# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER MARCH 2, 2017

## ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER

#### **Commission Members Present:**

	Walter Shea, Commissioner
	Barbara Haller, Commissioner
Commission Members Absent:	Anthony Salvidio, Commissioner
Staff Present:	Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services
	James Foley, Inspectional Services
	Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department
	Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### I Special One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

I-1: Petitioner: Chartwells Catering, Mass College of Pharmacy, 10 Lincoln Square

Request for one day liquor license

• March 12, 2017-1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Joseph Kraskoukas appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this is for an event for a post St. Patrick Day Parade luncheon and they expect 175 people.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license and amended hours to 1:00 p.m-6:00 p.m. so that it would be consistent with other one day licenses issued for parade day.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received February 15, 2017 and dated February 15, 2017.

I-2: Petitioner: Salisbury Singers, Inc., 34 Boynton Street

Request for one day liquor license

• March 4, 2017-6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Neil Farining appeared on behalf of the application. She stated that is for a celebration for the organization.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received February 14, 2017 and dated February 14, 2017.

I-3: Petitioner: John Bartosiewicz, 413 Park Avenue

Request for one day liquor license

• March 12, 2017-11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Attorney Richard Kalinowski along with Matthew Bartosiewicz appeared on behalf of the application.

Mr. Bartosiewicz stated that they are looking to obtain a one day permit and they will be hiring police details and increase security for the event and stated that since last time they appeared before the Commission they have had not had any infractions and hopefully due to that they hope Commission would approve a permit for parade.

Lt. Johnson asked how long has John the manager of the record not been at the premises. Mr. Bartosiewicz stated John is still there.

Lt. Johnson stated that he would disagree with the fact that no violations have occurred at the premises.

Commissioner Shea read the record of Mahoney's for the past year and stated that there is also an upcoming violation hearing before the ABCC for Mahoney's.

Mr. Bartosiewicz stated that they know they have had a troubled past but they have made changes.

Commissioner Shea stated he had issue with the previous violations and the Commission wants to help businesses out but has an issue whether the establishment could handle this type of large outside event so would have a difficult time approving this.

Mr. Bartosiewicz stated this is important to their business.

Lt. Johnson stated that since last St. Patrick's Day police had hoped things would be better at the premises but that has not happened and there still have been violations.

Commissioner Shea stated the application does not indicate how many people expected at event. Mr. Bartosiewicz stated that they didn't have specific number and didn't want to put that until Commission set a number.

Commissioner Haller stated that she was not willing to approve the application this year but be willing to look at next year if there are no violations.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to disapprove the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received February 21, 2017 and dated February 21, 2017.

I-4: Petitioner: Antonio's Pizza by the slice, 268 Chandler Street

Request for one day entertainment license for patio area for live and recorded music

• March 12, 2017-11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Mike Carera appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that they would like to have entertainment on patio for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received February 18, 2017 and dated February 18, 2017.

I-5: Petitioner: Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 102 Russell Street

Request for one day liquor license

• April 1, 2017-6:00 p.m.-Midnight

Michael Dionis appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this is for an event for 250 people and they will have TIPS bartenders.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received February 22, 2017 and dated February 22, 2017.

I-6: Petitioner: Preservation Worcester, Worcester Common

• April 28, 29, 2017 – Noon-4:00 p.m.

Request for one day liquor license

John Waite appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this is third year of the event and they are expecting about 1,300 to 1,400 people and have off duty details and private security for the event.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received February 22, 2017 and dated February 22, 2017.

# II Common Victualer Requests

**II-1:** Petitioner: The Spot, 314 Grafton Street

Request for common victualer license

Applicant did not appear for item.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received February 14, 2017 and dated February 14, 2017.

**II-2**: Petitioner: Tatnuck Marketplace, 1130 Pleasant Street

Request for common victualer license

Darlene Walsh appeared on behalf of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received February 18, 2017 and dated February 18, 2017.

II-3: Petitioner: Flint Locke Wings, LLC dba Wingstop, 542 Southbridge Street

Request for common victualer license

Representative from Flint Locke Wings appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this is a franchisee and they are expanding into the New England area.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received February 23, 2017and dated February 23, 2017.

# III Alcohol & Entertainment Requests

**III-1:** Petitioner: Courtyard by Marriott, 72 Grove Street

Request for change of manager

Representatives of Courtyard by Marriott along with the new manager appeared on behalf of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the change of manager.

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager received January 27, 2017 and dated January 27, 2017.

## Request for restaurant all alcohol license

Attorney Mark Bornstein along with the applicant appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this will be a lunch/dinner/delicatessen and Commissioners had viewed the premises prior to the License Commission meeting.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license.

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received January 31, 2017 and dated January 31, 2017.

# III-3,III-3a were taken contemporaneously.

**III-3:** Petitioner: Shooters Bar and Billiards, LLC, 70 James Street

Request for restaurant all alcohol license

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received February 10, 2017 and dated February 10, 2017.

**III-3a:** Petitioner: Shooters Bars and Billiards, LLC, 70 James

Request for entertainment license for radio, tv, background music, dancing by patrons, live music, amplification system, karaoke, pool tables, automatic amusement

Attorney Wayne Leblanc, Dan Nigro and Tobias Bassett appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this is basically a change of location from the Jillian's on Grove Street and only change is they have added Mr. Bassett to the organization and Mr. Nigro and Mr. Bassett will co-own the business.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received February 10, 2017 and dated February 10, 2017.

**III-4:** Petitioner: Café Espresso Trattoria, Inc., 395 Chandler Street

Request for restaurant all alcohol license with outdoor patio area

Aureilo Metchu appeared on behalf of the application.

Ms. Steele stated that the applicant had to obtain a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals for the use and conditions from the Zoning Board were placed on license. Commissioner Shea read the conditions in to the record which were as follows,

1. The restaurant shall not be expanded to exceed an interior occupancy of 117.

- 2. If outdoor seating is provided, it shall be operated in compliance with current requirements for outdoor dining as stipulated in the zoning ordinance and applicable rules and regulations of the Worcester License Commission.
- 3. Any music or entertainment provided shall not be audible beyond the property line.
- 4. Service to outdoor dining areas shall end by 8:30 PM Sunday through Thursday, and 9:30 PM Friday and Saturday, and cleared of patrons 30 minutes later.
- 5. The establishment continues to be owned and operated as a restaurant, with food sales constituting the majority of gross receipts.
- 6. The use shall be operated and utilized in substantial accordance with the Special Permit Findings of Fact and in compliance with all governmental codes.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license with conditions of the Zoning Board of Special permit being placed on license

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received February 13, 2017 and dated February 13, 2017.

## **III-5-III5-A** were taken contemporaneously

**III-5:** Petitioner: Habaibna Hookah Lounge, 250 Commercial Street

Request for general on premises all alcohol license

Exhibit A: Application for general on premises all alcohol license received February 7, 2017 and dated February 7, 2017.

**III-5a:** Petitioner: Habaibna Hookah Lounge, 250 Commercial Street

Request for entertainment license for tv, recorded music, any other audio or visual show whether live or recorded specifically, Nintendo, Play Station games

Amae Kaaed and Zakriya Saad appeared on behalf of the application.

Mr. Kaaed stated that they are looking to have liquor and entertainment.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the general on premises all alcohol license.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received February 7, 2017 and dated February 7, 2017.

**III-6:** Petitioner: Seven Hills Convenience, Inc., 1326 Main Street

Request for change of manager

Attorney Barbara Liftman along with representatives of Seven Hills Convenience, Inc. and the new manager appeared on behalf of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the change of manager.

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager received February 23, 2017 and dated February 23, 2017.

**III-7:** Petitioner: Shisha Room, LLC, 86 Shrewsbury Street

Request to amend entertainment license to add DJ

Rosemarie Melokian appeared on behalf of the application. Ms. Melokian stated that she like to have DJ permanently on her entertainment license.

Ms. Melokian stated that she like the DJ on Thursday/Friday to 1:45 A.M.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the entertainment amendment.

Exhibit A: Request to amend entertainment license received electronically February 24, 2017.

#### IV Other Business

**IV-1:** Diamond in the Rough LLC, 271 Grafton Street Request to amend hours:

Monday thru Saturday-8:00 a.m-2:00 a.m. Sunday-10:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m.

Mark Webber appeared on behalf of the request. He stated few years ago there was some problems in area and they voluntarily closed early but now he getting requests from second shifts to stay open later and he like to do that quietly and if problems occur they will go back to the 1:00 a.m. closing.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to amend the hours.

Exhibit A: Request to amend hours request received

### V Violations

# V-1: English Social Club, 29 Camp Street

Cessation of business hearing

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to revoke the license for cessation of business.

#### **Communications**

ABCC Advisory Regarding Serving Wine in Private Clubs March 2, 2017 Worcester License Commission Minutes ABCC Notice of Hearing: Jasmat Corporation dba Mahoney's, 413 Park Avenue

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m.