

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER  
JUNE 15, 2020

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

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

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**Call to Order – 9:00 am**

**New Business**

- 1. Implementation of 2020 Temporary Outdoor Dining Program under Executive Orders of the Governor and City Manager.**

No update.

## **Alteration of Premises – Temporary Outdoor Dining (New)**

### **2. OD-2020-048 The Fix, 106 Grove Street**

Michael Covino called in for the item.

Proposal was as follows: Outdoor dining area, approximately 8'x86' in metered spots on east side of Grove Street, west of the building. 42 seats with 14 tables. Hours of operation: Sunday–Wednesday: 4 PM–10 PM; Thursday–Saturday: 4 PM–11 PM.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the temporary outdoor application.

### **3. OD-2020-049 Dirt McGirt's, 1051 Main Street**

Stacey Blanchette called in for the item.

Proposal was as follows: Tented outdoor dining area north of building. 24 seats with 4 tables. Hours of operation: Sunday–Wednesday: 11 AM–10 PM; Thursday–Saturday: 11 AM–11 PM.

Mr. Rolle asked Ms. Blanchette to review how people would access the parking lot.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

### **4. OD-2020-050 Buck's Whisky & Burger Bar, 62 Green Street**

#### **SW-2020-018 Sidewalk Dining License – Green Street**

Nicholas Panarelli called in for the item.

Proposal was as follows: Outdoor dining area in roped area under an awning on sidewalk on the east side of Green Street, west of the building. 20 seats with 6 tables. Hours of operation: Sunday: 12 PM–10 PM; Monday–Wednesday: 4 PM–10 PM; Thursday & Friday: 4 PM–11 PM; Saturday: 12 PM–11 PM.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

### **5. OD-2020-051 Texas Roadhouse, 535 Lincoln Street**

Michael David Bonnell called in for the item.

Proposal was as follows: Outdoor dining area on concrete pad attached to the north and east elevations of the building, underneath an awning. 60 seats with 10 tables. Hours of operation: Sunday–Wednesday until 9 PM; Thursday–Saturday until 10 PM.

Commissioner Haller requested Mr. Rolle review what the handicapped parking requirements would be for the site.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

### **6. OD-2020-052 Wachusett Brewing Company, 152 Green Street**

#### **SW-2020-020 Sidewalk Dining License – Green Street/Kelley Sq.**

Christian McMahan, Allen Fletcher and Domenic Mercurio called in for the item.

Proposal was as follows: Outdoor dining area on sidewalk on the northwest side of Harding Street, southeast of the building, and on the paved area abutting Kelley Square, south of the building. There will be a total of 125 seats with 25 tables (30 seats with 6 tables abutting Kelley Square and 95 seats with 19 tables on the Harding Street sidewalk). Tables will be equipped with patio umbrellas to protect patrons from the rain. Hours of operation: Monday–Wednesday: 11 AM–10 PM; Thursday–Saturday: 11 AM–11 PM.

Commissioner Haller asked Mr. Fletcher review how the food would be served into the outdoor area.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

**7. OD-2020-053 Parkway Diner, 144-148 Shrewsbury Street**  
**SW-2020-021 Sidewalk Dining License – Shrewsbury Street**

Commissioner Vigliotti recused himself from item #7.

John Evangelista called in for the item.

Proposal was as follows: Outdoor dining area on sidewalk on the northwest side of Shrewsbury Street, southeast of the building. 34 seats with 8 tables. Hours of operation: Sunday–Wednesday: 6 AM–10 PM; Thursday–Saturday: 6 AM–11 PM.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

**8. OD-2020-054 Pho Dakao, 593 Park Avenue**

Hiep Pham called in for the item.

Proposal was as follows: Outdoor dining area enclosed by rope barrier to occupy four parking spaces in the parking lot northwest of the building. 18 seats with 6 tables with umbrellas to protect patrons from the weather. Hours of operation: 11 AM–10 PM daily.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

**9. OD-2020-055 Stake's Club, 1281 Pleasant Street**

Robert Stake called in for the item and reviewed the request along with the food planned to be served.

Proposal was as follows: Open-sided tented outdoor dining area enclosed by fencing as an extension of the existing patio in the parking lot north of the building. 36 seats. Hours of operation: Sunday–Wednesday: 2 PM–10 PM; Thursday–Saturday: 2 PM–11 PM with 8 tables.

Mr. Rolle asked Mr. Stake to describe out customers would get to the parking area. Mr. Stake state that he owns the building next door and there a separate driveway to access the parking at 1281 Pleasant Street.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining application.

**Alteration of Premises – Temporary Outdoor Dining (As may be necessary if previously postponed or continued)**

**10. OD-2020-004 Russo’s Restaurant, 65 Water Street**

**SW-2020-002 Sidewalk Dining License – Water Street**

Ed Russo called in for the item.

Mr. Rolle stated that the sidewalk dining was approved at the last meeting and that they were still exploring other areas they could do outdoor dining.

Mr. Russo stated that he was looking for five more tables. Mr. Rolle stated that at the last meeting the Commission did approve the additional five tables.

Mr. Russo stated that in future he would like to do tables on the street. Mr. Rolle stated that was being explored and would follow up with the applicant after the meeting.

~~11. OD-2020-012 Kenichi Bistro, 270 Shrewsbury Street &~~

~~SW-2020-003 Sidewalk Dining License – Shrewsbury Street~~

~~12. OD-2020-022 Wan Wang Bistro, 401 Park Avenue~~

**13. OD-2020-029 Worcester Public Market, 160 Green Street**

**SW-2020-017- Sidewalk Dining License – Green Street, Harding Street, Kelley Square**

Item #6 became the applicant for this location so Item #13 was not necessary.

~~14. OD-2020-032 3 G’s Sports Bar, 152 Millbury Street~~

~~15. OD-2020-036 Cicero’s, 17 Suffolk Street~~

~~16. OD-2020-037 Suney’s Pub, 216 Chandler Street~~

~~SW-2020-013 Sidewalk Dining License – Chandler Street & Mason Street~~

~~17. OD-2020-042 Livia’s Dish, 1394 Main Street~~

~~18. OD-2020-043 The Boynton, 117 Highland Street~~

~~19. OD-2020-044 The Hangover Pub, 102 Green Street~~

~~SW-2020-014 – Sidewalk Dining License – Green Street~~

~~20. OD-2020-045 Mezeal Tequila Cantina, 30 Major Taylor Blvd.~~

~~SW-2020-015 – Sidewalk Dining License – Major Taylor Blvd.~~

~~21. OD-2020-046 Root & Press, 632 Chandler Street~~

~~SW-2020-016 – Sidewalk Dining License – Chandler Street~~

~~22. OD-2020-047 Pepe’s Trattoria, 274 Franklin Street~~

Items #11-22 were either previously heard or held to future meetings for additional discussion.

**Adjournment**

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m.