

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

JUNE 4, 2015

LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBERS

Commission Members Present: Karon Shea, Chairperson
Walter Shea, Commissioner
Anthony Salvidio, Commisisoner

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Stephen S. Rolle, Planning & Regulatory Services
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services
Alexandra Haralambous, Law Department
Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department

Approval of the Minutes – May 21, 2015

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of May 21, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests:

1. Petition: Request for one day liquor license & entertainment

- June 26, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. – Midnight
- June 27, 2015 – 11:00 a.m-Midnight
- June 28, 2015 – Noon to 7:30 p.m.

Petitioner: Paulie’s New Orleans Jazz N Blues Festival, 138 & 152
Green Street

No on appeared for the item. Item was postponed until the next meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for one day license received on May 4, 2015 and dated May 4, 2015.

2. Petition: Request for one day liquor license

- July 12, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Isaac Kyem, 30 Anna Street

Isaac Kyem appeared on behalf of the item. He stated that they are expecting between 300 and 500 people at the event and have hired two off duty police details and will have ten security guards.

Lt. Johnson stated that he would need to confirm whether that would be enough details for amount of people expected for the event.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day license with the condition that a minimum of two off duty police officers be hired and up to four maybe required by the Worcester Police Department.

Exhibit A: Application for one day license received May 18, 2015 and dated May 18, 2015.

3. Petition: Request for one day liquor license

- June 27, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Petitioner: AGSF Artist Group of the Sprinkler Factor, 38 Harlow Street

Luis Fara and John Murphy appeared on behalf of the item. Mr. Fara stated that this will be a fundraiser and they will also be doing a silent auction.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day license received May 21, 2015 and dated May 21, 2015.

4. Petition: Request for one day liquor license & entertainment

- June 5, 2015 – 4:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
- June 6, 2015-12:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
- June 7, 2015-12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Petitioner: St. Mary's Assumption Albanian Orthodox Church, 535 Salisbury Street

Mark Baker appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this is for the Albanian Festival.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor & entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor & entertainment received on May 19, 2015 and dated May 19, 2015.

5. Petition: Request for one day liquor license

- June 21, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- June 27, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
- August 22, 2015-6:00 p.m.-Midnight

Petitioner: St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 102 Russell Street

No one appeared for the item. Item was postponed to the next meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for one day license received May 22, 2015 and dated May 22, 2015.

6. Petition: Request for one day liquor license

- June 15, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Chartwells, 10 Lincoln Square

No one appeared for the item but the Commission felt they had sufficient information to make a determination.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day license request.

Exhibit A: Application for one day license received May 27, 2015 and dated May 27, 2015.

7. Petition: Request for one day liquor license

- June 2, 2015 – 5:30 to Midnight

Petitioner: Our Lady of Mercy, 341 June Street

Father Gaby Hoyek appeared on behalf of the item. He stated that this will be for a church event.

Commissioner Salvidio asked what the hours would be. Father Hoyek stated that he thought it would run 5:30 to Midnight

Commissioner Salvidio stated that in order to allow for set up and break down of the event they would approve the hours of 5:00 p.m. - Midnight.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day license received May 26, 2015 and dated May 26, 2015.

8. Petition: Request for one day entertainment license for
Radio, dancing by entertainers, floor show, recorded music

- June 25, 26, 27, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Cosechando En Tiempos Buenos Iglesia, Fuller Family Park

Pablo Holguin Saladin appeared on behalf of the item. Marlyn Feliciano translated.

Ms. Feliciano stated that Mr. Saladin stated the request was for a Christian campaign and no alcohol will be at the event.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license.

9. Petition: Request for one day liquor & entertainment license

- June 5, 2015 Liquor – 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Entertainment 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- June 23, 2015 Liquor – 4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
Entertainment-4:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
- July 2, 2015 Liquor-4:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
Entertainment-4:00 p.m.-Midnight (rain
date 7/6/15)
- July 30, 2015 Liquor -4:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
Entertainment (none)
- July 31, 2015 Liquor-11:00 a.m.-Midnight
Entertainment-11:00 a.m.-:11:30 p.m.
- August 1, 2015 Liquor-11:00 a.m.– Midnight
Entertainment-11:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
- August 2, 2015 Liquor – 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
, Entertainment – 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
- August 3, 2015 Liquor-10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Entertainment-11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
- October 11, 2015 Liquor – 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Entertainment-11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Paul Barber, 280 Shrewsbury Street

Paul Barber appeared on behalf of the item.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that the Commission would only take up the first two requests, June 5 and June 23, 2015 in order that Mr. Barber, the neighbors and city staff could meet prior to the next meeting to discuss the rest of the requests and see if an amicable agreement could be reached relative to the times of the events.

Mr. Barber stated that the June 5, 2015 event is for a charity fundraiser which will run from to 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Rolle stated that if the applicant is requesting to end at 5:30 then the Commission needs to discuss that and determine whether to amend hours to that.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that they would amend the June 5, 2015 application for the entertainment to be 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. and alcohol to be 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the June 5, 2015 alcohol and entertainment licenses with condition that entertainment be 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. and alcohol to be 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Barber stated that the June 23, 2015 event is for the Taste of Shrewsbury Street that has been going on for fifteen years and it is fundraiser for the merchant's association. Mr. Barber stated that he was one of originators of the Taste of Shrewsbury Street and they have always done entertainment outside and it is a great event.

The Commission reviewed the hours. Mr. Barber stated that last year the entertainment ended at 10:00 p.m. and they did lose sales compared to years before when they were allowed to go later and there is a lot of value to having that extra half hour.

Chair Shea stated that she sees that the City's recommendation was that it end at 9:00 p.m. and suggested due to the nature of the event that it be to 10:00 p.m.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that he would agree and 10:00 p.m. would be reasonable for everyone in neighborhood.

Chair Shea stated that she is excited about the event and thinks what was decided was fair.

Paul Giorgio, organizer for Taste of Shrewsbury, appeared on behalf of the event and stated that there have been no problems in the past 15 years of the event and is disappointed at the City's recommendation to condition it to end at 9:00 p.m. He stated that Shrewsbury Street is a vital commercial district in the city and if Worcester is going to be a hub of entertainment and expand its economic base then they shouldn't condition the approval to close that early.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that is why there is an independent board and they are making good progress in balancing the needs of the businesses and neighborhoods.

Mr. Rolle stated that the 9:00 p.m. recommendation was due to the fact that this was event was on a week night and also reminded people that there is only one meeting left in June for applicants' to apply if they want to do something outside of their regular entertainment license.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the June 23, 2015 alcohol and entertainment licenses with condition that entertainment be allowed from 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. and alcohol to be from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Mr. Rolle asked if there were any other conditions that Commission wanted to place on the license. Chair Shea stated no.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor & entertainment license received June 4, 2015 and dated June 4, 2015.

Common Victualer License Requests:

10. Petition: Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: New Good Taste, Inc., 68 Vernon Street

Ben Qin Zhu appeared on behalf of the item. He stated that he is taking over the existing business.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received May 26, 2015 and dated May 26, 2015.

11. Petition: Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: The Verdict Café, 225 Main Street

Keith Colzie appeared on behalf of the item. He stated that he will be opening the café in the Worcester courthouse.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received May 15, 2015 and dated May 15, 2015.

12. Petition: Request for sidewalk café

Petitioner: Boulevard Diner, 155 Shrewsbury Street

James George appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that he would like to put some tables out and this will be for food only.

Commissioner Salvidio asked what would be the hours. Mr. George stated that he hadn't thought of time but thought from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Lt. Johnson stated that the tables would need to be off the sidewalk by 9:00 p.m.

Upon a motion the Commission approved 3-0 to approve the sidewalk café to 9:00 p.m. and must adhere to the City of Worcester sidewalk dining rules.

Alcohol & Entertainment Permit Applications:

13. Petition: Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, light show amplification system, karaoke

Petitioner: 90 Harding LLC dba The Compass Tavern, 90 Harding Street

David Domemick appeared on behalf of the item.

Mr. Domenick stated that this is request for entertainment inside and outside.

Ms. Steele asked the Commission what hours were they approving for outside.

Mr. Domenick stated that he would like the outside area to go to midnight.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that given the area it could go later.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that it could go to 1:00 a.m.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license for inside and outside to 1:00 a.m.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received May 14, 2015 and dated May 14, 2015.

Other Business

14. St. Cyr, 235 Park Avenue – Parking lot conditions

Ms. Haralambous stated that in 1986 a condition was placed on the parking lot license for this location that arbor vitae along the Stavros property line remain and be maintained and that a six foot stockade fence be erected in front of arbor vitae's on the petitioner's property.

Erin Gavin stated that her mother Patricia Stavros lives next to the property and the fence has been put back but the arbor vitae's have not been replanted.

The Commission members discussed what would be the appropriate plantings to install.

Mrs. Stavros stated that she would like rhododendrons and it would be good if they were maintained.

Robert St. Cyr stated that he didn't realize how tight it is to pull out and doesn't understand why a fence and trees are required.

Mr. Rolle stated that the condition pre-dated the current zoning ordinance and the License Board at that time imposed that condition.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that in his dealings with the city that fencing as well as landscaping is required for parking lots and he like the two neighbors to work it out so the Commission doesn't have to set condition that 20 trees have to be put up as Commission understands the importance of greenspace.

The Commission after hearing from both sides agreed that rhododendrons will be planted.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to amend the 1986 approval confirming that the fence be maintained that that that by July 1, 2015 eight rhododendrons be planted and the site be maintained.

Communications

- a. ABCC Notice of Hearing – JED Restaurant Group, LLC-Filed

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion the Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.