



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

**Thursday, September 7, 2023**

**Commissioners Present:** Anthony Vigliotti, Chair  
Charran Fisher, Commissioner  
Maritza Cruz, Commissioner

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department  
Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department  
Deborah Steele, Licensing

**Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.**

**Minutes: August 10, 2023**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of August 10, 2023.

**Requests for Continuances, Extensions, Postponements, & Withdrawals**

**One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests**

**1. Leukemia Lymphona Society, City Square, 20 Front Street**

**Request for one day entertainment license for recorded music, amplification system**

- **Thursday, September 14, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Alex Mursak, participating remotely, stated that this will be at City Square and there will be some recorded music and some speakers on behalf of the Leukemia Lymphona Society.

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

Chair Vigliotti asked about security for the event. Mr. Mursak stated that police details will be present, and they will have porta potties available.

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated August 31, 2023.*

**2. Beats & Barbeque, East Park, 180 Shrewsbury Street**  
**Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music, amplification system**

- **Saturday, September 16, 2023 – 11:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.**

Applicant did not appear for meeting. Staff reviewed the application for the Commission members.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated August 24, 2023.*

**3. Megan Horgan, 486 Chandler Street**  
**Request for one day liquor license**

- **Sunday-October 8, 2023- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Megan Horgan, participating remotely, stated that this is for 5k for UMASS, and this will be their third year running the event and it hosted by Worcester State.

They will have a beer tent and Worcester State security will be present for the event. She stated they expect 250 participants and will put porta potties are beginning of race route.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated August 24, 2023.*

**4. Justin Kazmierczak, 120 Stafford Street**  
**Request for one day liquor license**

- **Sunday-September 24, 2023-11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.**

Justin Kazmierczak appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this will be a one-day event for a retired firefighter.

Mr. Kazmierczak stated that that outside area will be roped off and people can access the bathrooms inside the restaurant.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated August 31, 2023.*

**5. Kyle Frisina, 1 College Street**  
**Request for one day liquor license**

- **Friday-September 22, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Kyle Frisina, participating remotely, stated that they will be withdrawing their application.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the request for Leave to Withdraw for the one-day liquor license.

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated August 23, 2023*

**6. Julie Toupin, 62 Green Street**

**Request for one day liquor license**

**Request for one day entertainment license for tv, dancing by patrons, tv, recorded music**

- **Friday-September 8, 2023-3:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**

Julie Toupin appeared upon behalf of the applications. She stated that she wrote the wrong date on application and event is Saturday September 9, 2023.

Ms. Toupin stated that they will be blocking off the back parking lot and it will be roped off. There will be two restrooms inside and two porta potties outside and they will have private security as well as friend who is state trooper who volunteered to help with security.

Sergeant Needham just reminded Ms. Toupin to adhere to the occupancy rules.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor and one day entertainment licenses with amended date of September 9, 2023.

*List of Exhibits:*

*A. Application for one day liquor license received and dated August 24, 2023*

*B. Application for one day entertainment license received and dated August 24, 2023.*

**7. Greg Califano, 72 Shrewsbury Street**

**Request for one day liquor license**

**Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, live music, amplification system**

- **Saturday-September 16, 2023 – Noon-6:00 p.m.**

Greg Califano appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that date of the event is going to be Sunday September 17, 2023 and this is the third year doing the event. He stated that they will have porta potties as well as restrooms inside the restaurant. There will be an off-duty detail for the entire event.

Anyone over 21 will get a smiley wrist band indicating they are over 21 years of age.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one-day liquor and entertainment licenses with amended date of September 17, 2023.

*List of Exhibits:*

A. *Application for one day liquor license received and dated August 28, 2023.*

B. *Application for one day entertainment license received and dated August 28, 2023.*

### **Common Victualer Requests**

#### **8. Corey's Famous Hot Dog & Sandwich, 425 Salisbury Street**

- **Monday-Friday-7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

The applicant did not appear for the meeting. Staff reviewed the application for the Commission members.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated August 24, 2023.*

#### **9. Stop Café Pizza & Grill, 255 Park Avenue**

- **Sunday-Saturday-8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

Edgar Luna appeared on behalf of the applicants. Mr. Luna stated that this will just be for a transfer of ownership.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated August 15, 2023.*

#### **10. Phoever, 433 Park Avenue**

- **Sunday-Wednesday-11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-11:00 a.m. – Midnight**

Nguyen Tham, participating remotely, appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that he looking to take over this location, but the restaurant would have different type of food than last restaurant.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated August 15, 2023.*

#### **11. Un Toque Boriken, 875A Main Street**

- **Sunday-Saturday-6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.**

Jessica Reyes, participating remotely, appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that she will be operating a catering business out of this location.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated September 1, 2023.*

**12. Papa Flame Pizza, 153 Stafford Street**

- **Sunday-Saturday-11:00 a.m. – 2:30 a.m.**

Mohamed Rachid appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he is taking over an existing restaurant.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated September 1, 2023.*

**Alcohol/Entertainment Requests**

**13. Mayoush Enterprises, LLC (Meraki), 274 Shrewsbury Street**

- **Request for jukebox, tv, radio, live music, karaoke**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the September 21, 2023 License Commission meeting.

**14. Fat Chops, LLC, 225 Canterbury Street**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the October 5, 2023 License Commission meeting.

- **Request for change of manager**

**15. New Tradition, LLC, 7 Jackson Street**

- **Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, recorded music, live music**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the September 21, 2023 License Commission meeting.

**16. Kazahiyah's Hair Studio, 160 Green Street – TG-3**

- **Request for entertainment license for dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, play, light show, theatrical exhibition, karaoke**

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

**17. 139 LLC, 139 Water Street**

- **Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, live music, amplification system karaoke**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the September 21, 2023 License Commission meeting.

**18. Lara Hookah Bar, Inc., 267 Lincoln Street**

- **Request for restaurant malt & wine license**

Saif Handhal appeared upon behalf of the application. Mr. Handhal appeared upon behalf of the application.

Mr. Handhal stated that they will be serving just appetizers and beer and wine.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commissioners had done a view of the premises prior to their last meeting.

Chair Vigliotti asked the applicant to reviewed where their alcohol on site would be stored.

Sergeant Needham asked what the hours of operation would be. Mr. Handhal stated 7:00 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. – Sunday through Saturday.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for restaurant and malt & wine license received and dated August 24, 2023.*

**19. K&B 168 Restaurant Group dba Wan Wang Asian Bistro, 401 Park Avenue**

- **Request for change of manager**

Applicant did not appear.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of manager.

*List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager*

**20. Gyansagar Corp, 166 Lincoln Street**

- **Request for transfer of package store all alcohol license from LLAWM 1, LLC**

Attorney Matthew Porter and Twinkle Patel appeared upon behalf of the application.

Mr. Porter stated that this is a request for a transfer request for the package store license. Mr. Porter stated that the current owner never opened so they are transferring to a new owner.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for transfer for package store all alcohol received and dated August 24, 2023.*

**21. Café Neo, Inc., 97 Millbury Street**

- **Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license to 289 Harding Street/46 Millbury Street, Unit C**

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commissioners had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Katherine and Peter Tsigas appeared upon behalf of the application.

Ms. Tsigas stated that they are looking to transfer their restaurant all alcohol license to 289 Harding Street/46 Millbury Street.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the transfer of location.

*List of Exhibits: Application for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license received and dated August 24, 2023.*

**22. Leo Cicero, Cicero's Café, 17 Suffolk Street**

- **Request for alteration of premises for permanent outdoor dining**

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commission members had viewed the premises prior to the meeting.

Leo Cicero, participating remotely, stated that he was approved for temporary outdoor dining during COVID, and he would like to add it permanently. He stated there are 4 tables with 6 chairs. The hours of operation would be 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the outdoor area.

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 August 24, 2023.*

**23. Peppercorns Park Avenue Grille, 455 Park Avenue**

- **Request for alteration of premises for permanent outdoor dining**
- **Request for entertainment outside radio, record music, live music-permanently**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the September 21, 2023 License Commission meeting.

## **Violations**

### **24. Jay Sedhima, LLC dba Gibbons, 68 Stafford Street**

- **Violation of Rules #6, #21-Sale to minor**

Attorney Jay Porter and Vinodkumar Patel appeared to answer to the violation.

Sergeant Needham presented the following;

On June 23, 2023 Officer Patrick Harrington and members of the Alcohol Enforcement Unit conducted compliance checks on various package stores throughout the city. A 19-year-old male accompanied the officers during the evening. The underage male was instructed to enter a package store and attempt to purchase a six pack of 12 oz Miller Lite cans without providing identification. The male was instructed if asked for identification to politely inform the clerk he did not have one. The male was instructed not be confrontational at any time if not sold the item and to leave the store. The male was given the same instructions every time he entered a different store. Prior to departing and upon return to the police station the male was administered a alcohol breathalyzer test.

As the underage male entered the stores Officer Harrington had an unobstructed view of the entrance and the times were noted upon entry. During the checks the male attempted to purchase alcohol from 24 stores.

At 5:08 p.m. the 19-year-old male entered the Gibbons Package Store located at 68 Stafford Street. The male was able to purchase a six pack of 12 oz Miller Lite cans, which is an alcoholic beverage without providing any identification for a total of \$9.00.

Members of the Alcohol Unit notified the store of the violation.

Attorney Porter stated they admit the violation did occur but the clerk at the time made a mistake. Now all the clerks are TIPS certified and they intend to purchase a scanner and clerks will not be able to make sales unless the item is scanned.

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

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to issue a Warning.

*List of Exhibits: Police report dated June 27, 2023.*

## **Cessation of Business hearings**

### **25. Thacura, Inc., dba Skybar Lounge, 1082 Main Street**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to rescind the liquor license.



**26. Thacura, Inc., dba One Eyed Jacks, 433 Park Avenue**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to rescind the liquor license.

**Communications**

None

**Adjournment**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m.