

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER  
JUNE 9, 2020

**Commission Members Participating:**

Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner  
Barbara Haller, Commissioner

**Commission Members Absent:**

Walter Shea, Chairman

**Staff Participating:**

Stephen Rolle, Planning & Regulatory Services  
Lt. James Johnson Worcester Police Department  
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department  
Jennifer Beaton, Law Department  
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services

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**Call to Order – 1:00 p.m.**

**New Business**

**1. Implementation of 2020 Temporary Outdoor Dining Program under Executive Orders of the Governor and City Manager.**

Mr. Rolle provided an update of how the 2020 Temporary Outdoor Dining Program would work.

**Temporary Alteration of Premises –Outdoor Dining**

**2. OD-2020-001 Herbie’s, 1028 Southbridge Street**

Joseph Kaplan called in for the item.

Proposal is for outdoor dining area with open-sided tent in parking lot north of building. 10 tables with 40 seats.

Monday–Saturday: 11 AM – 8 PM

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Temporary Alteration of Premises for Outdoor Dining.

**3. OD-2020-002 Brown Square Civic Club, 639 Franklin Street**

Mike Ricardi called in for the item.

Proposal is for outdoor dining area with 40’ x 20’ open-sided tent northeast of building. 6 tables with 36 seats.

Monday-Wednesday: 3 PM–7 PM; Thursday: 3 PM–8 PM; Friday: 3 PM–9 PM; Saturday & Sunday: 12 PM–9 PM

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Temporary Alteration of Premises for Outdoor dining.

**4. OD-2020-003 Lou Roc’s Diner, 1074 West Boylston Street**

Peter Prodromidis called in for the item.

Proposal is for Common Victualer (Non-Pouring) License. Fenced outdoor dining area in parking lot on the side of building. 10 tables with 40 seats.

Sunday: 7 AM–1 PM; Monday–Saturday: 6 AM–2 PM

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Temporary Alteration of Premises for Outdoor Dining.

**5. OD-2020-004 Russo’s Restaurant, 65 Water Street & SW-2020-002 Sidewalk**

**Dining License - Water Street**

Ed Russo called in for the item.

Proposal is for outdoor dining area on sidewalk on southeast side of Water Street, northwest of the building. 12 seats with 3 tables.

Sunday–Wednesday until 10 PM; Thursday–Saturday until 11 PM

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Temporary Alteration of Premises for Outdoor Dining for the Sidewalk Dining and voted 2-0 to postpone the patio portion to the next meeting.

**6. OD-2020-005 99 Restaurant, 50 Southwest Cutoff**

Corey Spear called in for the item.

Proposal is for outdoor dining area with umbrellas in parking lot east of building. 10 tables with 60 seats.

11 AM–9 PM daily

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Temporary Alteration of Premises for Outdoor Dining.

**7. OD-2020-006 99 Restaurant, 900 West Boylston Street**

Gina L. Bandalewicz

Proposal is for outdoor dining area in parking lot north of building. 8 tables with 48 seats.

Sunday–Wednesday: 11 AM–8 PM; Thursday–Saturday: 11 AM–9 PM

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Temporary Alteration of Premises for Outdoor Dining.

**8. OD-2020-008 Peppercorns Grille, 455 Park Avenue**

Tom Oliveri called in for the item.

Proposal is for outdoor dining area in parking lot south of building. 20 tables with 100 seats.

Sunday: 12 PM–8 PM; Monday: closed; Tuesday–Thursday: 11:30 AM–9 PM; Friday–Saturday: 11:30 AM–9:30 PM

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Temporary Alteration of Premises for Outdoor Dining.

**9. OD-2020-009 Sole Proprietor, 118 Highland Street**

Robb Ahlquist called in for the item.

Proposals is for outdoor dining area west of the building with a 40'x40' open-sided tent for 18 tables. 100 seats with 18 tables.

Sunday–Wednesday: 11 AM–10 PM; Thursday–Saturday: 11 AM–11 PM

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Temporary Alteration of Premises for Outdoor Dining.

**10. OD-2020-010 111 Chop House, 111 Shrewsbury Street**

Robb Ahlquist called in for the item.

Proposals is for outdoor dining area with 20x40 open-sided tent in driveway, northeast of building. 48 seats with 11 tables.

Sunday–Wednesday: 11 AM–10 PM; Thursday–Saturday: 11 AM–11 PM

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Temporary Alteration of Premises for Outdoor Dining.

**Alteration of Premises – Temporary Outdoor Dining (continued)**

**11. OD-2020-012 Kenichi Bistro, 270 Shrewsbury Street &  
SW-2020-003 Sidewalk Dining License - Shrewsbury Street**

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to postponed the item to the June 11, 2020 License Commission meeting.

**12. OD-2020-013 99 Restaurant, 11 East Central Street**

Laurie Lee Komon called in for the item.

Proposal is for outdoor dining area in parking lot east of building, 60 seats with 10 tables.

11 AM – 9 PM daily.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Temporary Alteration of Premises for Outdoor Dining.

**13. OD-2020-017 Worcester Beer Garden, 64-66 Franklin Street &  
SW-2020-004 Sidewalk Dining License – Franklin Street**

Representative from Worcester Beer Garden called in.

The existing patio will be reconfigured to accommodate 66 seats with 15 tables. An additional outdoor dining area in the parking lot behind (south of) the building, to be enclosed with jersey barriers and covered by 20'x40' open-sided tents.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the back lot for Temporary Alteration of Premises for Outdoor Dining.

Sunday-Wednesday 11 AM-10 PM; Thursday; Thursday-Saturday: 11 AM-11PM

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to postpone the sidewalk item a date to be determined.

**14. OD-2020-018 O'Connor's, 1160 West Boylston Street**

Brendan O'Connor called in for the item.

Proposal is for outdoor dining area in parking lot north of restaurant. 132 seats with 33 tables. Of 33 tables planned, 7 will be covered by 10'x10' gazebos, 13 will be covered by umbrellas, and 13 will have no coverings.

Sunday: 12 PM-8 PM; Monday-Thursday 11:30 AM-8:30 PM; Friday & Saturday: 11:30 AM-9 PM

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Temporary Alteration of Premises for Outdoor Dining.

**15. OD-2020-020 Brew City, 102 Shrewsbury Street &  
SW-2020-006 Sidewalk Dining License - Shrewsbury Street**

Gerald Azzarone called in for the item.

Proposal is for outdoor dining area with parking lot north of building and in the sidewalk adjacent to Shrewsbury Street. There will be 72 seats with 15 tables, with 12 tables in the parking lot covered by an open-sided tent, and three tables on the sidewalk.

Sunday-Wednesday: 11:30 AM-10 PM; Thursday-Saturday: 11:30 AM-10 PM

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Temporary Alteration of Premises for Outdoor Dining.

**16. OD-2020-021 Volturno, 78 Shrewsbury Street**

Greg Califano called in for the item.

Proposals is for outdoor dining area in parking lot south of building. 24 seats with 6 tables, covered by open-sided tents.

Sunday-Thursday: 11 AM-10 PM; Friday & Saturday: 11 AM-11 PM

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Temporary Alteration of Premises for Outdoor Dining.

**17. OD-2020-022 Wan Wang Bistro, 401 Park Avenue**

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to postpone the item to the June 11, 2020 License Commission meeting.

**18. OD-2020-023 Island Fin Poke, 287 Grove Street (aka 41-42 Park Avenue)**

James Way called in for the item.

Proposal is for a Common Victualer (Non-Pouring) License. Outdoor dining area covered by a 10'x20' E-Z up canopy tent in parking lot south of building. 12 seats with 3 tables.

11 AM-9 PM daily

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Temporary Alteration of Premises for Outdoor

Dining.

- 19. OD-2020-026 Lock 50, 50 Water Street &  
SW-2020-001 Sidewalk Dining License –Harding Street**

Ed Russo called in for the item.

Proposals is for outdoor dining area on the sidewalk on the northwest side of Water Street, southeast of the building. 12 seats with 3 tables.

Sunday–Wednesday until 10 PM; Thursday–Saturday until 11 PM

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the Temporary Alteration of Premises for Outdoor Dining.

### **Adjournment**

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 p.m.