



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

Thursday, June 30, 2022

Commissioners Present: Walter Shea, Chair
Barbara Haller, Commissioner (participated remotely)
Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present:
Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department (participated remotely)
Amanda Cornwell, Law Department
Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes – June 16, 2022

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of June 16, 2022.

Common Victualer Requests

- 1. Mochi Doh, 209 Harding Street**
 - **Sunday-Saturday – 11:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m.**

Toan Lam appeared in person upon behalf of the application. He stated that this will be for a new donut shop on Harding Street.

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

List of Exhibits: Common victualer application received and dated June 15, 2022.

- 2. Who Said Brazilian Pizza, Inc., 80 West Street**

- **Sunday-Saturday – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.**

Tayna Da Silva, participating remotely, stated that she will be operating a pizza restaurant at location.

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

List of Exhibits: Common victualer application received and dated June 15, 2022.

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

3. Leila Jachimczyk, 118 Green Street Request for one day liquor license

- **Saturday – August 27, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, recorded music, and amplification system

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Julia Sargentelli, participating remotely, stated that this will be for a polish picnic and alcohol will be sold outside along with food but the area will be fenced off.

Chairman Shea asked how many people were expected and Ms. Sargentelli stated about 100.

Chairman Shea recommended a police detail be hire for event.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor and entertainment licenses received and dated May 13, 2022.

4. Mustard Seed Block Party, 93 Piedmont Street Request for live music, dancing by entertainers

- **July 30, 2022 (rain date July 31, 2022) – 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

No one appeared for item.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the application to the July 14, 2022 License Commission meeting.

5. Worcester Center for Crafts, 25 Sagamore Road

Request for one day entertainment license for art festival, art show

- **Friday July 22, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Staff stated that this location had received approval at last meeting for a one day liquor license and now looking to add entertainment.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated June 24, 2022.

Liquor & Entertainment Application Requests

6. Café Neelu, Inc., dba Fuel America, 100 Grove Street

- **Request for alteration of premises for outside seating with food and alcohol**

Neelu Mohaghegh appeared in person on behalf of the application. She stated that she is looking to add some tables outside.

Staff stated that Inspectional Services will have to determine the best area where the tables should be set up.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the alteration of premises.

List of Exhibits: Application for alteration of premises received and dated June 1, 2022.

7. Hat-Trick Hospitality LLC, dba Boland's, 81 Water Street

- **Transfer of general on premises all alcohol license from Rock Bar, LLC-includes outdoor patio**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music, amplification system, karaoke (indoors and outdoors)**

Attorney Jonathan Finkelstein and Stephen Porter appeared upon behalf of the applications.

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

- **Transfer of general on premises all alcohol license from Rock Bar, LLC-includes outdoor patio**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music, amplification system, karaoke (indoors and outdoors)**

List of Exhibits: Applications for transfer of license, common victualer license and entertainment license received and dated June 14, 2022.

8. Carlow Clove Inc. dba O'Connor's Restaurant and Bar, 1160 West Boylston Street

- **Transfer of restaurant all alcoholic license from Harp & Eagle Restaurant Co. Inc. and pledge of inventory, pledge of license, change of manager and change of dba**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system moving picture show, comedy nights and other live events (indoors and outdoors)-dancing entertainers removed.**
- **Request for temporary outdoor dining with alcohol and food**
- **Request for transfer of parking lot license to Carlow Clove Inc. dba O'Connor's Restaurant and Bar**

Attorney Mark Bornstein, along with Dennis & Carl Maxwell appeared on behalf of the applications.

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

- **Transfer of restaurant all alcoholic license from Harp & Eagle Restaurant Co. Inc. and pledge of inventory, pledge of license, change of manager and change of dba**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system moving picture show, comedy nights and other live events (indoors and outdoors)-dancing entertainers removed.**
- **Request for temporary outdoor dining with alcohol and food**
- **Request for transfer of parking lot license to Carlow Clove Inc. dba O'Connor's Restaurant and Bar**

List of Exhibits: Request for transfer of license, common victualer license, entertainment license, temporary outdoor dining and parking lot license received and dated June 14, 2022.

9. Taco Mexico Worcester, Inc., 591 Park Avenue

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license

Jerald Zuniga appeared upon behalf of the application.

Chairman Shea stated that the Commissioners had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Chairman Shea read letter of support for application into the record.

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

List of Exhibit: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received and dated May 18, 2022.

10. Paku Corporation, 215 Chandler Street

- **Request for change of officers/directors/llc members**
- **Request for change of manager**

Yaris Guzman along with Maria Rivera appeared upon behalf of the application to approve the change officers/change of manager

Chairman Shea stated that the Commission did a view but would recommend item be held as there are some code items that need to be addressed as well as there is an appeal hearing pending for a violation previously heard by License Commission.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the applications to the August 11, 2022 License Commission meeting.

11. Dubai Restaurant & Lounge, Inc. , 105 Water Street

- Request to transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from 27 Pleasant Street
- Request for change of dba to Mexi-Town Bar & Grill
- Request for entertainment license for tv, recorded music

Attorney Daniel Cotton and Ed Paulino appeared upon behalf of the application.

Mr. Cotton stated that they are looking to move to Water Street and will concentrate on being a restaurant with the hours being 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. with just piped in music.

Commissioner Vigliotti stated that during a view prior to the meeting the Commissioners had some concerns about structural set up as location currently has a dj booth. Mr. Cotton stated that they are going to get rid of that and this will be a restaurant with no live entertainment. Just TV and radio.

Commissioner Haller stated that she could not support the application due to the fact that the license holder had frequent problems at their current location.

Ed Russo from the Canal District Alliance stated that his group will not oppose the transfer as long as proposed use is a restaurant and the entertainment is limited.

Attorney Cotton stated that the lease for the location has an amendment that the lease be terminated if lessee tries to change use.

Chairman Shea stated that he will approve but cautioned the applicant to follow the rules.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-1 (Commissioner Haller voting against) to approve;

- Request to transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from 27 Pleasant Street
- Request for change of dba to Mexi-Town Bar & Grill
- Request for entertainment license for tv, recorded music

List of Exhibits: Transfer of restaurant all alcohol license, change of dba and entertainment license received and dated September 2021.

12. Yatco Management Services LLC dba Kelley Square Gulf, 185 Madison Street

- **Request for package store malt & wine license**

Attorney Mark Borstein along with Hassan Yatim appeared upon behalf of the application.

Mr. Borstein stated that the Commissioners had viewed the site prior to meeting and reviewed the following factors:

Public Want for additional license Mr. Borstein stated that the population of Worcester has increased 14% and this proposed location is in the Canal District which has seen a great deal of growth including multiple residential and business developments in the area.

Mr. Bornstein stated that there are existing licenses in the area but given the amount of density in the area that they are asking that one of these licenses be granted due to additional residents/business.

Appropriateness of location Mr. Borstein stated that staff has extensive experience and that there is ample parking and he does not expect this additional license to generate any noise for area.

Mr. Bornstein stated that Mr. Yatim has multiple gas stations and operates many businesses in the area.

Mr. Bornstein stated that he is aware of the one letter of opposition from Kelley Square Liquors.

Ed Russo, from Canal District Alliance, stated they would be in support of application as only beer and wine and location will not be selling any nip bottles.

Alex Guardiola from the Chamber of Commerce spoke in support of application.

The Commission read the letter of opposition from Kelley Square Liquors into the record.

Mr. Bornstein presented a map of areas in City of Worcester where package stores are allowed to be located.

Chairman Shea and Commissioner Vigliotti stated that they would be inclined to support the application based on the fact the area is growing. Commissioner Haller stated that she would agree.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for package store malt & wine license received and dated June 14, 2022.

13. 590 Southbridge Gas & Market, LLC dba Southbridge Street Gulf, 590 Southbridge Street

- **Request for package store malt & wine license**

Attorney Mark Borstein along with Hassan Yatim appeared upon behalf of the application

Mr. Bornstein stated that this is an existing gas station and they are looking to just add a few coolers for wine.

Mr. Bornstein stated that this area is also growing in population size and there is a need for additional license.

Commissioner Vigliotti stated that the Commission did have a concern on site visit done prior to meeting and that was the middle aisle where alcohol was to be stored and reminded applicant to just make sure it is secured with gate and locked during hours alcohol cannot be served.

Chairman Shea and Commissioner Vigliotti both stated that due to the growth in the area they were inclined to support the application.

Commissioner Haller stated as long as they adhere to conditions about locking the alcohol during hours they cannot sell she would be in support.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for package store malt & wine license received and dated June 14, 2022.

14. Park Avenue Gas & Market LLC dba Park Avenue Mobil, 185 Park Avenue

- **Request for package store malt & wine license**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve Leave to Withdraw for the application.

Hearings

15. Nirvan LLC dba Burncoat Mart, 369 Burncoat Street

Cancellation of package store malt & wine license due to cessation of business

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to rescind the license due to cessation of business.

16. The Clock Beer and Wine Store, 10-30 Front Street-Status of license

Anderson Winck appeared upon behalf of the item. He stated that construction is taking much longer than anticipated but hopes to open in the fall.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item to the September 18, 2022 License Commission meeting.

17. New Tradition, LLC, 7 Jackson Street-Status of license

Joseph Weiss appeared upon behalf of the item. He stated that there have been construction delays but hopes to open end of July.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item to the September 18, 2022 License Commission meeting.

18. MAA Chintapurnia Inc., 118-124 Water Street-Status of license

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item to the September 18, 2022 License Commission meeting.

Communications

- Communication Attorney Hector Pineiro, Appeal of Paku Corporation License Commission decision – no comment

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

11:10 a.m.