

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

Thursday – April 21, 2022

Commissioners	Walter Shea, Chair
Present:	Barbara Haller, Commissioner
	Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present:

Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department Amanda Cornwell, Law Department Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes – April 7, 2022

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of April 7, 2022.

Common Victualer Requests

- 1. Woo Juice, 22 Front Street-approved
 - Wednesday-Sunday 7:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.

Isiah Tatum and Noel Stemm appeared in person on behalf of 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 received and dated April 8, 2022.

2. Juice Time Cafeteria, 160 Green Street-Public Market

• Wednesday – Sunday – 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

No one appeared for meeting. Staff stated that the application had been approved by the Worcester Police Department but would need final sign off from the Health Department.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated April 8, 2022.

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

3. Ecotarium, 222 Harrington Way – Emily Rose – in house gala – 170

Request for one day liquor license

• Saturday- May 7, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.

Emily Rose appeared in person on behalf of the application. She stated that this will be an after hours event at the Ecotarium.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license dated and received April 8, 2022.

4. Soles of Hope, 34 Boynton Street

Request for one day liquor license

• August 27, 2022 – 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Richard Boateng appeared in person on behalf of application. He stated that this will be a fundraiser he is doing for the Ghana community and he expects 200 to 250 people and there will be a Worcester Police officer present for the event.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license dated and received April 12, 2022.

5. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel & Our Lady of Loreto Parish Italian Festival

Request for one day liquor license-Outside

- Thursday August 11, 2022 6:00 pm. 10:00 p.m.
- Friday-August 12, 2022 6:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-August 13, 2022 Noon 11:00 p.m.
- Sunday-August 14, 2022 Noon 6:00 p.m.

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music-Outside

- Thursday-August 11, 2022 6:00 pm. 10:00 p.m.
- Friday-August 12, 2022 6:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-August 13, 2022 Noon 11:00 p.m.
- Sunday-August 14, 2022 Noon 6:00 p.m.

Elaine Beaudry appeared in person on behalf of the applications. She stated that this will be for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Festival and will be similar set up to the way it has been run in the past and that there will be security and off duty police officers hired for the event.

Commissioner Haller expressed concern about what time the entertainment will be shut down. Ms. Beaudry stated that the entertainment will be shut down 15 minutes prior to end of event.

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

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor/entertainment license received and dated April 13, 2022.

6. Dan Carlson, 68 Chilmark Street

Request for one day liquor license outside

Saturday -June 4, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturday-July 9, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturday-August 6, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturday-September 3, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturday-October 8, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturday-November 5, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Dan Carlson, participating remotely, stated that this will be for a farmers market but will also include a beer garden as well as food trucks and a police detail will be hired for the event.

The Commission expressed concern about where people would park. Mr. Carlson stated that they have two additional lots they will utilize and that in advertising for the event they will encourage people to walk or ride share.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated April 14, 2022.

7. Sanchez & Sons, 387 Cambridge Street

Request for one day entertainment license for car show

- Saturday- May 7, 2022 Rain date May 14, 2022 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday-June 4, 2022 Rain date June 11, 2022 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday-June 25, 2022 Rain date July 2, 2022 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday-July 9, 2022 Rain Date July 16, 2022 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday-July 30, 2022 Rain Date August 6, 2022 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

Javier Sanchez appeared in person on behalf of the application.

Chairman Shea reviewed the amended dates that Mr. Sanchez had provided to staff, which were as follows:

- Saturday May 22 rain date of May 29
- Saturday June 26 rain date of July 3, 2022
- Saturday July 17 rain date of July 24, 2022
- Saturday August 7 rain date of August 14, 2022

Chairman Shea asked how many people were expected at the event and Mr. Sanchez stated between 75 and 80 cars.

Sergeant Needham stated that this event had been held in the past and Mr. Sanchez has hired one off duty police officer but the crowds were large and other officers had to be pulled from regular duty to help with event so he would recommend if this event is approved that Mr. Sanchez hired two details.

The Commission member expressed concern regarding how many cars would be at the event, access for emergency vehicles at event, noise and stated that they would like to view the facility prior to its next meeting.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the application to the May 5, 2022 License Commission meeting and do a view prior to the meeting that day of the site.

Temporary Outdoor Dining Request

8. Route 12 Café, Inc., 580 West Boylston Street (food only)

• Monday – Sunday – 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Francielle Oliveri, participating remotely, called in for the application.

Commissioner Vigliotti asked how many spaces would be utilized for the outdoor dining. Mr. Oliveri stated they would use 4 parking spaces but they have a huge parking lot.

Mr. Vigliotti asked that letter of permission from the landlord and insurance be submitted.

Commissioner Haller asked if the customers using outside area would have access to the indoor bathrooms. Mr. Oliveri stated that they would.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for temporary outdoor dining received and dated April 13, 2022.

9. 2 Chefs Restaurant, 317 West Boylston Street (food & alcohol)

• Monday – Sunday – 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Doug Cooney, participating remotely, called in for the item. He stated that this will be a patio area outside the entrance to his restaurant and no parking spaces will be disrupted.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for temporary outdoor dining received and dated April 13, 2022.

Liquor & Entertainment Application Requests

10. Blarney Stone, 139 Grand Street

- Request for general on premises all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, dancing by patrons, live music, karaoke

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to allow for Leave to Withdraw for the applications.

11. Worcester Baking, LLC, 138 Green Street, Suite 5

- Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from Birchtree Bread Company, LLC
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, recorded music, live music, amplification system, light show

Alexis Kelleher and Nathan Rossi appeared in person for the applications. Ms. Kelleher stated that they will be taking over the Birchtree Bread Company, LLC.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license, common victualer license and entertainment license receive and dated April 7, 2022.

12. Galway Bay, Inc., 186 Stafford Street

- Request for change of officers/directors
- Change of ownership interests
- Change of manager

Mary Myotte and Stephen O'Connor appeared in person on behalf of the application.

Ms. Myotte stated that she will be taking over the business from her father.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of officers/directors, change of ownership interest and change of manager.

List of Exhibits: Application for change of officers/directors, ownership interest and change of manager received and dated April 8, 2022.

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

- Request for change in management/operating agreement
- Request for change of manager
- Request for change of dba

Attorney Karina Dodor and Andrea Dunne Adrian, participating remotely, called in for the application.

Ms. Dodor stated that they are looking to make some amendments to the license.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of management/operating agreement, change of manager and change of dba.

List of Exhibits: Application for change of management/operating agreement, change of manager and change of dba received and dated April 5, 2022.

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

• Request for package store malt & wine license

Adnan Paloja, participating remotely, called in for the application.

Chairman Shea stated that the Commissioner had gone to view the site prior to the meeting but the staff member at the location was not familiar with where the alcohol storage would be or the set up for the site so they are going to continue this item to the May 5, 2022 License Commission meeting for another view to take place.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the application to the May 5, 2022 License Commission meeting to conduct a site view prior to the meeting.

15. Patience Owusu, 892 Main Street

• Request for package store malt & wine license

Patience Owusu appeared in person for the application.

Chairman Shea stated that the Commissioners had gone to view the site prior to the meeting but nobody was at the location to show them the set up so they are going to continue the item to the May 5, 2022 License Commission meeting for another view to take place.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the application to the May 5, 2022 License Commission meeting to conduct a site view prior to the meeting.

Status Hearing

16. Nuve Lounge, 751 Main Street

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the May 19, 2022 License Commission meeting.

17. Maa Chintapurnia, Inc. dba OM Indian Grill & Bar, 118-124 Water Street

Attorney Jonathan Finkelstein along with Mr. Sharma appeared in person to provide an update. Mr. Sharma stated that they are just waiting for final inspection from Fire Department and hope to open in June.

Item filed.

18. KKAP, LLC, 244 Main Street

Attorney Jonathan Finkelstein appeared in person for the item.

Chairman Shea stated that the Commission members had viewed the site prior to the meeting and it is still under construction but should be ready to open in October so they will hold the item until October.

Other Business

19. Memo relative to increase of off-premises licenses-Held to May 5, 2022

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the May 5, 2022 License Commission meeting.

Communications

ABCC Notice of Appeal Hearing – JPP Petroleum Inc., 419 Grove Street

Filed

<u>Adjournment</u>

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