



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

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Commissioners Present: Walter Shea, Chair
Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner
Charran Fisher, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

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

Call to Order – 10:00 am.

Minutes

September 22, 2022, September 29, 2022, October 24, 2022.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of September 22, 2022, September 29, 2022 and October 24, 2022.

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

- 1. Ecotarium, 22 Harrington Way**
Request for one day liquor license
 - **Saturday- November 19, 2022- 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

David from the Ecotarium appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that it will be for a private wedding and everyone is over 21 and the bartender will be TIPS certified.

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 received and dated October 18, 2022.

2. Jenny Miller, 19 Harrison Street

Request for one day liquor license

- **Saturday November 5, 2022 – 11:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.**

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

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 received and dated October 28, 2022.

Common Victualer Requests

3. Dunkin Donuts, 265 Grafton Street

- **Monday-Sunday-Noon-11:00 p.m.**

4. Dunkin Donuts, 107 Ward Street

- **Monday-Sunday-5:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

5. Dunkin Donuts, 280 Providence Street

- **Monday-Sunday – 24 hours**

6. Dunkin Donuts, 990 Grafton Street

- **Monday-Sunday-24 hours**

Items #3-6 were taken contemporaneously

Emily Fitzgerald, participating remotely, represented all four items.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission vote 3-0 to approve Items #3, #4, #5, #6.

List of Exhibits: Applications for common victualer license received and dated October 21, 2022.

7. Rosolli Pizzeria & Market, 174 Chandler Street

- **Monday-Sunday – 6:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.**

Naadesa Amu appeared upon 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 October 7, 2022.

8. Mass Park Avenue dba Popeyes, 622 Park Avenue

- **Sunday-Thursday-10:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.-Friday, Saturday-10:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

Howard Hymmowitz, participating remotely, appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that he needed to amend the hours as they will be open to 11:00 p.m. every night.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated October 26, 2022.

9. DaBoba, 8 Franklin Street

- **Sunday-Saturday-11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Nguyen Do, participating remotely, appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that he is opening a Boba tea shop.

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 October 21, 2022.

10. Millbury Street Pizza, 121 Millbury Street

- **Sunday-Saturday-Noon-11:00 p.m.**

Clifford Graham appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he will be taking over an existing pizza shop.

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 October 21, 2022.

Liquor and Entertainment Application Requests

11. Texas Roadhouse, 535 Lincoln Street

- **Request for change of manager**

Dan Cassidy and Patrick Mulhern, participating remotely, appeared on behalf of the application.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manger receive and dated October 6, 2022.

12. USA Corporation dba Paesano's, 1121 Grafton Street

- **Request for change of manager/officers/directors**

Aparecida Assis appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager/officers/directors received and dated April 28, 2022.

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

- **Request for restaurant all alcohol license**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone application to the November 17, 2022 License Commission meeting.

14. Dream Catcher Farm, Inc., dba Blackstone Herbs and Martini Bar, 102 Green Street

- **Request for restaurant all alcohol license with outdoor patio**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, dancing by patrons, live music, recorded music, light show, karaoke, indoors/outdoors**

Chairman Shea stated that the Commissioners had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Gian Rianucci appeared upon behalf of the application. Mr. Rianucci reviewed the plan for the premises.

Chairman Shea stated on the view Mr. Rianucci had showed an area where they planned to sell CBD on the premises.

Mr. Rianucci stated that there would be no on site consumption for CBD and it would only be a small retail area and the product would be sold in a child proof bag which is very hard to open.

Chairman Shea stated that he didn't want to set a precedent by allowing the sale of CBD and had concern about customers using the product on site.

Ms. Kalkounis stated that the License Commission would not have purview over the CBD retail use and if applicant plans to do that he have to comply with all law regarding the sale of it.

The Commission members and Mr. Rianucci discussed where the outside patio would be located and what time it would operate to. Mr. Rianucci stated that the patio would be open to 2:00 a.m.

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

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license with outdoor patio
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, dancing by patrons, live music, recorded music, light show, karaoke, indoors/outdoors

List of Exhibits: Application for restaurant all alcohol license, common victualer license and entertainment license received and dated October 19, 2022.

15. Aelux Lounge, LLC, dba Aelux Lounge, 316 Shrewsbury Street

- **Request for general on premises all alcohol license**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for tv, recorded music**

Chairman Shea stated that the Commissioners had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Dheya Kaaed appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this will be a relaxing lounge with hookah and quiet music.

Chairman Shea said the set up was very nice and Commission Vigliotti agreed but stated that he had a concern with handicapped accessibility as there is elevator for someone in wheelchair to go downstairs but the Commissioners didn't see any other egress/exits for a disable person once they are downstairs.

Mr. Kaaed stated that he wasn't able to answer that question as owner would be one handling that.

The Commissioners stated that they would like to continue the application for two weeks so that the ADA accessibility concerns could be addressed.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the application to the November 17, 2022 License Commission meeting.

16. Quan Co Ga, LLC, 895 Main Street

- **Request to amend entertainment license to have jukebox, tv, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music, karaoke (indoors)**

Attorney Hong Tran appeared upon behalf of the application.

The Commissioners and Mr. Tran discussed the proposed entertainment for the location and the use designation for site.

Ms. Kalkounis stated that if the Department of Inspectional Services changes to use at property to a night club then license holders would need to meet all the requirements of that designation.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated September 28, 2022.

17. Creed Lounge, 41 Pleasant Street

- **Request for change of manager**

Viemira Paulino, participating remotely, stated that applying to be the manager of the premises.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager received and dated September 27, 2022.

Hearings

18. Double Down Brewing Company, LLC, 455 Park Avenue-Status hearing

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the hearing to the November 17, 2022 License Commission meeting.

19. Kraftea Kobucha Company, 3 Brussels Street-Status hearing

Matthew Gliden and Doug Vogel appeared upon behalf of the hearing. Mr. Gliden stated that they should be done with construction by December 15, 2022.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the hearing to the December 15, 2022 License Commission meeting.

20. Thacura Inc. dba Skybar Lounge, 1082 Main Street-Status hearing

Jeremy Thacker appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that there have been construction problems that have been resolved and the landlord is currently fixing the roof but believes will be ready to open in December.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the hearing to the December 15, 2022 License Commission meeting.

21. Maa Chintapurnia, Inc. dba Om Indian Grill & Bar, 118-124 Water Street-Status hearing

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the status hearing to November 17, 2022.

22. Habaibna Hookah Lounge, 250 Commercial Street-Status hearing

Ms. Steele informed the Commission that she had received email for owner of business that they will not be renewing liquor license at location.

23. Nuve Lounge, 751 Main Street-Status Hearing

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the status hearing to November 17, 2022.

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.