can issues. He stated that staff is working on a memo on the best way to address issuing the new license and the memo should be available for the next meeting.

#### **14. Approval of 2023 Meeting Schedule**

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the 2023 meeting schedule.

### **Communications**

None

### **Adjournment**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m.