

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
AUGUST 13, 2020

- 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
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services

****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 of the Worcester License Commission will be conducted via remote participation.**

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Application materials may be viewed on the City Website at <http://www.worcesterma.gov/planning-regulatory/boards/license-commission>.

For more information concerning this meeting or to submit written comments in advance of the hearing, please contact the Planning Division by email (preferred) at planning@worcesterma.gov or phone at (508) 799-1400 x 31440. Submission of comments in advance of the hearing is strongly encouraged.

Call to Order – 10:00 am

Minutes

August 6, 2020

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of August 6, 2020.

New Business

1. License Commission Temporary Outdoor Dining - Rules and Regulations

No updates

2. Program Implementation Updates

No updates

Alteration of Premises – Temporary Outdoor Dining (New)

3. OD-2020-101 Moochie Teahouse LLC dba OneZo, 129 Water Street SW-2020-046

Tam Le called in for the item. Mr. Rolle stated that the current proposal doesn't meet ADA standards, but staff can work with the applicant and view the site to make the proposal work.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the temporary outdoor dining on the condition that set up is reviewed and approved by Planning Staff.

Common Victualer Requests

4. REIGNcafe, 50 Foster Street

Tam Le called in for the item. He stated that he is looking to open a new café at 50 Foster Street.

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

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A. Application for common victualer license received August 1, 2020 and dated August 1, 2020.

5. Lalo's Pizza and More Services, Inc., 974 Main Street

No one called in for the item. Staff stated that the applicant had passed the background check.

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

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A. Application for common victualer license received August 3, 2020 and dated August 3, 2020.

Alcohol & Entertainment Requests

6. Beer Garden, MA, LLC, 64- 66 Franklin Street

Request for change of manager, change of officers/directors and alteration of premises

Attorney Michael Ford and Vincent Metlzer called in for the item. Lt. Johnson stated that the Worcester Police were all set with the change of manager and officers/directors. The Commission members discussed the alterations of premises and stated that they would like to continue the item in order to get more photos of the site.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of manager and officers/directors and to continue the alteration of premises to the August 20, 2020 License Commission meeting.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A. Application for change of managers, change of officers/directors and alteration of premises dated July 28, 2020 and received July 28, 2020.

7. Gunatit Ne Sang Corp, 117 Gold Star Boulevard

Request for change of manager

Attorney Ian Hoges called in for the item. Lt. Johnson stated that the manager had passed the background check.

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

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A. Application for change of manager received August 5, 2020 and dated August 5, 2020.

8. Restaurant Pizza Works, LLC, 456 Grove Street

Request for transfer of restaurant malt & wine license & common victualer license from L&C Enterprises.

Florin Hoxha called in for the item. He stated that he is taking over the existing L&C Enterprises.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the transfer of restaurant malt & wine license & common victualer license from L&C Enterprises.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A. Application for transfer of restaurant malt & wine license & common victualer license received July 25, 2020 and dated July 25, 2020.

9. SA Partners Inc. dba Citgo Mart, 61 South Ludlow Street–Postponed to August 20, 2020

Request for transfer of package store malt & wine license from Mercado Garcia Enterprises, Inc. and change of location from 65 James Street

10. Discount Mini Market, LLC dba Discount Mini Market, LLC, 65 James Street–Postponed to August 20, 2020

Request for package store malt & wine license

Hearing

11. Mercado Garcia Enterprises, Inc., 70 James Street-Postponed to August 20, 2020.

Cessation of Business hearing

Communications

ABCC Advisory Regarding Food Service-filed

Adjournment

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m.