

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

Thursday - January 13, 2022

Commissioners Present: Walter Shea, Chair

Barbara Haller, Commissioner Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Stephen S. Rolle, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

The Worcester License Commission meeting was held remotely on January 13, 2022.

<u>Call to Order</u> – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes - December 13, 2021

Common Victualer Requests

1. Dell's Edible Creations, 39 Granite Street

Monday –Saturday – 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

No one called in for the item. Staff reviewed the application.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license dated and received January 7, 2022.

2. Joy Empandas, 100 Institute Road

• Monday – Friday – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

No one called in for the item. Staff reviewed the application.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license dated and received January 7, 2022.

3. Oishi Japanese Restaurant, 422 Main Street

- Monday Thursday 11:00 a.m. 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, Saturday 11:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m.
- Sunday 11:30 a.m. 9:00 p.m.

Guan Rang Yang called in for the application. He stated that he is moving his restaurant location.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license dated and received January 7, 2022.

4. Impact 508 Nutrition, 198 Park Avenue

- Monday- Friday 7:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday 8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

No one called in for the application. Staff reviewed the application.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license dated and received January 13, 2022.

5. Papa John's, 406 Chandler Street

- Sunday Thursday 10:00 a.m. Midnight
- Friday Saturday 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

David Rothman called in for the application.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license dated and received January 13, 2022.

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

6. Emerald Club of Worcester, Park Avenue

• March 12, 2022 – 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Stephen Mills called in for the application and reviewed the event.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license dated and received August 10, 2021.

Liquor & Entertainment Application Requests

7. Nachos Dining Inc. dba Mexicali Cantina Grill, 225 Shrewsbury Street

Request for change of manager

No one called in for the item. Sergeant Needham stated the applicant had passed the background check.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager dated and received December 10, 2021.

8. Worcester Country Club, 2 Rice Street

Request for change of manager

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

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

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager dated and received November 26, 2021.

9. JC Mason LLC, 36-38 Franklin Street

Request for change of manager

Son Vo called in for the application. Sergeant Needham stated that the applicant had passed the background check.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager dated and received December 20, 2021.

10. Craft Table and Bar, LLC, 50 Franklin Street- Suite C

 Request for change of manager, change of officers/directors/ change of ownership interests

11. Revolution Pie and Pint Worcester, LLC, 50 Franklin Street, Suite B

 Request for change of manager, change of officers/directors/ change of ownership interests

Items #10, #11 were taken contemporaneously.

Attorney Ryan Gazda called in for the applications. Sergeant Needham stated the application had passed the background check.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager, change of officers/directors change of ownership interests dated and received November 19, 2021.

12. Adnan Paloja, dba Eddy's Complete Auto Repair & Towing, 390 Belmont Street

Request for package store malt & wine license

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the April 21, 2022 License Commission meeting.

13. Behram Services, LLC, 318 Pleasant Street

- Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from Pleasant Café
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, recorded music, live music

Attorney Gerald Shgrue called in for the application.

Mr. Shgure stated that they are looking to transfer ownership of the business.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve;

- Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from Pleasant Café
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, recorded music, live music

List of Exhibits: Application for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license, request for common victualer license and request for entertainment license receive and dated December 23 2021.

14. 3cross Fermentation Cooperative, Inc. dba Wooden Bar, 26 Cambridge Street

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for recorded music, live music, moving picture show

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the applications to the January 27, 2022 License Commission meeting.

15. 961 Restaurants, Ilc, dba 961 restaurants and lounge, 2 Washington Square-Union Station

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for tv, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, live music, amplification system, light show, karaoke

Obie Abdulky called in for the application and reviewed the concept of the restaurant.

The Commission reviewed the hours proposed for the restaurant and Chairman Shea read into record concerns submitted by email relative to the proposal.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license, common victualer license and entertainment license with hours of Tuesday-Thursday closing time of Midnight. Friday, Saturday and Sunday closing time of 2:00 a.m.

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license, common victualer license and entertainment license received and dated December 21, 2021.

Exhibit B: Email communication from Michael Sherwood dated January 13, 2022.

16. Wormtown Brewery, LLC, 72 Shrewsbury Street

Request for alteration of premises

17. Wormtown Brewery, LLC, 72 Shrewsbury Street

• Request for Farmer Distillery Pouring Permit Application

18. Wormtown Brewery, LLC, 72 Shrewsbury Street

• Request for 19H Pouring Permit Application

Items #16, #17, #18 were taken contemporaneously.

Attorney Mark Bornstein called in for the applications and reviewed the items.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the alteration of premises, request for Farmer Distillery Pouring Permit and 19H Pouring Permit.

List of Exhibits: Application for alteration of premises, Farmer Distillery Permit and 19H Pouring Permit received and dated December 20, 2021.

19. Dubai Restaurant & Lounge, Inc, 27 Pleasant Street

- Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license to 105 Water Street
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for tv, recorded music, live music for private functions only

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the applications to the January 27, 2022 License Commission meeting.

Communications

• Letter from Worcester Detachment Marine Corps League, 181 Lake Avenue – Withdrawal of request to amend entertainment license request – dated 1/6/2022

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to accept the Leave to Withdraw.

Package Store Quotas

Chairman Shea gave brief update

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.