

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
JUNE 22, 2017
ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBER

Commission Members Present: Anthony Salvidio, Chair
Walter Shea, Commissioner
Barbara Haller, Commissioner

Commission Members Absent:

Staff Present: Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services
James Foley, Inspectional Services
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department
Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department
Lt. Jeffrey Dubeau, Worcester Fire Department

Chair Salvidio wished James Foley to best of luck with his upcoming retirement.

MINUTES

June 8, 2017, June 12, 2017

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of June 8, 2017 and June 12, 2017.

Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

I-1: Petitioner: International Lounge, 27 Pleasant Street

Request to transfer restaurant malt & wine license, amend legal structure, change of license type to restaurant all alcohol license-

Exhibit A: Application to transfer license received November 23, 2016 and dated November 23, 2016.

I-2: Petitioner: Dubai Restaurant and Lounge, 27 Pleasant Street

Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system, light show, floor show, karaoke-

Items I-1, I-2 were taken contemporaneously.

Attorney Dan Cotton and Lissette Rodriguez appeared upon behalf of the applications.

Lt. Johnson stated that the paperwork is all set on the Police end.

Attorney Cotton stated that he has spoken with the landlord and he has agreed to the 2:00 a.m. closing and the entertainment application and he will provide paperwork to staff once the landlord has signed it.

Chair Salvidio stated that there are residences above this premises so he has concerns about that and would recommend that entertainment only go to 1:00 a.m. but alcohol would go to 2:00 a.m.

Lt. Johnson recommended that on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, one police detail be at the premises from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.-

Lt. Johnson stated that he had concerns about the Pearl Street parking lot and stated that maybe the three bars in the area may have to share in the cost of one detail for that lot if they plan to utilize it.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the transfer of license of the alcohol with closing time of 2:00 a.m. with one police detail Thursday, Friday and Saturday and that the establishment is 21 years and older.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license with closing time of 1:00 a.m. with one police detail Thursday, Friday and Saturday and that establishment is 21 years and older.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received November 23, 2016 and dated November 23, 2016.

I-3: Petitioner: M&S Entertainment, 41 Pleasant Street

Request to transfer general on premises all alcohol license from 336 Main Street

Exhibit A: Application for change of location received May 15, 2017 and dated May 15, 2017.

I-4: Petitioner: M&S Entertainment, 41 Pleasant Street

Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, live music, amplification system, light show, karaoke, any other audio or visual show whether live or recorded specifically

Items I-3, I-4 were taken contemporaneously.

Mohan and Savita Prahad appeared upon behalf of the applications.

Chair Salvidio stated that they had viewed the premises prior to the meeting.

Mr. Prashad stated that he'd like to move from his current location.

Chair Salvidio stated that he'd like to continue the item for one meeting and would like a representative from the Fire Department to view the premises as they have concerns about the third floor and he'd like Mr. Prashad to meet with the Police and Fire Department representatives to discuss the layout and the occupancy for the premises.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item to the July 13, 2017 License Commission meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received May 15, 2017 and dated May 15, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

II Special One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

II-1: Telegram & Gazette, Worcester Common

Request for one day liquor license

- July 22, 2017-8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Susan DeGeorge appeared upon behalf of the application. She states that this is for the second Woo Challenge race and they will have a police detail.

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received June 6, 2017 and dated June 5, 2017.

II-2: Hanna Demirjian, 100 Front Street

Request for one day liquor license

- July 20, 2017-4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received May 17, 2017 and dated May 17, 2017.

II-2a: Hanna Demirjian, 100 Front Street

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

- July 20, 2017-4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Items II-2, II-2a were taken contemporaneously.

Hanna Demirjian appeared upon behalf of the applications. She stated that they have hired police details and security guards and they are expecting about 200-300 people.

Ms. Demirjian stated that they will have one guitar player and Worcester Sound will be present for the event.

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

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day entertainment license received May 17, 2017 and dated May 17, 2017.

II-3: City of Worcester, City Hall Plaza

Request for one day liquor license

- June 29, 2017-6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Che Anderson appeared upon behalf of the application. Mr. Anderson stated that this is for the second Let's Dance event.

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

II-4: Massachusetts Brewers Guild, City Hall Plaza

Request for one day liquor license

- September 16, 2017-1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received June 8, 2017 and dated June 8, 2017.

II-4a: Massachusetts Brewers Guild, City Hall Plaza

Request for one day entertainment license for recorded music, amplification system

- September 16, 2017-1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Items II-4, II-4a were taken contemporaneously.

Katie Stinson appeared upon behalf of the applications. She stated that this is for a beer festival and they have hired security guards and will hire police details that are recommended by the License Commission.

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

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day entertainment license received June 8, 2017 and dated June 8, 2017.

II-5: St. George Cathedral, 30 Anna Street

Request for one day liquor license

- June 24, 2017-7:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Nicholas Mastergon. He stated that this is a fundraiser for the church and they expect 100-150 people.

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received June 13, 2017 and dated June 13, 2017.

II-6: WICN Public Radio, 30 Federal Street

Request for one day liquor license

- July 21, 2017-5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Amanda Carr appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that this is a family friendly jazz event and they have four police details and expect about 500 people.

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received June 8, 2017 and dated June 8, 2017.

II-7: City of Worcester, City Hall Plaza

Request for one day liquor license

- June 23, 2017- 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Che Anderson appeared upon behalf of the application. Mr. Anderson stated that this is for the Brawl in the Hall event.

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received June 8, 2017 and dated June 8, 2017.

II-8: Wootown Wakfest LLC, 10 Lake Avenue North

Request for one day liquor license

- July 15, 2017-1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Mark Portuando appeared upon behalf of the item. He stated that this is for an event at Regatta State Park and there will be security as well as off duty police present for the event.

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received June 13, 2017 and dated June 13, 2017.

II-9: Ruste Lyfe, 100 Barber Avenue

Request for one day liquor license

- June 30, 2017-9:00 p.m.-1:45 a.m.

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

II-9a: Ruste Lyfe, 100 Barber Avenue

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons

- June 30, 2017-9:00 p.m.-1:45 a.m.

Items II-9, II-9a were taken contemporaneously.

Mike Tomiaklo appeared upon behalf of the items. He stated that there were will be a comedian and some singers and event is for young professionals.

Mr. Tomiaklo stated that the distributor will be Atlas Distributor and they expect between 350 and 500 and plan on hiring two detail cops.

Lt. Johnson stated that he recommends four details based on the size of building.

Lt. Dubeau stated that the maximum occupancy for the building, including staff, is 450 and he'd like to see the crowd management certificates.

The Commission discussed what type of conditions that they would like to see for the event.

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

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

The licenses were approved with the following conditions,

- That three off duty police officers be hired from 9:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.
- That event is limited to the first floor
- That occupancy is limited to 450, which includes staff
- That there be two crowd managers

Exhibit A: Application for one day entertainment license received June 14, 2017 and dated June 14, 2017.

III Common Victualer Requests

III-1: Tastetea Rolls, 423A Park Avenue

Request for common victualer license

Richard Son appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Common victualer application received June 6, 2017 and dated June 6, 2017.

III-2: Taco Bell, 801 Grafton Street

Request for common victualer license

Kayla Adams appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Common victualer application received June 12, 2017 and dated June 12, 2017.

III-3: Berry Fusion, 807 Pleasant Street

Request for common victualer license

Rifa Adbulahad appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Common victualer application received June 13, 2017 and dated June 13, 2017.

III-4: Accra Girls, 1280 Grafton Street

Request for common victualer license

Emmanuel Larbi appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Common victualer application received June 14, 2017 and dated June 14, 2017.

III-5: Aretha's Kitchen Island Food, 118 Cambridge Street

Request for common victualer license

Aretha Baker appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Common victualer application received June 14, 2017 and dated June 14, 2017.

IV Alcohol & Entertainment Requests

IV-1: Brycol, Inc. dba Ralph's Tavern, 117 Shrewsbury Street

Request to open at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday

Joan Sealey from Brycol Inc. dba Ralph's Tavern appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Exhibit A: Application to open at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday received June 7, 2017.

IV-2: Brew on the Grid, 56 Franklin Street

Request for change of manager

Robert Cliché appeared upon behalf of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of manager.

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager received June 2, 2017 and dated June 2, 2017.

IV-3: The Hangover Pub, 102 Green Street

Request for alteration of premises for outdoor patio

Christopher Salvinkas appeared upon behalf of the application.

Chair Salvidio stated that the Commission viewed the premises prior to the meeting and after patio is built it will have six foot fence and asked Mr. Salvinkas what would be the hours for the outside area. Mr. Slavinkas stated he would keep the outdoor area open to 2:00 a.m.

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

Exhibit A: Application for alteration of premises received June 1, 2017 and dated June 1, 2017.

IV-4: My Sister's Pho & Crawfish, Inc., 442 Park Avenue

Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, recorded music

No one appeared for the item.

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

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received June 19, 2017 and dated June 19, 2017.

IV-5: KJB Entertainment, Inc., 146-152 Millbury Street

Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol licenses from Three G's Enterprises Inc.,

Staff informed the Commission that the applicant had withdrawn the application.

Exhibit A: Application to transfer license received June 5, 2017 and dated June 5, 2017.

IV-6: USA Corporation dba Paesano's Pizzeria, 1121 Grafton Street

Request for alteration of premises for outdoor patio

Wanderson Paulo appeared upon behalf of the item.

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

Exhibit A: Application for alteration of premises received June 5, 2017 and dated June 5, 2017.

IV-6a: USA Corporation dba Paesano's Pizzeria, 1121 Grafton Street

Request to open at 5:00 a.m.

Wanderson Paulo appeared upon behalf of the item.

Mr. Paulo stated that he would like to open early so he can sell coffee and donuts.

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

Exhibit A: Electronic communication dated June 6, 2017.

IV-7: Brick House LLC dba Nuovo Restaurant, 92 Shrewsbury Street

Request to amend entertainment license to add piano and singing inside only

Loreta Gjonca appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that she would also like to add DJ to request.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to amend the entertainment license with addition of DJ to request.

Exhibit A: Electronic communication dated June 16, 2017.

V Violations

None

V1 Other Business

Mambo, 105 Water Street-Clarification on conditions-Item filed

COMMUNICATIONS

ABCC Notice of Suspension-Jasmat Corporation, dba Mahoney's-Filed

ADJOURNMENT