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

December 27, 2012

#### ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBERS

# **Commission Members Present:**

Karon Shea, Commissioner

Paul Mullan, Commissioner

Anthony Salvidio, Commissioner

Staff Present: Joel Fontane, Director, Planning & Regulatory Services

Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services

Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department

Alexandra Haralambous, Law Department

Jim Foley, Inspectional Services

## CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Shea called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

# Approval of the Minutes:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of December 13, 2012.

### **One Day Liquor Requests**

1. 100 Institute Road Chartwells

Petition: Request for one day liquor permit – February 2, 2013

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit received on December 18, 2012 and dated December 18, 2012.

Ms. Steele informed the Commission that applicant had withdrawn application.

2. 151 Sterling Street Michelle Thai Nguyen – Our Lady of Vilna Church

Petition: Request for one day liquor permit - February 10, 2013

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit received on December 14, 2012 and dated December 14, 2012.

Ms. Steele informed Commission that applicant request to postpone until next meeting.

### **Common Victualer – Food Only:**

133 Lamartine Street - Corner Lunch Diner

Petition: Request for common victualer license

Charles Boukalis appeared on behalf of application. He stated that his wife had run the establishment for many years but had passed away and therefore he would be taking over running the business.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license for the Corner Lunch.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received on December 18, 2012 and dated December 18, 2012.

4 May Street - La Sonrisa Market dba Super Then

Petition: Request for common victualer license

Jose Then appeared on behalf of application. Mr. Then stated this will be a deli selling sandwiches.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license for La Sonrisa Market.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received on December 11, 2012 and dated December 11, 2012.

118 Cambridge Street - Cibuco Restaurant & Grill

Petition: Request for common victualer license

Armando Rodriguez appeared on behalf of the application. Mr. Rodriguez stated this will be a Spanish Restaurant selling food only.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license for Cibuco Restaurant & Grill.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received on December 12, 2012 and dated December 12, 2012.

6. 947 West Boylston Street Big Al's Sandwich Shop

Petition: Request for common victualer license

Alan Bianchini appeared on behalf of the application. Mr. Bianchini stated this will be a restaurant on West Boylston Street selling food.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license for Big Al's Sandwich Shop.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received on December 12, 2012 and dated December 12, 2012.

7. 340 Main Street Shree Laxmi Coffee Inc dba Neighborhood Café

Petition: Request for common victualer license

Harshida Patel appeared on behalf of application. Ms. Patel stated they are just taking over an existing coffee shop.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license for Shree Laxmi Coffee, Inc.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received on December 11, 2012 and dated December 11, 2012.

#### **Entertainment**

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8. 205 Hope Avenue El Rincon Criollo

Petition: Request for entertainment license for radio, tv

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received on December 17, 2012 and dated December 17, 2012.

Melvin Medina appeared on behalf of application. He stated he would like to have radio and tv at the restaurant.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license for El Rincon Criollo.

## Liquor Requests.

9. 9 Kelley Square Varsity Bar and Grille Inc

Petition: Request for general on premises all alcohol license

John Keenan appeared on behalf of the application.

Commissioner Mullan stated that he, Commissioner Salvidio and Lt. Johnson had viewed the site prior to the meeting and Commissioner Mullan had concerns relative to whether a kitchen would fit in the facility.

Mr. Keenan stated that he would be having an architect review the site and draw up plans and then determine whether to put in kitchen.

Commissioner Mullan asked that prior to opening that Commission re-visit the site.

Chair Shea asked what would the hours of operation be.

Mr. Keenan stated the hours would be weekday, 4:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. and weekends, 4:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the general on premises liquor license for Varsity Bar and Grille, Inc.

Exhibit A: Application for liquor license received on December 12, 2012 and dated December 12, 2012.

10. 154 Shrewsbury Street Brandy Snifter, Inc.

Petition: Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from San Ventures, LLC

Exhibit A: Application for liquor license received on December 10, 2012 and dated December 10, 2012.

Ms. Steele informed Commission that applicant had requested item be continued until next meeting.

11. 107 Water Street Timothy Desantis

Petition: Request for restaurant all alcohol license

Tim DeSantis appeared on behalf of the application.

Mr. DeSantis stated he is taking over the establishment and doing some cleaning and hours of operation will be 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license.

Exhibit A: Application for liquor license received on November 30, 2012 and dated November 30, 2012.

#### **Lodging License Request**

12. 10 Claremont Street Sonny Nguyen

Petition: Request for lodging house license

Ms. Steele informed the Commission that due to vacations several departments were unable to attend meeting to provide their reports and item would need to be postponed until the next License Commission meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for lodging house license received on December 12, 2012 and dated December 12, 2012.

#### **Status Hearing**

13. 200-202 Chandler Street Quinsigamond Lodge #173

James Carter and John McCord appeared on behalf of the status hearing. They stated they have been trying to make arrangements to pay the taxes but nothing has been finalized.

Chair Shea stated that they would need to contact DOR and Worcester Treasurer Office to make arrangements for payment or the liquor license could not be issued for 2013.

### **Communications**

Letter from Ellis Law Office dated 11/29/2012

A.B.C.C. communications

Letter from Sweet Life Entertainment withdrawing request for transfer of license Filed