

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
JUNE 6, 2019

ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBERS

Commission Members Present:

Anthony Salvidio, Chairman
Walter Shea, Commissioner
Barbara Haller, Commissioner

Commission Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department
Jim Racicot, Inspectional Services
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services

Minutes

May 23, 2019

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of May 23, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Common Victualer Requests

I-1: Dairy Queen Grill & Chill, 721 Grafton Street

Request for common victualer license

Richard Hansen appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license dated May 28, 2019 and received May 28, 2019.

I-2: Taco Caliente, 226 Chandler Street

Request for common victualer license

Joe Candies appeared upon behalf of the common victualer license.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license dated May 29, 2019 and received May 29, 2019.

I-3: Saigon Restaurant, 976B Main Street

Request for common victualer license

Attorney Hong Nguyen and Doanh Luong appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license dated May 29, 2019 and received May 29, 2019.

Special One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

II-1: Dell'Ovo's Kitchen, 257 Shrewsbury Street-LTW

- Request for one day liquor license
 - June 18, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Request for one day entertainment license for live music outside
 - June 18, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to accept the Leave to Withdraw for the one day liquor license and the one day entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated May 20, 2019 and received May 20, 2019.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license dated May 20, 2019 and received May 20, 2019

II-2: Terra Brasilis Restaurant, 480 Shrewsbury Street

Request for one day entertainment license for live music outside

- June 18, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Neuber Rossi appeared upon behalf of the application. The Commission stated that they would approve license to 9:00 to be consistent with other licenses for this event.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day entertainment license with the amended hours.

Exhibit A: Application for one day entertainment license dated May 20, 2019 and received May 20, 2019

II-3: Eden’s Slime Sundaes, 138 Russell Street

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, live music, amplification system, floor show

- June 29, 2019 -10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Geoffrey Killebrau appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this will be a family event.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day entertainment license with a rain date allowed if event needs to be rescheduled.

Exhibit A: Application for one day entertainment license dated May 20, 2019 and received May 20, 2019

II-4: Melissa Sherry, 55 Millbrook Street

Request for one day liquor license outside

- June 15, 2019 – 11:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
- June 22, 2019 – 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
- June 29, 2019 – 11:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- July 6, 2019 – 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
- July 13, 2019 – 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
- July 27, 2019 – 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
- August 3, 2019 – 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
- August 10, 2019-11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
- August 17, 2019 – 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
- August 24, 2019 – 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
- August 31, 2019 – 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
- September 7, 2019 – 11:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Melissa Sherry appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated May 20, 2019 and received May 20, 2019

II-5: Mexicali Cantina and Grill, 225 Shrewsbury Street

Request for one day entertainment license for music outside

- o June 18, 2019 -4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Karla Adorno appeared upon behalf of the application. The Commission stated that they would approve license to 9:00 to be consistent with other licenses for this event.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day entertainment license with the amended hours.

Exhibit A: Application for one day entertainment license dated May 30, 2019 and received May 30, 2019

II-6: Meze, LLC, 166 Shrewsbury Street

Request for one day entertainment license for live music outside

- o June 18, 2019 -4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Pangiotis appeared upon behalf of the application.

The Commission stated that they would approve license to 9:00 to be consistent with other licenses for this event.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day entertainment license with the amended hours.

Exhibit A: Application for one day entertainment license dated May 30, 2019 and received May 30, 2019

II-7: Frank Prizio, 121 Shrewsbury Street

Request for one day liquor license outside

- o June 18, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Frank Prizio appeared upon behalf of the application.

The Commission stated that they would approve license to 9:00 to be consistent with other licenses for this event. Mr. Prizio asked if he could begin the event at 4:00 and the Commission stated that they would be fine with that.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day entertainment license with the amended hours.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated June 3, 2019 and received June 3, 2019

Alcohol & Entertainment Requests

III-1: Philips' E&N Seafood, dba Philips' E&N Seafood, 264 Grafton Street

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license

Niomi Kpou appeared upon behalf of the application.

The Commission stated that they had viewed the premises prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Haller and Shea both expressed concern about the lack of knowledge the applicant had displayed at the view relative to the laws regarding liquor licenses and stated that the location had feel of take out and didn't feel they could support the application but suggested the applicant contact an attorney and maybe come back in six months with new application after has better understanding of what holding a liquor license entails.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to deny the restaurant all alcohol license due to the following:

- No locked facility for the alcohol on the premises
- Applicant displayed no knowledge of Massachusetts alcohol laws
- The location was not adequate for a restaurant all alcohol license

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license dated June 3, 2019 and received June 3, 2019

III-2: J&J Cazares Corp dba Pepe's Taqueria, 645 Chandler Street

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license with outdoor seating. Outdoor seating for twenty or less. No outdoor seating after 10:00 p.m.
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, live music, amplification system

Attorney Jonathan Finkelstein along with representative from J&J Cazares Corp appeared upon behalf of the application.

The Commission stated that they had viewed the premises prior to the meeting.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license with the outdoor seating.

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

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

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license dated June 3, 2019 and received June 3, 2019

Exhibit B: Application for common victualer license dated June 3, 2019 and received June 3, 2019.

Exhibit C: Application for entertainment license dated June 3, 2019 and received June 3, 2019.

Chairman Salvidio recused himself from Item III-3 and left the meeting room.

III-3: J E Mullaly Package Store, Inc., 221 Webster Street

- Request for change of corporate stock and principals

Attorney Michael Duffy and David Kasper appeared upon behalf of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of corporate stock and principals.

Exhibit A: Application for change of corporate stock and principals dated June 3, 2019 and received June 3, 2019

Chairman Salvidio returned to the meeting room.

III-4: SHAANI Corp dba Big Bob's Wine and Spirits, 501 Southbridge Street

- Request for transfer of package store all alcohol license from HAIK, Inc.

Attorney Matthew Porter and Ms. Patel appeared upon behalf of the application.

The Commission asked if Ms. Patel would be the full time manager for the premises and Mr. Porter stated that she would be.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the request for transfer of package store all alcohol license and a pledge of license which was included in the application submission.

Exhibit A: Application for transfer of package store all alcohol license dated June 3, 2019 and received June 3, 2019

RETAIL MARIJUANA

IV-4: The Botanist, Inc., 65 Pullman Street

Request for Retail Marijuana License

Attorney Todd Rodman along with representatives of The Botanist appeared upon behalf of the application. Mr. Rodman gave a brief background regarding the proposal and stated that the applicant had received his Special Permit from the Planning Board and now is just awaiting approval from the state.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the retail marijuana license with conditions approved in the site plan and parking submission with additional condition that the applicant will notify the City seven days prior to opening the establishment.

Exhibit A: Application for Retail Marijuana License dated May 21, 2019 and received May 21, 2019

Hearings

None

Other Business

- Server Training programs for license holders –Held to June 20, 2019

Communications

Adjournment

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m.