

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

April 2, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 23, 2020 Order, as amended, imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting was conducted through remote participation. The meeting was livestreamed from the City of Worcester website and via the local cable access channel and is available for streaming online. Public participation was facilitated through a call-in number, 415-655-0001 (Access Code: 735751404#), which was publicized on the posted meeting agenda and during the video broadcast.

Commission Members Participating: Walter Shea, Chairman
Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner
Barbara Haller, Commissioner

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Participating: Stephen Rolle, Planning & Regulatory Services
Lt. James Johnson Worcester Police Department
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department
James Racicot, Inspectional Services
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services

Minutes

March 3, 2020 & March 11, 2020

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of March 3, 2020 and March 11, 2020.

Common Victualer Requests

I-1: Bean Counter Bakery & Café, 270 Grove Street

Request for common victualer license

Alice Lombardi appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that she is looking to operate at bakery at the location and reviewed the hours of operation with the Commission.

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

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received March 15, 2020 and dated March 15, 2020.

I-2: EV Café LLC dba Gong Cha, 24 Southbridge Street-

Request for common victualer license

Jason Vuong appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he is seeking a common victualer license for 24 Southbridge Street. Mr. Vuong reviewed the hours of operation with the Commission.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received March 11, 2020 and dated March 11, 2020.

I-3: Ed & Ted Inc. dba La Cucina Italiana, 1393 Grafton Street-

Request for common victualer license

Attorney Robert Hennigan and Kaci Panrelli appeared upon behalf of the application.

Mr. Hennigan stated that the license holder is planning to move from its current location to 1393 Grafton Street and reviewed the hours of operation with the Commission.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received March 11, 2020 and dated March 11, 2020.

I-4: Bida Hoang Entertainment, 895 Main Street-

- a. Request for common victualer license
- b. Request for jukebox, tv, radio, pool tables

Attorney Hong Tran along with Tram Huynh appeared upon behalf of the applications. Mr. Tran stated that Bida Hoang Entertainment would like to move from its current location on Cambridge Street to 895 Main Street.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license. Attorney Tran reviewed the hours of operation with the Commission.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received March 11, 2020 and dated March 11, 2020.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received March 10, 2020 and dated March 10, 2020.

Exhibit B: Application for pool table license received March 11, 2020 and dated March 10, 2020.

I-5: Central Pizza, 222 Chandler Street-approved

Request for common victualer license

Mark Amadio appeared upon behalf of the application.

Mr. Amadio stated that he is taking over the Road Runner Pizza establishment on 222 Chandler Street. Mr. Amadio reviewed the hours of operation with the Commission.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received March 14, 2020 and dated March 14, 2020.

Special One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

None

Alcohol & Entertainment Requests

III-1: Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street-postponed –

Request for change of manager

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the change of manager application to a future date.

III-2: C&N Vietnamese Cuisine, Inc. 10 Millbury Street

Request for restaurant all alcohol license

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the restaurant all alcohol license to the April 16, 2020 License Commission meeting.

III-3: Thacura Inc. dba One Eyed Jack's Tiki Bar & Grill, 433 Park Avenue

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music, amplification system, moving picture show, light show, karaoke

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the restaurant all alcohol license, common victualer license and the entertainment license requests to the April 16, 2020 License Commission meeting.

III-4: Taco Caliente dba Taco Caliente, 226 Chandler Street

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the restaurant all alcohol license to the April 16, 2020 License Commission meeting.

III-5: Cowboy Property Management, LLC dba Pregame on Park, 413 Park Avenue-

- Request for general on premises all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system, play, moving

picture show, floor show, light show, theatrical exhibition, karaoke, any other audio or visual show, whether live or recorded specifically.

Liz Purdy appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that she is looking to take over the existing premises and keep the business as a small neighborhood bar.

The Commission asked what the hours of operations would be and Ms. Purdy stated that she was planning 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Commissioner Vigliotti asked Ms. Purdy if she was planning to do breakfast and asked if that is why she intended to open at 8:00 a.m. Ms. Purdy stated no and she was planning to open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Commissioner Viglotti stated that Ms. Purdy had sent in photos of the premises and he stated that above the storage area it looked wet and asked if Ms. Purdy had a plan to prevent mold in the premises. Ms. Purdy stated that prior to opening she plans to go in and thoroughly clean the place.

Commissioner Vigliotti and Haller asked if Ms. Purdy was planning to do all the entertainment she had applied for. Ms. Purdy stated no. The Commission reviewed with Ms. Purdy the entertainment requested and amended request to include jukebox, TV, radio, dancing by patrons, amplification system, moving picture show, light show, theatrical exhibition, and karaoke, any other audio or visual show, whether or live recorded specifically.

Ms. Purdy stated that there is also a pool table at the location. Staff confirmed that a separate application would be need for that and that they would follow up with the applicant on that process.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the general on premises all alcohol license.

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

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license with amended to include jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, amplification system, moving picture show, light show, theatrical exhibition, karaoke and other audio or visual show, whether live or recorded specifically.

Exhibit A: Application for general on premises all alcohol license received March 14, 2020 and dated March 14, 2020.

Exhibit B: Application for common victualer license received March 14, 2020 and dated March 14, 2020.

Exhibit C: Application for entertainment license received March 14, 2020 and dated March 14, 2020.

III-6: Café Neo, Inc. dba One Way Bar & Grill, 202 Millbury Street-

Request for restaurant all alcohol license-

- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, TV, karaoke

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the common victualer application and entertainment application to the April 16, 2020 License Commission meeting.

III-6: Global Montello Group Corp dba Honey Farms, #3825, 101 Highland Street

- Request for package store malt & wine license

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the package store malt & wine license to the April 16, 2020 License Commission meeting.

III-7: Skaff Petroleum Inc. dba Grafton Mobil Mart, 334 Grafton Street

- Request for package store malt & wine license

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the package store malt & wine license item to the April 30, 2020 License Commission meeting.

Retail Marijuana License

IV-1: TDMA LLC dba Diem Cannabis, 74 Grafton Street, 30 day opening plan

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the April 16, 2020 License Commission meeting.

IV-2: Resinate, 1191 Millbury Street, 30 day opening plan

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the April 16, 2020 License Commission meeting.

Hearings

None

Other Business

V-1: Price Chopper, 72 Pullman Street

Request to temporarily remove condition of the use of ID scanners due to the coronavirus outbreak-

Lisa Durant from Price Chopper legal counsel appeared upon behalf of the item. Ms. Durant stated that due to the coronavirus outbreak Price Chopper would like to temporarily suspend the condition of their liquor license that all ID's must be run through the scanners which would limit the contact between customers and the cashiers.

Lt. Johnson and Attorney Kalkounis stated that ID's would still need to be checked for anyone that looked under 35 years of age and reviewed the acceptable forms of ID accepted in the state of Massachusetts and stated that the Worcester Police are not relaxing ID checking just temporarily lifting restriction on use of scanner.

Commissioner Haller stated that she did not want the restriction to be lifted permanently and this would just be a temporary lifting on the condition and it was discussed with her fellow Commission members what did they think would be a good timeline. The members agreed that May 31 would be the timeline they would be willing to lift restriction, and if they have to re-visit prior to the expiration they would be willing to do so.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to temporarily suspend the requirement to scan ID through May 31 but the checking of all ID's according to Massachusetts General Laws is still a requirement.

Email resignation of manager of Brown Square Civic Club-

Commission ask to follow up to let license holder know that they need to submit change of manager application

Upon motion the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m.