

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
OCTOBER 1, 2020

Commission Members Participating: Walter Shea, Chairman
Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner
Barbara Haller, Commissioner

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Participating: Stephen Rolle, Planning & Regulatory Services
Lt. James Johnson Worcester Police Department
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services

****Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor’s March 23, 2020 Order, as amended, imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Worcester License Commission will be conducted via remote participation.**

The meeting will be livestreamed from the City Website at www.worcesterma.gov/video-on-demand and may be broadcast on the local government cable channel (Spectrum Channel 192). While no in-person attendance will be permitted, every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings. In addition, a video recording and meeting minutes will be posted at www.worcesterma.gov after the meeting.

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Application materials may be viewed on the City Website at <http://www.worcesterma.gov/planning-regulatory/boards/license-commission...>

For more information concerning this meeting or to submit written comments in advance of the hearing, please contact the Planning Division by email (preferred) at planning@worcesterma.gov or phone at (508) 799-1400 x 31440. Submission of comments in advance of the hearing is strongly encouraged.

Call to Order – 10:00 am

Minutes

June 9, 2020; September 17, 2020

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of June 9, 2002 and September 17, 2020.

New Business

1. License Commission Temporary Outdoor Dining - Rules and Regulations
2. Program Implementation Updates

Alteration of Premises – Temporary Outdoor Dining (New)

3. OD-2020-104 Sanchez & Son Inc. dba Paradise Bar, 387 Cambridge Street

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the October 15, 2020 License Commission meeting.

Common Victualer Requests

4. 4th and 1, 7 Muskego Street

Hours: Noon–2:00 a.m.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the October 15, 2020 License Commission meeting.

5. Thai Corner, 120 June Street

Hours: 11:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

No one called for the item. Staff stated that the application had been approved by Police Department but will still need Health Department final approvals.

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

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A: Common victualer application dated and received September 23, 2020.

6. Yoway Café, 395B Park Avenue

Hours: Sunday–Thursday: Noon–10:00 p.m.; Friday: Noon–11:00 p.m.

No one called in for the item. Staff stated that the application had been approved by Police Department but will still need Health Department final approvals.

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

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A: Common victualer application received September 24, 2020 and dated September 24, 2020.

Alcohol and Entertainment Request

7. Lou Roc’s Diner, Inc., 1074 West Boylston Street

Request for permanent alteration of premises for outdoor dining

Fenced outdoor dining area in parking lot on the side of building. 10 tables with 40 seats.

Hours: Sunday: 7 AM–1 PM; Monday–Saturday: 6 AM–2 PM

Upon motion the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the October 15, 2020 License Commission meeting.

8. Oasis, Inc. dba The Palladium, 261 Main Street

Request for entertainment license for live music, light show – drive in style show

October 9–11, 2020 – Noon–11:00 p.m.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the October 15, 2020 License Commission meeting.

9. Beirut Bite, 156 Shrewsbury Street

Request for entertainment license for TV, radio, recorded music

Hours: Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.; Friday & Sunday 9:00 a.m.–11:30 p.m.

Rhony Zhoby called in for the item.

Commissioner Salvidio expressed concern about apartments above restaurant.

Commissioner Salvidio asked if they could restrict music on Sundays.

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license with the following amended conditions;

Hours: Sunday–Thursday: 9:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.: Friday & Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license dated and received September 15, 2020.

Violation Hearings

10. Allstar Liquor, Inc., 251 Lincoln Street- Chair Shea recused himself from item

Violation of Rules #6, #21 – Sale to minor

Lakmeer Singh called in for the item and waived his right to counsel.

Lt. Johnson presented the following;

On January 26, 2020, Officers of the Worcester Police Department Alcohol Unit conducted compliance checks at various package stores throughout the city of Worcester. An underage male accompanied the officers and was instructed to enter a package store and attempt to purchase alcohol without providing identification.

At around 11:48 p.m. the underage male entered Allstar Liquor and purchased a six pack of Bud Light 12 oz bottles. The male was able to purchase the alcohol without being asked for identification.

Lt. Johnson stated that the owner did reach out after the incident and took an alcohol awareness class.

Mr. Singh stated he did admit the violation had occurred. He stated that they are checking ID's

Upon a roll the Commission voted 2-0 that the violation did occur.

The Commission noted that there was one previous violation on file for establishment

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 2-0 to impose a one day suspended suspension.

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A: Police report date January 30, 2020.

11. Nirvan, LLC dba Burncoat Market, 369 Burncoat Street

Violation of Rule #6, #21 – Sale to minor

Wendy Stanikmas called in for the item and waived her right counsel.

Lt. Johnson presented the following;

On January 26, 2020, Officers of the Worcester Police Department Alcohol Unit conducted compliance checks at various package stores throughout the city of Worcester. An underage male accompanied the officers and was instructed to enter a package store and attempt to purchase alcohol without providing identification.

At around 11:58 p.m. the underage male entered the Licensed Premises and purchased a six pack of Bud Light 12 oz bottles. The male was able to purchase the alcohol without being asked for identification.

Ms. Stanikmas stated that she was the clerk and admitted that the violation had occurred.

Ms. Stankimas stated that they card everyone now.

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

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-to impose a warning.

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A: Police report dated January 30, 2020

Communications

ABCC communication-Withdrawal of New Direction dba The Nines violation - filed

Adjournment

Upon a roll call the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.