

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

MARCH 12, 2015

LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBERS

Commission Members Present: Karon Shea, Chairperson
Anthony Salvidio, Commissioner
Walter Shea, Commissioner

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services
Alexandra Haralambous, Law Department
Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department
Officer Mark Jolin, Worcester Police Department
James Foley, Inspectional Services

Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes – February 26, 2015 –

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of February 26, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests:

1. Petition: Request for one day liquor license, April 18, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.,
May 2, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Petitioner: St. George Cathedral, 30 Anna Street

Judy Shaughnessy appeared on behalf of the petitions. She stated that she would like to amend the May 2nd date until May 9, 2015.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the to one day requests with the amended May 9, 2015 date.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received February 20, 2015 and dated February 20, 2015.

2. Petition: Request for one day liquor license, March 31, 2015, 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Petitioner: EcoTarium, 222 Harrington Way

Tobe Owens appeared on behalf of the item. She stated that this will be for a fundraiser for Worcester Community Foundation.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day license received January 16, 2015 and dated January 16, 2015.

3. Petition: Request for one day liquor license, May 16, 2015, 7:00 p.m.- Midnight

Petitioner: The Armenian Churches of Worcester County, 34 Boynton Street

Harry Pagamni appeared on behalf of the item. He stated that this will be for a dance with Armenian music and will be held in the cultural hall.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received March 3, 2015 and dated March 3, 2015.

Common Victualer License Requests:

none

Alcohol & Entertainment Permit Applications:

4. Petition: Request for restaurant all alcohol license

Petitioner: El Patron Mexican, 192 Harding Street

Mirna Cazares appeared on behalf of application.

Chair Shea stated that the Commission members and Lt. Johnson viewed the site prior to meeting and were very impressed.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license.

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received February 24, 2015 and dated February 24, 2015.

5. Petition: Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, recorded music live music, amplification system, any other audio or visual show whether live or recorded specifically

Petitioner: El Patron Mexican, 192 Harding Street

Mirna Cazares appeared on behalf of the application. She stated that the entertainment will be addition once they obtain the liquor license.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that the entertainment license hours should coincide with the hours for the liquor license.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license with amended hours.

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received February 24, 2015 and dated February 24, 2015.

6. Petition: Request for general on premises all alcohol license

Petitioner: The Basement LLC, 316 Main Street

Roger & Joanne Bachour appeared on behalf of the item.

Ms. Bachour stated that this will be a lounge and hopefully in the future they will be adding hookah.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the general on premises liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for a general on premises all alcohol license received February 24, 2015 and dated February 24, 2015.

7. Petition: Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, dancing by patrons, amplification system

Petitioner: The Basement, LLC, 316 Main Street

Roger & Joanne Bachour appeared on behalf of the item.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for an entertainment license received February 25, 2015 and dated February 24, 2015.

8. Petition: Request to transfer general on premises all alcohol license from Ciotog, Inc. dba Greyhound Pub

Petitioner: John P. Fresolo dba Rocky's Food and Spirits, 139 Water Street

Paul Curley and John Fresolo appeared on behalf of the item.

Lt. Johnson stated that the application was all set.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the transfer of the general on premises all alcohol license.

Status Hearings

9. Meze, 156 Shrewsbury Street
Liquor Renewal payment – Payment received
10. Ritual, 279-281 Main Street
Liquor Renewal payment - Payment received
11. Main South Post, 1023 Main Street
Liquor Renewal payment/status of license-Continued two weeks
12. Café Dolce, 154 Shrewsbury Street
Liquor renewal payment/status of license-Continued two weeks
13. Takara, 10-14 Millbury Street
Status of ownership-New owner to meet with Worcester Police relative to transfer paperwork

Violation Hearings

14. G Bar, LLC, dba G Bar, 62 Green Street – Violation of Rules #1, #14

After hours violation, manager responsible for premises violation

Hougseph Yaghmourian appeared to answer to the violation and waived his right to counsel.

Lt. Johnson presented the following:

On November 8, 2014, Officer Mark Jolin, Worcester Police Alcohol Enforcement Team, while driving down Green Street, at 2:10 a.m., noticed that the G Bar still had patrons inside the Licensed Premises.

Officer Jolin observed through the front window that the Licensed Premises appeared to be open, and he could see at least two people drinking from wine glasses.

Officer Jolin entered the Licensed Premises and observed approximately 8 people were sitting at the far end of the bar. He observed at least six glasses of wine on the bar and two of the people were actively drinking.

Officer Jolin recognized Garo Bekiarian, who is part owner of the Licensed Premises, and advised Mr. Bekiarian that the drinks must be removed and all patrons must leave the bar.

Mr. Bekiarian was very cooperative and removed the drinks and the patrons. Mr. Bekiarian was advised that he will have to appear before the License Commission to answer to the violations.

The Licensee is being charged with two violations of Rule #1, one for patrons inside the Licensed Premises after hours and the second for unconsumed beverages out after hours, and one Rule #14 manager violation.

Mr. Yaghmourian stated he had spoken to staff and incident like this will not happen again.

The Commission voted on roll call 3-0 that the violation had happened.

The Commission voted on a roll call to issue a warning.

Communications

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.