



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

Thursday, January 4, 2024

Commissioners Present: Anthony Vigliotti, Chair
Charran Fisher, Commissioner
Maritza Cruz, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department
Alexandra Kalkounis, Worcester Law Department
Deborah Steele, Licensing

Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.

Minutes: December 21, 2023

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of December 21, 2023.

Requests for Continuances, Extensions, Postponements, & Withdrawals

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

1. St. Spyridon Cathedral, 102 Russell Street

Request for one day liquor license

- **January 27, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. -9:30 p.m.**

Michael Dionis, participating remotely, stated that this request is for one day event, and they expect about 200 and 250 and they will have TIPS certified bartenders.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day license received and dated December 28, 2023.

2. Ecotarium, 222 Harrington Way

Request for one day liquor license

- **January 11, 2024 – 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.**
- **February 13, 2024 – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**
- **March 6, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**
- **April 10, 2024 -5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**
- **May 18, 2024- 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**
- **June 14, 2024-5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **July 12, 2024-5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **July 26, 2024-5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**
- **August 9, 2024-5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **September 7, 2024-5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**
- **September 27, 2024-5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**
- **October 18, 2024-5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Katlin Williams, participating remotely, reviewed the dates of the events and what they were for. Security and certified bartenders will be present at all events.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day license received and dated December 28, 2023.

3. Jason Sabatino, 1 College Street

Request for one day liquor license

- **January 20, 2024 – Noon – 5:00 p.m.**

Jason Sabatino, participating remotely, stated they are looking to hold a private function for about 30 people and will have certified bartenders and security present.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day license received and dated December 28, 2023.

Common Victualer Requests

4. Eagle Adult Day Care, LLC, 294 Hamilton Street

- **Sunday- Closed, Monday-Saturday-8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Pavlina Tolkuci appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that she will be preparing one meal a day on the premises.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day license received and dated December 26, 2023.

5. GN Singh LLC dba Golden Pizza on Lincoln, 31 Lincoln Street

- **Sunday-Saturday-10:00 a.m. – 3:00 a.m.**

Sandeep Sing appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he is opening a pizza shop at a new location at 31 Lincoln Street.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day license received and dated December 28, 2023.

6. AFC Sushi@WPI, 100 Institute Road

- **9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Radiciel Loth, participating remotely, stated that they are looking to open a new location inside WPI.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day license received and dated December 28, 2023.

Alcohol/Entertainment Requests

7. Narayandas Corporation, 1014 Main Street

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

No one appeared for item.

Sergeant Needham stated that manager/officers/directors there was nothing in background check that would preclude the change of manager/officers/directors.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager/change of officers/directors/transfer of stock received and dated December 28, 2023.

8. 1121 LLC, 1121 Grafton Street

- **Request for change of license type to a restaurant all alcohol license**

Derek Higbie, participating remotely, stated they are looking to change from a malt&wine license to a full liquor license.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for change of license type received and dated December 28, 2023.

9. Resuli, LLC, Sister’s Breakfast and Lunch, 171 Stafford Street

- **Request for restaurant all alcohol license with outdoor area with two tables-Outside area hours-Monday-Saturday-6:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue application to the February 1, 2024, License Commission meeting.

Cessation of Business Hearings

10. KKAP, LLC, 244 Main Street

Chair Vigliotti stated that an email had been received that applicant does not wish to pursue the license at this time.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to rescind the restaurant all alcohol license.

11. Shaking Crab, 554 Main Street

Kevin, who stated, he was representing Shaking Crab, stated that they are still working on construction.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item to the March 28, 2024, License Commission meeting.

Other Business

12. 961 Restaurants, Inc., 2 Washington Square

- **Request to amend hours of liquor/entertainment/common victualer licenses to**

Monday	11:00 a.m. 1:00 a.m.
Tuesday	11:00 a.m. 1:00 a.m.
Wednesday	11:00 a.m. 1:00 a.m.
Thursday	11:00 a.m. 1:00 a.m.
Friday	11:00 a.m. 2:00 a.m.
Saturday	11:00 a.m. 2:00 a.m.
Sunday	11:00 a.m. 2:00 a.m.

Attorney Mark Bornstein appeared upon behalf of the item.

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

Violation Hearings

**13. Allstar Liquors, 261 Lincoln Street
Violation of Rules #6, #20, #21-Sale to minor, server training certificate violation**

Gurmeet Singh appeared to answer to the violation and waived his right to counsel.

Sergeant Needham presented the following.

On November 18, 2023, Officer Patrick Harrington and members of the Alcohol Enforcement Unit conducted compliance checks on various package stores throughout the city. A 17-year-old male accompanied the officers during the evening. The underage male was instructed to enter a package store and attempt to purchase a six pack of Miller Lite cans without providing identification. The male was instructed if asked for identification to politely inform the clerk he did not have one. The male was instructed not be confrontational at any time if not sold the item and to leave the store. The male was given the same instructions every time he entered a different store. Prior to departing and upon return to the police station the male was administered an alcohol breathalyzer test.

As the underage male entered the stores Officer Harrington had an unobstructed view of the entrance and the times were noted upon entry. During the checks the male attempted to purchase alcohol from 20 stores.

At 10:41 a.m. the 17-year-old male entered Allstar Liquors and was able to purchase a six pack of Miller Lite cans which is an alcoholic beverage without providing any identification.

Members of the Alcohol Unit notified the store of the violation. While on scene it was determined that the staff serving the public did not have the proper serving training certificates.

Mr. Singh stated that the incident did happen, and he apologizes, and staff will have certificates from now on.

Chair Vigliotti asked if all staff was certified now. Mr. Singh stated that they were and showed the certificates to Sergeant Needham.

Chair Vigliotti noted that there were previous violations that this location.

Upon a roll call violation that Commission voted 3-0 that the violation did occur.

Upon a roll call violation, the Commission voted 3-0 to issue a three-day suspension with two days suspended and one day served January 20, 2024.

List of Exhibits: Police report dated December 5, 2023.

**14. TKP LLC dba Olympic Wine & Liquors, 345 Grafton Street
Violation of Rules #6, #20, #21-Sale to minor, server training certificate violation**

William Kiritsy appeared upon behalf of the application and waived his right to counsel.

Sergeant Needham presented the following.

On November 18, 2023, Officer Patrick Harrington and members of the Alcohol Enforcement Unit conducted compliance checks on various package stores throughout the city. A 17-year-old male accompanied the officers during the evening. The underage male was instructed to enter a package store and attempt to purchase a twelve pack of Sam Adams cans without providing identification. The male was instructed if asked for identification to politely inform the clerk he did not have one. The male was instructed not be confrontational at any time if not sold the item and to leave the store. The male was given the same instructions every time he entered a different store. Prior to departing and upon return to the police station the male was administered an alcohol breathalyzer test.

As the underage male entered the stores Officer Harrington had an unobstructed view of the entrance and the times were noted upon entry. During the checks the male attempted to purchase alcohol from 20 stores.

At 2:04 p.m. the 17-year-old male entered Olympic Wind & Liquors and was able to purchase a twelve pack of Sam Adams cans which is an alcoholic beverage without providing any identification.

Members of the Alcohol Unit notified the store of the violation. While on scene it was determined that the staff serving the public did not have the proper serving training certificates.

Mr. Kiritsy stated he did not dispute the facts presented by Sergeant Needham and Mr. Kiritsy checked the store video and store clerk did not check and when he asked store clerk why he said was distracted by a personal phone call behind the counter which is not allowed.

Mr. Kiritsy stated that when he showed Sergeant Needham the server training certificates, he had locked in his store office it was noticed that the certificates expired December 2023 and Mr. Kiritsy stated that was his mistake as he had thought they were going to expired December 2024. Mr. Kiritsy stated that when he realized that he immediately arranged for staff to do the server training to obtain certificates.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 that the violations had occurred.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to issue a warning.

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.