



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

Thursday, September 29 2022

Commissioners Present: Walter Shea, Chair
Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner
Charran Fisher, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department
Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Shea stated that they had heard all the applications last week and all the comments so there will be no public testimony at this meeting.

Liquor & Entertainment Application Requests

Chairman Shea recused himself from item #1.

1. Jeet Investment, Inc., 504 Cambridge Street

- **Request to change of license type from package store malt & wine license to package store all alcohol and alteration of premises to add additional 350 square feet.**

Commissioner Fisher stated that she had no comment on the application.

Commissioner Vigliotti stated that his comments were that in his opinion that there is a public want as there is a large area to the Auburn line that he did not feel was served by existing package stores.

There were no schools of parks that would be effected by this license.

None of the licenses in the area would be effect.

There would be no effect on traffic.

Based on the view the size of the operation is appropriate and has adequate storage.

No noise would be generated by the issuance of this license.

Sort of operation is appropriate.

Applicant is of good character.

There was support from the property owner in the area and he feels there is public need that would be met.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the package store all alcohol license.

Chairman Shea returned to the meeting.

2. Ha Nguyen dba Day Nite Store, 26 Greenwood Street

- **Request to change of license type from package store malt & wine license to package store all alcohol**

Chairman Shea stated that he had viewed the premises previously and would recommend approval as the license holder has a good track record, there is an ample parking, location is far away from parks and school and there would be no traffic issues.

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

Chairman Shea recused himself from item #3.

3. Karm, Inc., dba Gateway Wine & Spirits, 37 Mechanic Street

- **Request for package store all alcohol license**

Commissioner Fisher had no comments.

Commissioner Vigliotti stated that in his opinion there is a public want as an apartment building is being built in area and the public need and want is there.

He stated he felt this location did not effect any schools or park.

That with regard to the number of existing licenses in the locality that due to the number of apartments being built he felt an additional license would be appropriate.

Commissioner Vigliotti stated that there was sufficient parking and there would be no traffic issues. He stated that the size of location is appropriate and with regard to noise there would be no detriment. He stated that no testimony was presented that applicant was not of good character to operate a license.

Commissioner Vigliotti stated that there was opposition from the property owner and three or four property owners' tenants but no other testified in opposition.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the package store all alcohol license.

Chairman Shea returned to the meeting.

4. NEC Convenience Store, Inc., 65 James Street

- **Request for package store all alcohol license**

Chairman Shea stated that they had viewed the premises in the past and this location had a beer and wine license and over the years there were no complaints at the location.

With regards to proximity school or church the area has none and there is plenty of parking and no traffic or noise issues.

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

5. LLAWM 1, LLC, dba Wine & Market, 166 Lincoln Street

- **Request for package store all alcohol license**

Chairman Shea stated that he is familiar with the area and he would approve this one as this license would be a specialty store with high end wine. There are no schools or parks in the area.

Chairman Shea stated that there is only package store in area but is not a specialty store.

He stated that the location has ample parking and no parking issues. There would be no noise and the applicant is of good character.

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

Chairman Shea stated that there are no more licenses to give out as the five new ones have been approved.

6. My Liquors, Inc., 340 Shrewsbury Street

- **Request for package store all alcohol license**

Commissioner Vigliotti stated that he would have voted to approve license but there are no more licenses to give.

Attorney Mark Bornstein representing the applicant stated that he was perplexed as none of this was explained to applicants that would be put in order as of received on way they would be heard.

Ms. Kalkounis stated that they were put in order received but that's not the merit, the Commission heard all applications and discussed them and Commission decided to go down the line.

Attorney Mark Bornstein requested continuance for two months in case one of the approved license does not get approval from state.

Upon a call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue application to the December 1, 2022 License Commission meeting or if one applicant is not approved prior to December by the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.