



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

**Thursday May 30, 2024**

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

**Commissioners Absent:**

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

**Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.**

**Minutes: May 16, 2024 & May 21, 2024**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the May 16, 2024, and May 21, 2024, License Commission minutes.

**Requests for Continuances, Extensions, Postponements, & Withdrawals**

**One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests**

1. **Mexicali Cantina Grill, 225 Shrewsbury Street**
  - **Request for one day entertainment license for outside dj**
    - **Tuesday-June 18, 2024-5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the June 13, 2024, License Commission meeting.

2. **Wonder Bar, 121 Shrewsbury Street**
  - **Request for one day entertainment license for outside live music**
    - **Tuesday-June 18, 2024-5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.**

Frank Prizio, participating remotely, stated that this will be for live entertainment in the parking lot at the establishment and stated that they will block off the entrance to the parking lot and there won't be customer cars in the lot.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated May 16, 2024.*

**3. ArtsWorcester, 44 Portland Street**

- **Request for one day liquor license**
  - **Wednesday-July 10, 2024-5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**
  - **Wednesday-September 4, 2024-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
  - **Friday-September 27, 2024-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
  - **Friday-November 15, 2024-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Sue Von Maszewski appeared upon behalf of the applications. Ms. Maszewski stated that they are evening events for their art exhibitions, and they have done these done numerous times in the past.

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 May 16, 2024.*

**4. Cyrille Vincent Ndomakette Samba, 25 Sagamore Road**

- **Request for one day liquor license**
  - **Thursday, June 27, 2024-5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

Upon roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the June 13, 2024, License Commission meeting.

**5. John Travaglio, 179 Shrewsbury Street**

- **Request for one day liquor license (outside)**
  - **Monday-June 10, 2024-5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
  - **Tuesday-June 18, 2024-5:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.**
  - **Friday-June 28, 2024-5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Rain date June 29**
  - **Saturday-October 5, 2024-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Rain date October 6, 2024**

Theresa Travaglio appeared upon behalf of the applications. Ms. Travaglio stated that June 10 is for a dinner, June 18<sup>th</sup> is Taste of Shrewsbury Street, June 28<sup>th</sup> is Taste of Shrewsbury Street and October 5, 2024, is for the parade.

Chair Vigliotti asked how the outdoor area would be secured. Ms. Travaglio stated that the events are held in the parking lot and there will be no cars in the lot and area will be roped off and they will have a police detail.

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 licenses received and dated May 14, 2024.*

**6. Julie Toupin, 7 Winter Street (Parking Lot)**

- **Request for one day liquor license (outside)**
- **Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, recorded music, amplification system, light show**
  - **Saturday-June 1, 2024-7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.**
  - **Saturday-September 7, 2024-7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.**
  - **Saturday-October 26, 2024-7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.**

Julie Toupin appeared upon behalf of the applications. She stated that the first two events of Pride Events and the last is for the Halloween Event and they do in the parking lot behind Femme, and they have had no problems.

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

*List of Exhibits:*

*Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received and dated May 16, 2024.*

*Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated May 16, 2024.*

**7. Craft Beer Holdings, LLC, Mercantile Plaza, 100 Front Street**

- **Request for one day entertainment license for radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system**
  - **Tuesday-June 11, 2024- 4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Wednesday-June 12, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Thursday-June 13, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Friday-June 14, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Saturday-June 15, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Sunday-June 16, 2024-Noon-4:00 p.m.**
  - **Tuesday-June 18, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Wednesday-June 19, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Thursday-June 20, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Friday-June 21, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Saturday-June 22, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Sunday-June 23, 2024-Noon-4:00 p.m.**
  - **Tuesday-June 25, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Wednesday-June 26, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Friday-June 27, 2024-4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
  - **Friday-June 28, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Saturday-June 29, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
  - **Sunday-June 30, 2024-Noon-4:00 p.m.**

- Tuesday-July 2, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Wednesday-July 3, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Friday-July 5, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-July 6, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.
- Sunday-July 7, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.
- Tuesday-July 9, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Wednesday-July 10, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Thursday-July 11, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
- Friday-July 12, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.
- Saturday-July 13, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.
- Sunday-July 14, 2024-Noon-4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday-July 16, 2024-4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

**7a. Notch Worcester Biergarten, Mercantile Plaza, 100 Front Street**

- Request for one day liquor license
  - Tuesday-June 11, 2024- 4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday-June 12, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
  - Thursday-June 13, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
  - Friday-June 14, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.
  - Saturday-June 15, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.
  - Sunday-June 16, 2024-Noon-4:00 p.m.
  - Tuesday-June 18, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday-June 19, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
  - Thursday-June 20, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
  - Friday-June 21, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.
  - Saturday-June 22, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.
  - Sunday-June 23, 2024-Noon-4:00 p.m.
  - Tuesday-June 25, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday-June 26, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
  - Friday-June 27, 2024-4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
  - Friday-June 28, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.
  - Saturday-June 29, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.
  - Sunday-June 30, 2024-Noon-4:00 p.m.
  - Tuesday-July 2, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday-July 3, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
  - Friday-July 5, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
  - Saturday-July 6, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.
  - Sunday-July 7, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.
  - Tuesday-July 9, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday-July 10, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
  - Thursday-July 11, 2024-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
  - Friday-July 12, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.
  - Saturday-July 13, 2024-Noon-11:00 p.m.

- **Sunday-July 14, 2024-Noon-4:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday-July 16, 2024-4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

**7 and 7a were taken contemporaneously.**

Attorney Mark Donahue appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that this will be a continuation of a beer garden at the Mercantile Plaza. He stated that the space will be contained as it was in the past.

Sergeant Needham reminded Attorney Donahue to remind people running the beer garden to make sure that the alcohol remains the in designated area.

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

*List of Exhibits:*

*Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor licenses received and dated May 14, 2024.*

*Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment received and dated May 14, 2024.*

**8. Dollars for Scholars, 6 Institute Road**

- **Request for one day entertainment license for moving picture show, award ceremony**
  - **Saturday-June 15, 2024- 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the June 13, 2024, License Commission meeting.

**9. Island Fine Poke 5 Year Anniversary, 41-2 Park Avenue**

- **Request for one day entertainment license for outside music**
  - **Wednesday-July 10, 2024-11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Jim Way appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this is for the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the store.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated May 11, 2024.*

**10. WCACA Kiddie’s Carnival, 455 Main Street, Worcester Common**

- **Request for one day entertainment license for music, dancing**
  - **Sunday-July 21, 2024 (Rain date-July 28, 2024)-10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Casey Denis, participating remotely, stated that this is for event on the Worcester Common. She stated there will be music, food and arts and crafts.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated May 13, 2024.*

**11. Tapped Beer Trucks, 500 Salisbury Street**

- **Request for one day liquor license**
  - **Tuesday, June 18, 2024-Noon-3:00 p.m.**

Matt Cohen, participating remotely, stated this is for event at Assumption University and it is an alumni event. It's invitation only and campus security will be present as well as TIPS certified bartenders checking everyone.

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 May 13, 2024.*

**Common Victualer Requests**

**12. Gyro and Souvlaki, LLC, 623 Chandler Street**

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

Anixa Hoxha appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that this is a brand new business.

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 May 17, 2024.*

**13. Jersey Mike's, 70 Gold Star Blvd.**

- **10:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m.**

Tyler Toombs, participating remotely, stated that this is for a new Jersey Mike's location in Worcester.

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 May 17, 2024.*

**Alcohol/Entertainment Requests**

**14. Suveroo LLC dba Maya Lounge, 5 Saugus Place**

- **Request to amend entertainment license**
  - Inside: Jukebox, Television, Dancing by Patrons, Dancing by entertainers, Recorded music, Live music, Amplification system, Moving picture show, Floor show, Light Show, Karaoke, Play**
  - Outside: Dancing by Patrons, Dancing by entertainers, Recorded music, Live music, Amplification system, Moving picture show, Floor show, Light Show, Karaoke, Jukebox, Play**

Roopali Kummarikuntla along with her husband and the manager of record appeared upon behalf of the application. Mr. Kummarikuntla stated that there are not many residents in the area and the last establishment did have entertainment.

Commissioner Fisher requested that the applicant clarify the hours. Mr. Kummarikuntla stated inside it would be 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and outside it would be 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Staff reminded the applicant that the occupancy for the inside is 49.

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 May 3, 2024.*

**15. Aelux Lounge LLC dba Aelux Lounge, 316 Shrewsbury Street**  
○ **Request to amend entertainment license to add 1 pool table**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the June 13, 2024 License Commission meeting.

**16. 158 Sports Grill Garage, 144 Commercial Street**  
○ **Request for restaurant all alcohol license**  
○ **Request for common victualer license**  
○ **Request for entertainment license for tv, recorded music, live music, amplification system karaoke**

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commissioners had review the premises prior to the meeting.

Reginaldo Grilo appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated he looking to open a new business downtown and he has previous restaurant experience.

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

- **Request for restaurant all alcohol license**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for tv, recorded music, live music, amplification system karaoke**

*List of Exhibits:*

Exhibit: A: Request for restaurant all alcohol license received and dated April 22, 2024.

Exhibit B: Request for common victualer license received and dated April 22, 2024.

Exhibit C: Request for entertainment license for tv, recorded music, live music, amplification system karaoke received and date April 22, 2024.

**17. BMW Group, Inc., dba Panda Buffet, 97 Stafford Street**

- **Request to amend premises**

The Commission had approved the liquor application at its last meeting and this item was follow up on the view conducted by Sergeant Needham.

Sergeant Needham stated that he had viewed the premises and how the license holder had intended to enclose the patio area and saw no issues.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the request to amend the premises.

**18. Be Hoppy Brewery, LLC, 72 Shrewsbury Street**

- **Transfer of Farmer Series Pouring Permit 19H**
- **Transfer of Farmer Distillery Pouring Permit**
- **Amending license to cover only the 6,000 square feet restaurant area on the first floor and mezzanine level**

Attorney Mark Bornstein appeared upon behalf of the applications. Along him was Eric Hendler, one of the principals from the corporation.

Mr. Bornstein reviewed the proposals.

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

- **Transfer of Farmer Series Pouring Permit 19H**
- **Transfer of Farmer Distillery Pouring Permit**
- **Amending license to cover only the 6,000 square feet restaurant area on the first floor and mezzanine level**

*List of Exhibits:*

*Exhibit A: Transfer of Farmer Series Pouring Permit 19H received and dated May 14, 2024.*

*Exhibit B: Transfer of Farmer Distillery Pouring Permit received and dated May 14, 2024.*

*Exhibit C: Amending license to cover only the 6,000 square feet restaurant area on the first floor and mezzanine level received and dated May 14, 2024.*

**19. Magnitude & Permanence Inc. dba Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company and Soul Purpose Brewing Company, 55 Millbrook Street**

- **Request for On Premises Farmer Series Pouring Permit-Malt**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the June 13, 2024, License Commission meeting.

**20. Hacienda Don Juan Restaurant, Inc. dba Hacienda Don Juan, 875B Main Street**



- **Request for restaurant malt & wine license with outdoor deck**

Attorney Hong Tran reviewed the application.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commissioners had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Attorney Tran stated that the hours of business would be 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the restaurant malt & wine license.

*List of Exhibits: Application for restaurant malt & wine license received and dated May 14, 2024.*

**21. Creed Lounge, 41 Pleasant Street**

- **Request for bottle service**

Calvin Paulino and Tony Marcona appeared upon behalf of the application.

Mr. Paulino stated that they are looking for bottle service for their establishment.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commission members had viewed the site prior to meeting and the bottle service is limited to the elevated areas of the establishment area.

Sergeant Needham asked if the raised area near stairwell would be used for bottle service and how many tables would be utilized for bottle service and how many servers would be assigned.

Mr. Paulino stated that the bottle service is in the elevated area and bottle service only for groups of 5 patrons and there will be one server per two tables.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the bottle service there would be six servers at tables and bottle service would be allowed during regular business hours.

*List of Exhibits: Application for bottle service received and dated May 12, 2024.*

**22. 961 Restaurant, LLC, 2 Washington Square**

- **Request for bottle service**

Attorney Mark Bornstein and Obaida Abdulky appeared upon behalf of the application.

Attorney Bornstein stated that the Commission members had viewed the premises prior to the meeting and as can see by the view this is an upscale location and they are seeking the bottle service throughout the licensed premises, but service would only be at tables. Mr. Bornstein stated that since they have a variety of events the tables get moved around so they are seeking bottle service for tables.

Commissioner Fisher asked how you control bottle service for entire restaurant. Mr. Bornstein stated that that it will happen at the tables and a TIPS certified bartender will be assigned to a table or tables for the bottle service and they will provide safe service so they are asking some flexibility on the area as the tables will change depending on events.

Mr. Abdulky stated that they know that evening what the set up will be so they will have enough TIPS certified servers for the bottle service.

The Commissioners expressed concern that they are not comfortable with the entire premises being bottle service. Attorney Bornstein stated that they could exclude the bar area and the main area could be the area for bottle service.

Commissioner Fisher stated that during the site visit it wasn't clear how servers would control the area and how do they control patrons not pouring their own bottles.

Chair Vigliotti stated when it was first presented it was presented was a VIP experience area and this proposal is for entire premises. Attorney Bornstein stated that they are willing to exclude the bar area.

The Commission members stated that they would like to continue to item so the applicant could come back with a more detailed proposal.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the June 13, 2024, License Commission meeting.

### **Status Hearing**

#### **23. Dubai Restaurant & Lounge, Inc, 105 Water Street**

- **Status hearing**

Lizette Rodriguez, participating remotely, stated that they are finalizing the building permit and hope to open in a month.

The Commission filed the item.

### **Communications**

**ABCC Communication-AMZ violation hearing notice**-No comment.

**ABCC Communication-Creed Lounge appeal notice**-No comment.

### **Adjournment**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 a.m.