



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

Thursday, December 5, 2024

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

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department
Officer Patrick Harrington, Worcester Police Department
Deborah Steele, Licensing

Minutes: November 21, 2024

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of November 21, 2024.

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

- 1. Craft Beer Holdings Five, LLC, 100 Front Street**
Request for one day liquor license
Request for one day liquor entertainment license for radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music
 - Saturday-December 7, 2024-10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Attorney Madoux, participating remotely, stated that they are looking for permits for the Holiday market at the Mercantile Center. They will have security and TIPS certified bartenders.

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

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received and dated November 27, 2024.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated November 27, 2024.

2. Craft Beer Holdings Six, LLC, 100 Front Street

Request for one day liquor license

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

- **Monday-December 16, 2024-10:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.**
- **Thursday-December 19, 2024-10:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.**
- **Friday-December 20, 2024-10:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.**
- **Saturday-December 21, 2024-10:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.**
- **Sunday-December 22, 2024-10:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.**
- **Monday-December 23, 2024-10:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.**
- **Tuesday-December 24, 2024-10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday-December 25, 2024-2:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.**
- **Thursday-December 26, 2024-10:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.**
- **Friday-December 27, 2024-10:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.**
- **Saturday-December 28, 2024-10:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.**
- **Sunday-December 29, 2024-10:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.**
- **Monday-December 30, 2024-10:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m.**
- **Tuesday-December 31, 2024-10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday-January 1, 2025-2:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.**

Attorney Madoux, participating remotely, stated that these are request for one day permits for the Van Gogh exhibit.

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

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received and dated November 30, 2024.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated November 30, 2024.

Common Victualer Requests

3. Parrot Pizza Worcester, 50 Southwest Cutoff

Sunday Operating Hours*

10 am to 9 pm

Monday Operating Hours*

10 am to 12 am

Tuesday Operating Hours*

10 am to 12 am

Wednesday Operating Hours*

10 am to 12 am
Thursday Operating Hours*
10 am to 12 am
Friday Operating Hours*
10 am to 2 am
Saturday Operating Hours*
10 am to 2 am

Ravichandra Bachu, participating remotely, stated that he is taking over an existing pizza restaurant.

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 November 26, 2024.

4. Residence Inn, Worcester, 503 Plantation Street

Sunday Operating Hours*
7am-10:30am
Monday Operating Hours*
6:30am-10am
Tuesday Operating Hours*
6:30am-10am
Wednesday Operating Hours*
6:30am-10am
Thursday Operating Hours*
6:30am-10am
Friday Operating Hours*
6:30am-10am
Saturday Operating Hours*
7am-10:30am

Craig Fannon, participating remotely, stated that they are taking over ownership of this hotel and seeking a license for the breakfast area.

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 November 26, 2024.

5. Tropical Smoothie Café, 81 Gold Star Boulevard

Sunday Operating Hours*
9:00am-8:00pm
Monday Operating Hours*
7:00am-10:00pm
Tuesday Operating Hours*
7:00am-10:00pm
Wednesday Operating Hours*
7:00am-10:00pm

Thursday Operating Hours*
7:00am-10:00pm
Friday Operating Hours*
7:00am-10:00pm
Saturday Operating Hours*
8:00am-9:00pm

Manhav Patel appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that they are opening a smoothie café.
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 November 26, 2024.

6. Garden Pizza and Subs, 273 Lincoln Street

Sunday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Monday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Tuesday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Wednesday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Thursday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Friday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Saturday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Jankkuma Thummar appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he is taking over an existing pizza/sub 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 November 26, 2024.

Alcohol/Entertainment Requests

7. Worcester Center for Performing Arts, Inc., 20 Franklin Street

- **Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from Worcester Cultural Coalition/The Jean McDonough Arts Center (JMAC)**

Troy Siebels, participating remotely, stated that this is a request for a transfer of the license.

List of Exhibits: Application for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license received and dated October 27, 2024.

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

- 8. LEPA Sports Bar, LLC, 1082 Main Street**
- **Request for restaurant all alcohol license**
 - **Request for common victualer license**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the December 19, 2024, License Commission meeting.

Violation Hearing

- 9. 1885 Restaurant & Bar, 48 Green Street**
Violation of Rules #1, #14

Cameron Brigham appeared to answer to the violation and waived his right to counsel

Sergeant Needham presented the following

On November 3, 2024, Officer Patrick Harrington of the Alcohol Enforcement Unit was informed of an incident that occurred in the early morning hours at 1855 Restaurant & Bar. Officer Harrington reviewed the Worcester Police reports and body camera footage from officers on the scene. He observed that two individuals, seen on the body camera footage, were arrested for fighting, one of whom was a part-owner of the premises.

During the initial police encounter, Officer Harrington observed police officers attempt to place the male identified as the 50 percent owner of the premises into custody. However, the owner was escorted by unknown individuals to the side door of the premises. Police officers were blocked by these individuals as they attempted to place the owner into custody. The door was shut, and the individuals advised officers not to proceed. The unidentified individuals also entered the premises with the owner, preventing the police from accessing that door.

At that point, the officers proceeded to the front door, which they found to be locked. The officers ordered an employee inside to open the door, which the employee complied with. Once the officers entered the premises, they noticed that there were still patrons inside when the front door had been locked prior to their entry. As the officers made their way to the rear of the premises, they encountered the owner, along with a male who had been blocking the side door, preventing the police from entering earlier. The officers were able to place the owner into handcuffs and escorted him outside the premises.

After reviewing the evidence, Officer Harrington went to 1855 and contacted the manager of record, Cameron Brigham, informing him that the Worcester Police would be requesting the preservation of

video surveillance from the incident. Mr. Brigham was cooperative and arrived shortly thereafter to review the video. While waiting for the owner's arrival, Officer Harrington observed two of the unknown individuals seen inside the Licensed Premises when the doors were locked during the initial incident. He confirmed they were not employees of 1855.

Upon reviewing the surveillance footage, it was observed that between 2:29 a.m. and 3:20 a.m., people, including bar staff, were inside the premises consuming alcohol.

Video of police body camera of the incident was shown.

Chair Vigliotti asked who was managing the business that night. Mr. Brigham stated that the co-owner, Mr. Oliveri was.

Chair Vigliotti asked if there have been incidents before. Mr. Brigham stated that just some bickering where patrons had been asked to leave but nothing like this.

Chair Vigliotti asked if Mr. Brigham disputed patrons were in the premises after hours. Mr. Brigham stated no.

Mr. Brigham stated that he is extremely embarrassed this happened and this was a wakeup call, and they take this very seriously and they have implemented to updated procedures for the premises.

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

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to impose a three-day suspension with one day served.

List of Exhibits: Police report dated November 10, 2024.

Other Business

10. Michael O'Rourke-Requesting clarification on lodging house rule

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to file the item.

Communications

ABCC Communication -Advisory Regarding changes to M.G.L. Chapter 138 Section 26-Retail License managers -No comment.

ABCC Communication-Advisory Regarding changes to M.G.L. Chapter 138 Section 15F-Farmer's Market Permit -No comment.

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m.