



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

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Commissioners Anthony Vigliotti, Chair

Present: Charran Fisher, Commissioner

Maritza Cruz, Commissioner

Commissioners

Absent:

Staff Present: Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department

Deborah Steele, Licensing

Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.

Minutes: March 28, 2024

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of March 28, 2024.

Requests for Continuances, Extensions, Postponements, & Withdrawals

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

- 1. Axe to Grind Barbershop, 174 Shrewsbury Street Request for one day liquor license
 - o Saturday-May 4, 2024 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
 - o Saturday-June 1, 2024-7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
 - Saturday-July 6, 2024-7:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.
 - o Saturday-August 3, 2024-7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
 - o Saturday-September 7, 2024-7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Request for one day entertainment license for comedy show

- o Saturday-May 4, 2024 8:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
- o Saturday-June 1, 2024-8:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
- o Saturday-July 6, 2024-8:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
- o Saturday-August 3, 2024-8:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
- o Saturday-September 7, 2024-8:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the items to the April 25, 2024, License Commission meeting.

2. Marc Guinette, 236 Franklin Street (outside) Request for one day liquor license

- Saturday, June 29, 2024-3:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.
- Saturday, September 7, 2024-3:00 p.m. -1:00 a.m.

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, amplification system, light show, DJ

- Saturday, June 29, 2024-3:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.
- Saturday, September 7, 2024-3:00 p.m. -1:00 a.m.

Marc Guinette appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that this is their annual block party which they have done for the past ten years.

Sergeant Needham stated that WPD has not received any complaints on any previous events held.

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

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

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received and dated March 12, 2024.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated March 12, 2024.

3. Water Lantern Festival, Elm Park, 138 Russell Street Request for one day entertainment license

o Saturday-July 27, 2024 -5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Rain date August 3, 2024

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the application to the April 25, 2024, License Commission meeting.

4. Touch a Truck, Worcester JCC, 633 Salisbury Street Request for one day entertainment license

o Sunday-May 19, 2024-11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Lillian Cohen appeared upon behalf of the application.

Commissioner Cruz asked Ms. Cohen to explain the event. Ms. Cohen stated that there are various construction vehicles that children can explore with parents' supervision.

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 March 19, 2024.

5. H20 Car & Bike Show, 3 Salem Square

Request for one day entertainment license for car show, microphone speaker

- o Saturday-June 16, 2024-9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday-July 28,2024-9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- o Saturday-August 25, 2024-9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- o Saturday-September 22, 2024-9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Miguel Pablom appeared upon behalf of the applications.

He stated that this is for a car show which is held at the library parking lot, and he has done event before and will have security and same set up as previous years.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment licenses received and dated March 19, 2024.

6. 32nd Latin American Festival, Worcester Common

Request for one day entertainment license for live music, amplification system, dancing by entertainers.

o Saturday-August 17, 2024-11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Valeria Ramos appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that the request is for the annual Latin American Festival and event will run the same as in previous years.

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 March 10, 2024.

7. Chartwells, 100 Institute Road Request for one day liquor license

- o Saturday, May 11, 2024-3:30 p.m, -5:00 p.m.
- o Saturday, May 11, 2024-3:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Mary Hatfield, participating remotely, stated that there are two alumni reunion events on different parts of the campus on May 11, and they are requesting one day permits for the events.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor licenses received and dated April 4, 2024.

8. Patrick O'Keefe, College Street (Fitton Field) Request for one day liquor license

o Saturday, April 20, 2024-1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Patrick O'Keefe appeared upon behalf of the application. Mr. O'Keefe stated that this is for their Lacrosse Alumni gathering.

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 April 2, 2024.

- 9. Agatha Wozniak, 118 Green Street (Parking lot) Request for one day liquor license
 - o Saturday, August 24, 2024-Noon-7:00 p.m.

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

o Saturday, August 24, 2024-Noon-7:00 p.m.

Agatha Wozniak, participating remotely, stated that this will be for their 3rd annual Polish Festival.

Chair Vigliotti asked how many people will be in attendance. Ms. Wozniak stated between 1,500 and 2,000 throughout the day.

Ms. Wozniak stated that they will have security at the three entrances and temporary fencing will be surrounding the alcohol area and they will also be requesting a police officer. She stated that the restrooms facilities are located inside the building.

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

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

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received and dated March 29, 2024.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated March 29, 2024.

Common Victualer Requests

10. New Golden Pizza, 1137 Grafton Street

• Sunday-Saturday-11:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Safwan Aldara appeared upon behalf of the application.

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 February 16, 2024.

11. Tasty Experience Bistro, LLC, 162 Harding Street

• Sunday-Saturday-9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Taciso dos Santos appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that this will be a Brazilian Restaurant with a focus on healthy food.

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 April 1, 2024.

12. Beauty Fit Nutrition, 299 Pleasant Street

• Sunday-Saturday-8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Carlos Valdez appeared upon behalf of the application.

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 April 3, 2024.

13. FreshWay Pizza, 96 Water Street

• Sunday-Saturday-Noon-2:30 a.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the application to the April 25, 2024, License Commission meeting.

14. OGV, Inc., dba the Original Village Pizza, 50 Greenwood Street

- Sunday-closed
- Monday-Thursday-11:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Saturday-11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Valentina Saliu appeared upon behalf of the application.

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 March 21, 2024.

Alcohol/Entertainment Requests

15. Guertin's 1905, Inc., 139 Grand Street

- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio
- Request to amend hours to Monday-Saturday-8:00 a.m. 2:00 a.m., Sunday-10:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m.

Theodore Dimpopoulos appeared upon behalf of the application and request.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license and the request to amend hours.

List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated March 26, 2024.

16. Jay Brahmani Mataji Corp dba Stafford Discount Liquors, 191 Stafford Street

• Request for stock transfer and change of officer/directors

Attorney John Mooradian participating remotely stated that his client is just looking to do a stock transfer and change of officer/directors.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the stock transfer and change of officer/directors.

List of Exhibits: Application for stock transfer and change of officers/directors received and dated March 10, 2024.

17. Central MA Baseball, LLC, dba Worcester Bravehearts, 1 College Street

- Request for transfer of general on premises all alcohol license from Green Diamond LLC
- Request for entertainment license for tv, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, baseball games
- Request for common victualer license

Matthew Vaccaro along with his attorney appeared upon behalf of the applications. Mr. Vaccaro stated that his family are the new owners of the Worcester Bravehearts and they just looking to transfer the licenses to their corporation.

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

- Request for transfer of general on premises all alcohol license from Green Diamond LLC
- Request for entertainment license for tv, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, baseball games
- Request for common victualer license

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for transfer of general on premises all alcohol license received March 10, 2024 and dated January 4, 2024.

Exhibit B: Application for entertainment license received March 10, 2024, and dated January 4, 2024.

Exhibit C: Application for common victualer license received and dated March 10, 2024.

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

- Request for alteration of premises
- Request for change of manager

Kyle Maxwell along with new proposed manager, Christine Arsenault, appeared upon behalf of the applications.

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

The Commission discussed what would be the hours for the outdoor area and that the back area of the patio would need to be more roped off.

Chair Vigliotti read an email into the record from a neighbor who expressed concerns about noise from the outdoor area.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of manager and alteration of premises with condition that outdoor be closed by 10:00 p.m.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager and alteration of premises received and dated March 26, 2024.

Exhibit B: Email communication from Dana Lagrotteria dated April 11, 2024.

Retail Marijuana

19. Mayflower Medicinals, Inc., 645 Park Avenue

o Request to amend hours to Sunday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item to the April 25, 2024 License Commission meeting.

Status Hearing

20. SC Worcester, LLC dba Shaking Crab, 554 Main Street

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to hold a cessation of hearing on the license at the April 25, 2024, License Commission meeting.

Communications

ABCC decision-Heineken USA Inc. dated March 19, 2024-No comment.

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m.