

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
JUNE 5, 2012**

**ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBERS
WORCESTER, MA 01608**

Commission Members Present: Peter Lukes, Chair
Paul Mullan, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services
Attorney Alexandra Haralambous, Law Department
James Foley, Inspectional Services

COMMISSION SITE VIEWS:

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Lukes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Unfinished Business:

1. 480 Shrewsbury Street

Petition: Restaurant and Retail All Alcoholic Beverage License

Business Name: Picadilly's Bar and Grill, Inc.

Attorney Glen Matheson appeared on behalf of petition. Mr. Matheson stated that this item was continued by License Commission from a previous meeting at the request of the Department of Revenue.

Mr. Matheson stated that his client has no involvement with the previous license holder and his client's application should not be held up as they will incur a substantial financial loss the longer it takes for item to be approved and sent to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission in Boston.

Chairman Lukes asked what the status was with the Department of Revenue.

Attorney Matheson stated they have internal meeting with Department of Revenue next week and that the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission is holding hearing on the previous license on June 28, 2012.

Chairman Lukes stated that at previous meeting the proposed license holder was informed that they could open for food only while awaiting resolution to the Department of Revenue matter.

Attorney Matheson stated that just opening for food the restaurant would be operating at a loss and would urge the License Commission to move on the matter today.

Chairman Lukes stated if License Commission does approve the application first goes to Department of Revenue prior to Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission so the applicant will be taking the risk that if approved at local level the application would just be returned until tax matter is resolved.

Attorney Matheson stated that they are aware of that but would prefer License Commission vote on matter.

On a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer all alcoholic license for Picadilly's Bar and Grill, Inc.

Exhibit 1: Application for liquor license received on May 1, 2012 and dated April 20, 2012.

New Business:

2. 455 Main Street

Petition: Request for One Day Liquor Permit – August 18, 2012

Business Name: Centro Las Americas Latin American Festival

Dolly Vazquez and Sam Rosario appeared on behalf of petition.

Mr. Rosario stated that this will be the 23rd year that Latin Festival will be held but due to economy the event will only be one day. He stated event would be run the same way it had been operated in previous years but would request that less police details be required due to cost.

Chairman Lukes stated that event has been well run the past few years and that conditions and same amount of police details from previous years be required.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license for August 18, 2012.

3. 321 Main Street

Petition: Request for One Day Liquor Permits on June 23, 2012 & June 24, 2012

Business Name: Shelton Brothers

James Marcyoniak appeared on behalf of the application. He stated this will be for festival being held at Mechanics Hall and portion will be held outside.

Chairman Lukes asked whether area would be fenced off.

Mr. Marcyoniak stated area would be fenced off and four Worcester Police officers will be hired to help with security and traffic.

Commissioner Mullan asked how many sessions would be held outside.

Mr. Marcyoniak stated two sessions on Saturday and one on Sunday.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 2-0 to approve two one day liquor permits for June 23, 2012 and June 24, 2012.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit received on May 7, 2012 and dated May 1, 2012.

4. 222 Harrington Way

Petition: Request for One Day Liquor Permits on June 15, 2012, June 22, 2012, July 13, 2012, July 20, 2012, July 27, 2012

Tracy Dill appeared on behalf of the applications. Ms. Dill stated this is for the Jazz at Sunset series that has been run by Ecotarium the past several years.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the five one day liquor permits for June 15, 2012, June 22, 2012, July 13, 2012, July 20, 2012, July 27, 2012.

Exhibit A: Application for five one day liquor permits received on May 10, 2012 and dated May 8, 2012.

5. 102 Russell Street

Petition: Request for One Day Liquor Permit on June 16, 2012

The applicant did not appear, however, Chairman Lukes and Commissioner Mullan were familiar with location and reviewed application which showed that off-duty police would be hired for event.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor permit for June 16, 2012.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit received on May 23, 2012 and dated May 23, 2012.

6. 712A Pleasant Street

Petition: Request for Common Victualer License

Applicant: Patrick Logan

Patrick Logan appeared on behalf of application. Mr. Logan stated he planned to open a pizza restaurant.

Chairman Lukes asked what had been previously at location and Mr. Logan stated it had been an insurance agency.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license for 712A Pleasant Street.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received on May 17, 2012 and dated May 17, 2012.

7. 16-18 Cambridge Street

Petition: Request for one day entertainment for outside area

Ms. Steele informed the Commission that applicant had withdrawn request.

8. 91 Stafford Street

Petition: Request for transfer of common victualer all alcohol license

Applicant: Pho Lam, LLC. – Anh Lam

Attorney Glen Matheson along with petitioner Anh Lam appeared on behalf of application. Mr. Matheson stated that Ms. Lam will be taking over an existing restaurant with liquor license and previous staff will stay on to help Ms. Lam operate the restaurant.

Chairman Lukes asked what type of experience Ms. Lam had in operating restaurant with a liquor license.

Mr. Matheson stated Ms. Lam had worked at other restaurants but the previous license holder's staff was staying on so there will be no change in way business operates.

Exhibit A: Application for transfer of restaurant liquor license received on May 15, 2012 and dated May 15, 2012.

Other Business:

Policy Discussion – Request to eliminate seasonal dining dates for sidewalk dining

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.