

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

March 18, 2021

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

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Participating: Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department
Jennifer Beaton, Law Department
Jim Racicot, Inspectional Services
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services
Michelle Johnstone, 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 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: 1606609360) and link (<https://cow.webex.com/meet/licensecommissionwebex>) which were publicized on the posted meeting agenda and during the video broadcast.

Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes – March 4, 2021

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of March 4, 2021.

Common Victualer Requests

1. Minas Market, 35 Blackstone River Road

- Hours: Monday–Saturday: 7:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., Sunday: 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

No one called in for the item.

Ms. Steele stated that the applicant had passed the police background check but would still need their health inspection.

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 dated and received March 3, 2021.

2. Lucy's Cake Shop, 256 Park Avenue

- Hours: Monday: closed, Tuesday–Saturday: 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Sunday: 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Julio Abreau called in for the application. He stated that this will be for a new business that will sell pastries.

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 dated and received March 1, 2021.

3. Grafton Pie Co. dba Dominos, 1413 Grafton Street

- Hours: Sunday–Thursday: 10:30 a.m.–1:00 a.m., Friday–Saturday: 10:30 a.m.–2:00 a.m.

Jeff Zadeh called in for the application. He stated that he is taking over a Dominos franchise.

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 dated and received March 1, 2021.

Liquor Application Requests

4. Revolution Pie and Pint Worcester, LLC, 50 Franklin Street

- Request for Change of Manager

5. Craft Table and Bar LLC, 50 Franklin Street

- Request for Change of Manager

6. Beer Garden LLC, 64 Franklin Street

- Request for Change of Manager

Items #4, #5, #6 were taken contemporaneously.

Gary Benacquista called in for the applications.

Lt. Johnson stated that all three locations will have the same manager for the current time but only the Beer Garden will be opening. When the other two locations are preparing to open they will submit change of manager applications for the sites.

Upon three separate roll calls the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of manager for:

- Revolution Pie and Pint Worcester, LLC
- Craft Table and Bar LLC
- Beer Garden LLC

with the condition that the license holder will submit change of manager applications prior to reopening Revolution Pie and Pint Worcester LLC and Craft Table and Bar LLC.

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A. Application for change of manager for Revolution Pie and Pint Worcester LLC, dated October 13, 2020, and received November 1, 2020.

Exhibit B. Application for change of manager for Craft Table and Bar LLC, dated October 13, 2020, and received November 1, 2020.

Exhibit C. Application for change of manager for Beer Garden, LLC, dated October 13, 2020, and received November 1, 2020.

7. Torito Worcester, LLC dba Torito Mexican Restaurant, 525 Lincoln Street (Lincoln Plaza)

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license

Ramon Michael called in for the application. He stated that he owns other sites in Massachusetts and would like to add another site in Worcester.

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

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A. Application for restaurant all alcohol license and common victualer license dated and received February 24, 2021.

Alteration of Premises – Temporary Outdoor Dining (New)

8. OD-2021-001 – BT’s Fried Chicken and BBQ, 318 Park Avenue

- Food only
- Outdoor Patio for 12 seats
- Hours: Monday–Tuesday: closed, Wednesday–Sunday: 11:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

Billy Nemeroff called in for the application. Lt. Johnson stated that he had viewed the site and photos were presented on a power point showing the set up.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the Temporary Outdoor Dining license.

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A. Application for Temporary Outdoor Dining Permit dated and received March 8, 2021.

9. OD-2021-002 – Taco Caliente, 226 Chandler Street

- Food & alcohol
- Outdoor Seating area for 4 tables with 16 seats
- Hours: Monday–Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., Thursday–Saturday: 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Sunday: 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

PJ Heffernan called in for the application. Lt. Johnson stated that he had viewed the site and photos were presented on a power point showing the set up.

Commissioner Haller reminded the applicant that he does have some residential neighbors so needs to keep the noise down.

Mr. Heffernan stated that he may do outdoor entertainment in the future. Ms. Steele stated that a separate application would need to be applied for if the applicant wished to do outdoor entertainment.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the Temporary Outdoor Dining permit.

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A: Application for Temporary Outdoor Dining Permit dated and received March 8, 2021.

Other Business

10. Outdoor Dining Regulations – Update on temporary program and potential longer term actions

11. On-premises Liquor License Renewal Fees for Calendar Year 2021 – Status of deferred payment program for establishments that are not open

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone items #10, #11 to a Special Meeting being held March 25, 2021.

Communications

A. ABCC Communication – Advisory Regarding Musical Performances at Licensed Premises.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.