



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

Thursday, September 8, 2022

Commissioners

Present: Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner
Charran Fisher, Commissioner

Commissioners Walter Shea, Chair
Absent:

Staff Present: Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department
Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes – August 11, 2022, August 26, 2022-Held

Common Victualer Requests

- 1. The Verdict Café, 225 Main Street**
 - **Monday – Friday – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Staff informed the Commission that police have approved the background but the application would need final inspection from Health Department.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license receive and dated August 28, 2022.

- 2. Deniada Restaurant, 6 Chandler Street**
 - **Monday-Saturday-11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Titus Miller appeared upon behalf of the application.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated August 31, 2022.

3. Mackao Restaurant and Bar, Inc. 181 Millbury Street

- **Monday-Sunday – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.**

Mariela Paulino appeared upon behalf of the application. Through an interpreter she stated that she is looking to open a small family restaurant.

Staff informed the Commission that the applicant would be also seeking an alcohol license but that wasn't present before the Commission today and only item being voted on today was the restaurant license.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated August 31, 2022.

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

4. St Spyridon Cathedral-Grecian Festival- 102 Russell Street

Request for one day liquor license

- **Friday – September 16, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.—Midnight**
- **Saturday – September 17, 2022 – Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday-September 18, 2022-Noon – 8:00 p.m.**

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

- **Friday – September 16, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.—Midnight**
- **Saturday – September 17, 2022 – Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday-September 18, 2022-Noon – 8:00 p.m.**

Gus Giannakis appeared upon behalf of the applications.

The events is for the St. Spyridon Greek Festival that had not been held in a few years due to Covid. Mr. Giannakis stated that they are not expecting as many attendees as previous years but they will be hiring police details and event will run similar to year's past.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor and one day entertainment licenses.

List of Exhibits: Applications for one day liquor and one day entertainment licenses received and dated August 19, 2022.

5. Cyrus Alexander, Worcester Common

Request for one day liquor license (outside)

- **Saturday- September 17, 2022 – 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Request for one day entertainment license for live music, theatrical exhibition, amplification system

- **Saturday – September 17, 2022-11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Cyrus Alexander, participating remotely, stated that this will be for a festival on the Worcester Common and he is expecting about 300-500 people and he has already organized to have paid details, security and arranged for porta potties for the event.

Upon a roll vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor and entertainment licenses.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license and one day entertainment license received and dated August 19, 2022.

6. Joseph Stake, 154 Shrewsbury Street

Request for one day liquor license (outside)

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

- **Monday, October 10, 2022 – Noon – 10:00 p.m.**

Joseph Stake appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that the event will actually be October 16, 2022 and this is the Fall version of the Taste of Shrewsbury Street and he has hired a paid detail for the event.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor and one day entertainment licenses.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor and one day entertainment licenses received and dated August 26, 2022.

7. William Fuller-The Bartending Service of New England, 1 College Street

Request for one day liquor license (outside)-to be served 30 minutes before kickoff to until end of 3rd quarter.

- **Saturday – September 17, 2022**
- **Sunday-September 18, 2022**
- **Saturday-October 29, 2022**
- **Sunday-October 30, 2022**
- **Saturday-November 5, 2022**
- **Sunday-November 6, 2022**
- **Saturday-November 12, 2022**
- **Sunday-November 13, 2022**

Attorney Mark Bornstein along with representatives from the College of the Holy Cross appeared upon behalf of the application.

Mr. Bornstein stated that these requests are similar to the ones that they have done in the past and they will utilize same set up and security and there have been no issues at the events.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor licenses.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor licenses received and dated August 26, 2022.

8. Love your Labels, Inc., Franklin Street

Request for one day liquor license

Request for one day entertainment license for live music, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, amplification system, dj's, singers, dancers, speakers (outside)

- **Saturday – September 10, 2022**

Katherine, a representative from Love Your Labels, participating remotely stated that this event will be for 200-300 people and stated that the hours would be from 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m..

Sgt. Needham stated that the event organizer should contact the Worcester Police detail office to obtain a detail for the event due to the number of attendees expected.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor and one day entertainment licenses.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor and entertainment licenses received and dated August 28, 2022.

9. Christopher Besaw, Commercial Street (outside)

Request for one day liquor license

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, live music, amplification system, light show

- **Saturday-October 22, 2022 – 4:30 p.m.-7:00 pm**

Christopher Besaw appeared upon behalf of the application. Mr. Besaw stated that this will be for the Railers Opening weekend and reviewed the event and security and parking for the event.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor and entertainment licenses.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor and entertainment licenses received and dated August 25, 2022.

10. JSS Beer, LLC, Mercantile Plaza (outside)

Request for one day liquor license

- **Thursday – September 8, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Friday – September 9, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Saturday-September 10, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday-September 11, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-September 15, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Friday-September 16, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**

- **Saturday-September 17, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday-September 18, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-September 22, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Friday-September 23, 2022-4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Saturday-September 24, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday-September 25, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-September 29, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Friday-September 30, 2022-4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Sunday-October 2, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-October 6, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Friday-October 7, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Saturday-October 8, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday-October 9, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-October 13, 2022-4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Friday-October 14, 2022-4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Saturday-October 15, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday-October 16, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-October 20, 2022-4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Friday-October 21, 2022-4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Saturday-October 22, 2022-Noon – Midnight**
- **Sunday-October 23, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-October 27, 2022-4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Friday-October 28, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**

**10a. Harpoon Worcester Beer Garden, Mercantile Plaza
Request for one day entertainment license for radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music**

- **Thursday – September 8, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Friday – September 9, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Saturday-September 10, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday-September 11, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-September 15, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Friday-September 16, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Saturday-September 17, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
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- **Sunday-September 25, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-September 29, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Friday-September 30, 2022-4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Sunday-October 2, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-October 6, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**

- **Friday-October 7, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**
- **Saturday-October 8, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday-October 9, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-October 13, 2022-4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Friday-October 14, 2022-4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Saturday-October 15, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Sunday-October 16, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-October 20, 2022-4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Friday-October 21, 2022-4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Saturday-October 22, 2022-Noon – Midnight**
- **Sunday-October 23, 2022-Noon-Midnight**
- **Thursday-October 27, 2022-4:00 p.m. – Midnight**
- **Friday-October 28, 2022-4:00 p.m.-Midnight**

Attorney Amanda Risch appeared upon behalf of the applications. She stated that this is request to continue the beer garden that is in the Mercantile Plaza and that there have been no issues at the location.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor and entertainment licenses.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor and entertainment licenses received and dated August 23, 2022.

11. Red Bull Gaming Hub, 225 Shrewsbury Street

Request for one day entertainment license for Mobile Gaming Hub-outside)

- **Saturday-September 24, 2022-1:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**

No one was present for item.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to postpone the application to the September 22, 2022 License Commission meeting.

Liquor & Entertainment Application Requests

12. Whiskey On Water, LLC, 97 Water Street

- **Request for change of manager**

Mark Elrich, participating remotely, stated that the request was to change the manager at the location. Sgt. Needham stated the background on the new manager was all set.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the change of manager.

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager received and dated August 17, 2022.

13. Gupta's Sons Corporation dba Lucky Farms Variety Store, 759 Grafton Street

- **Request for package store malt & wine license**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to postpone the application to September 22, 2022.

14. Neon Beverage, LLC, 75 Quinsigamond Avenue

- **Request for package store malt & wine license**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to postpone the application to September 22, 2022.

15. CSC&R District, LLC, 90 Harding Street

- **Request for alteration of premises**

Christopher Besaw appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this was request to extend the premises

Commissioner Vigliotti stated that the Commission members had viewed the site prior to the meeting and Commissioner Fisher had brought up that there should be some type of barrier to control the outside area. Mr. Besaw stated that they intend to put in wooden fence with planters in between.

The Commission members asked what would be the hours of outside area. Mr. Besaw stated that it would close at midnight but the outside music in area would end by 10:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the alteration of premises with condition that area would close by Midnight and that outside music would end by 10:00 p.m.

List of Exhibits: Application for alteration of premises received and dated August 10, 2022.

16. Jusstevein, Inc., dba 266 Park Avenue

- **Request for restaurant all alcohol license with outside patio**
- **Request for common victualer license**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to postpone the application to September 22, 2022.

17. SC Worcester LLC dba Shaking Crab, 554 Main Street

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

Kevin Doung and Attorney Hu, participated remotely for the application. Ms. Hue apologized to the Commission for not having someone present for the view that morning.

Commissioner Vigliotti stated that that the landlord of the building did provide them access to the building but it is currently just a shell of a building so the Commission members couldn't tell where the storage would be on site. Mr. Doung stated that they have renovation team handling that but in their other locations they usually have a liquor room next to the kitchen that they lock the alcohol in.

Mr. Doung stated that this will be a Cajun seafood restaurant and the proposed hours are Noon-10:00 p.m. and liquor sales only 10% of the business and their main focus is on food.

The Commission members and police stated that they would like to see an updated plan showing where the storage of liquor would be and when the build out of the restaurant is more complete they would like to do a walk through prior to the establishment opening.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license and common victualer license.

List of Exhibits: Application for restaurant all alcohol and common victualer license received and dated August 16, 2022.

18. Professional Sports Catering, Inc., 100 Madison Street

- **Request for change of manager**

Alexandra Lilley, participating remotely, stated that she has been with the organization over ten years and will be taking over as manager.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the change of manager.

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager received and dated August 16, 2022.

Status Hearings

19. Paku Corporation, 215 Chandler Street

Yarisibeth Guzman along with Maria Rivera appeared to provide the status update.

Ms. Guzman stated that the suspension for the location has been completed and they now wish to reopen under Ms. Rivera and they have removed the patio outside and they have hired a new chef and plan to operate as Japanese restaurant.

Staff stated that location has still not received approval from state on Ms. Rivera to be manager of business so only item before Commission would be a request to reopen for food only.

Commission members expressed concern that they were previously told that this would be a breakfast/lunch concept and now according to business plan they plan to be open to Midnight.

Ms. Guzman stated that they would like to do breakfast, lunch and dinner and they will be hiring security after 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Sgt. Needham asked if the metal detector had been installed in the business. Ms. Guzman stated that it has been ordered but not installed.

The Commission members stated that they will allow for food only but prior to reopening for alcohol service all the conditions the License Commission had imposed at previous meetings must be met and the police and Commission members will do a walk-through of the site prior to reopening.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to allow the establishment to reopen for food only.

Communications

ABCC Notice of Suspension-Café Neo, Inc. 97 Millbury Street-no comment.

ABCC Notice of Suspension-El Patron Mexican Restaurant, Inc., 192 Harding Street-no comment.

Thank you Commissioner Haller-Held

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m.