

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
FEBRUARY 14, 2019

ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBERS

Commission Members Present: Walter Shea, Commissioner
Barbara Haller

Commission Members Absent: Anthony Salvidio, Chairman

Staff Present: Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department
Jim Raciot, Inspectional Services
Lt. Jeffrey Dubeau, Fire Department
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services

Minutes

January 31, 2019 – Held

NEW BUSINESS

Common Victualer Requests

I-1: La Fonda LLC, 7 Neponset Street, Suite 104

Request for common victualer license

Johanna Lopes appeared upon behalf of the application. This will be for a new restaurant in the food court of the Greendale Mall.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license dated February 7, 2019 and received February 7, 2019.

I-2: Starbucks Coffee, 41 Park Avenue

Request for common victualer license

David Brennan appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

I-3: Pepe Taqueria, 645 Chandler Street

Request for common victualer license

Gerardo Cazores appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this was an old Papa Gino's location and he would like to open a restaurant at the location.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license dated January 31, 2019 and received January 31, 2019.

Special One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

II-1: Interfaith Hospitality Network/Friendly House, 661 Salisbury Street

Request for one day liquor license

- March 2, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Amy Walsh appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that this is for a fundraiser.

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated January 12, 2019 and received January 12, 2019.

II-2: Arts Worcester, 44 Portland Street

a. Request for one day liquor license

- March 22, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- May 2, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- June 21, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- September 6, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- September 18, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- October 18, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- November 8, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- December 6, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- January 31, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

b. Request for entertainment license for recorded music, live music, amplification system

- March 22, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- May 2, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- June 21, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- September 6, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- September 18, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- October 18, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- November 8, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- December 6, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- January 31, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Item held as no one appeared.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated January 14, 2019 and received January 14, 2019.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license dated January 14, 2019 and received January 14, 2019.

II-3: Nancy Cotter Pearson, 257 Park Avenue

Request for one day liquor license

- March 10, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- September 15, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Nancy Cotter Pearson appeared upon behalf of the applications. She stated that the March event is for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and September is for the Start on the Street event.

Sergeant Needham asked what time the police detail would stay until. Ms. Pearson stated to 6:00 p.m. and stated that they will start clearing the premises by 5:30 p.m.

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated January 29, 2019 and received January 29, 2019.

II-4: Joshua Suprenant, Worcester Common

Request for one day liquor license

- February 16, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Joshua Suprenant appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that they will be setting up a beer tent for the First Responder event being held on the Worcester Common.

Sergeant Needham asked if there was a detail for the event. Mr. Suprenant stated that there are already two officers assigned to the Common that day.

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated January 29, 2019 and received January 29, 2019.

II-5: David Fields, 72 Shrewsbury Street

Request for one day liquor license

- February 23, 2019 – Noon-10:00 p.m.
- March 2, 2019 – Noon-10:00 p.m.
- March 17, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

David Fields appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that these are for three one day events.

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated February 6, 2019 and received February 6, 2019.

II-6: Emilie Courtney, 275 Park Avenue

Request for one day liquor license

- March 10, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Vincent Mineo appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he is looking for a one day license for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He stated that he will put up double fencing and will have his own security and two paid details.

Commissioner Shea said the event will need to end by 6:00 with everyone out of the area by 7:00 p.m.

The Commission and Sergeant Needham expressed concern about security and stated that more security would be required for the event. Sergeant Needham stated that the paid details may need to stay until 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Shea asked how IDs would be checked. Mr. Mineo stated that he will be working the area.

Sergeant Needham stated that the amount of security will need to be increased as that area is one of the busiest lots on St. Patrick's Day Parade day. Mr. Mineo stated that he will have an officer at each entrance/exit of the tent, two people to check IDs at each entrance, and three people walking around so there would be a total of seven people working the area. Plus there would be two details at the actual Leirim's location as well as security personnel

Lt. Dubeau asked where the bathrooms would be located. Mr. Mineo stated that he will have Porta-Potties.

Sergeant Needham asked what time the bar was closing that day. Mr. Mineo stated that last year they were closed up by 6:30 p.m.

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated February 6, 2019 and received February 6, 2019.

II-7: Stephen M. Hopkins, 266 Park Avenue

a. Request for one day liquor license

- March 10, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- September 15, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

b. Request for one day entertainment license

- March 10, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- September 15, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Stephen M. Hopkins appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that the March event is for the St Patrick's Day Parade and the other event if for Start on the Street. The Commission and Sergeant Needham reviewed what the police would expect to see the day of the event.

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

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

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license dated February 6, 2019 and received February 6, 2019.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license dated February 6, 2019 and received February 6, 2019.

Alcohol & Entertainment Requests

III-1: Bustos Bar & Grill, Inc. dba Bustos Bar & Grill, 251 Lincoln Street

- a. Request for transfer of restaurant license for Brooks Pub
- b. Request for common victualer license
- c. Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, live music

Item was withdrawn as applicant does not meet the criteria to obtain a liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license dated October 31, 2018 and received December 15, 2018.

Exhibit C: Application for common victualer license dated October 31, 2019 and received October 31, 2018.

Exhibit B: Application for entertainment license dated October 31, 2018 and received December 15, 2018.

III-2: Axe Throwing Massachusetts LLC, dba Axe & Ale House, 179a Grafton Street

- a. Request for restaurant all alcohol license
- b. Request for common victualer license
- c. Request for entertainment license for radio, amplification system

Item was postponed to the February 28, 2019 License Commission meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license dated January 13, 2019 and received January 13, 2019.

Exhibit C: Application for common victualer license dated January 13, 2019 and received January 13, 2019.

Exhibit B: Application for entertainment license dated January 13, 2019 and received January 13, 2019.

III-3: Breakfast & Friends, Inc., 120 June Street

- a. Request restaurant for restaurant all alcohol license
- b. Request for common victualer license
- c. Request for entertainment license for tv

Melinda and Jim Taylor appeared upon behalf of the applications.

Commissioner Shea stated that the Commission and Sergeant Needham viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Mr. Taylor stated that this will be for a breakfast/lunch concept restaurant.

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 common victualer license.

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

Exhibit A: Application for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license dated January 30, 2019 and received January 30, 2019.

Exhibit C: Application for common victualer license dated January 30, 2019 and received January 30, 2019.

Exhibit B: Application for entertainment license dated January 30, 2019 and received January 30, 2019.

III-4: Price Chopper Operating of Massachusetts, Inc., 72 Pullman Street

Request for change of officers/directors

Item was postponed to February 28, 2019 as no one appeared for meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for change of officers/directors dated January 28, 2019 and received January 28, 2019.

III-5: TKP, LLC, dba Olympic Wine & Spirits, 345 Grafton Street

Request for change of Management/Operating Agreement

Christopher Yates and William Kiritsy appeared upon behalf of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the change of the Management/Operating Agreement.

Exhibit A: Application for change of Management/Operating Agreement dated January 31, 2019 and received January 31, 2019.

Hearings

None

Other Business

IV-1: Worcester Community Housing Resources, Inc.

Request for change of manager

Jinni Henderson and Pamela Koch appeared upon behalf of the application. Ms. Henderson stated that this is a request for the change of manager.

The Commission and the applicant discussed what hours the resident manager would be on the premises and who would cover when she was unavailable.

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

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager dated December 31, 2018 and received December 31, 2018.

IV: 2: Dubai Restaurant & Lounge, 27 Pleasant Street

Request to remove detail officer on Sundays

Item was postponed to the February 28, 2019 License Commission meeting.

Exhibit A: Electronic communication dated January 5, 2019 and received January 5, 2019.

Communications

None

Adjournment

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 adjourn the meeting a 10:40 a.m.