

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

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Commissioners Walter Shea, Chair

Present: Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner

Charran Fisher, Commissioner

Commissioners

Absent:

Staff Present: Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department

Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

Minutes:

November 17, 2022

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of November 17, 2022.

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

- 1. Arts Worcester, 44 Portland Street
- Request for one day liquor license

Friday – January 13, 2023 – 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday – February 10, 2023 – 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday – March 3, 2023 – 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday – May 12, 2023 – 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday – July 14, 2023 - 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sue Von Maszewski appeared upon behalf of the applications. She stated that these will be for art exhibitions.

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 license received and dated November 3, 2022.

2. African Community Cultural Center, 870 Main Street

• Request for one day liquor license Saturday – December 3, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Maxwell Agerefra appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this will be for a small event for 30-40 people.

Sergeant Needham asked if the back entrance had been cleared. Mr. Aqerefra stated that it had.

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 November 22, 2022.

Common Vitctualer Requests

3. Que Rico Quirico's, 22 Front Street

• Tuesday – Friday – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

No one appeared upon behalf of the application. Staff reviewed.

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 November 21, 2022.

4. Worcester Pizza Factory, 75 Maywood Street

Monday – Thursday – 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., Sunday – Noon – 9:00 p.m., Friday – Saturday – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Ehab Fam 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 November 21, 2022.

5. Holy Rolls, 423 Park Avenue

• Monday – Sunday-Noon – 9:00 p.m.

Tina Nguyen appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that she would like to open a new restaurant on Park Avenue.

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 November 18, 2022.

Liquor and Entertainment Application Requests

6. Gunatit Ne Sang Corp, 117 Gold Star Blvd.

• Request for change of manager

Maria Dinsdale, participating remotely, on behalf of application stated that she is looking to become the manager of the license.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager received and dated November 18, 2022.

7. Worcester Art Museum, 55 Salisbury Street

- Request for change of manager
- Change of officers/directors

Attorney Mark Bornstein, participating remotely, on behalf of application stated that this request was for a change of manager and officers/directors.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager and officers/directors received and dated November 9, 2022.

8. Tatnuck Country Club, 1222 Pleasant Street

• Request for change of manager

No one appeared on behalf of application. Staff reviewed application.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager received and dated November 8, 2022.

9. Mackcanfield, LLC dba Trackside Tavern, 541 W. Boylston Street

- Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from Big Red Inc. dba Art's Diner
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license jukebox, tv, karaoke (indoors)

Attorney Robert Hennigan and Kathern Shaw appeared upon behalf of application. Mr. Hennigan stated that he needed to make one amendment to lease that was provided and would provide amended lease to staff.

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

- Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from Big Red Inc. dba Art's Diner
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license jukebox, tv, karaoke (indoors)

List of Exhibits: Application for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license, common victualer license and entertainment license received and dated September 15, 2022.

10. Mackao Restaurant and Bar, Inc., 181 Millbury Street

• Request for restaurant all alcohol license

Mariela Paulino appeared upon behalf of the application.

Chairman Shea explained that they tried to view the site prior to meeting but no one was there and the Commission was going to continue the application to the next meeting so they could view the site. Ms. Paulino stated that she understood that.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the application to the December 15, 2022 License Commission meeting.

11. Aelux Lounge, LLC, dba Aelux Lounge, 316 Shrewsbury Street

- Request for general on premises all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for tv, recorded music

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the application to the December 15, 2022 License Commission meeting.

12. Theresa Dessert Bar, LLC dba Pepe's Italian Market, 181 Shrewsbury Street

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license

Theresa Travaglio, participating remotely, stated that this will be for a food and coffee bar and they would like to add a liquor license

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

Staff asked Ms. Travaglio if any alcohol would be on the outside patio area and Ms. Travaglio stated no.

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

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license

with condition that there be no alcohol in outside area.

List of Exhibits: Application for restaurant all alcohol license and common victualer license received and dated October 19, 2022.

13. Black Sheep Bah Bah & Kitchen, LLC, 393 Chandler Street

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license with outdoor patio
- 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, play, moving picture show, floor show, light show, theatrical exhibition, floor show, light show, karaoke, any other audio or visual show whether live or recorded specifically (indoors)

Patrick Flynn and Jennifer Wright appeared upon behalf of the application. Ms. Wright stated that they are moving from food truck set up into a full service restaurant with entertainment.

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

Chairman Shea read the conditions from the special permit that was granted by the Zoning Board of appeals.

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

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license with outdoor patio
- 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, play, moving picture show, floor show, light show, theatrical exhibition, floor show, light show, karaoke, any other audio or visual show whether live or recorded specifically (indoors)

with the following conditions;

- The restaurant shall not be expanded to exceed an interior occupancy of 117.
- If outdoor seating is provided, it shall be operated in compliance with current requirements for outdoor dining as stipulated in the zoning ordinance and applicable rules and regulations of the Worcester License Commission.
- Any music or entertainment provided shall not be audible beyond the property line.
- Service to outdoor dining areas shall end by 8:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and cleared of patrons 30 minutes later.
- The establishment continued to be owned and operated as a restaurant, with food sales consisting of majority of gross receipts.

- The use shall be operated and utilized in substantial accordance with the Special Permit Findings of Fact and in compliance within 300 feet of the plan of land or label on revised plans.
- No outside entertainment.

14. MY Liquors, Inc., 340 Shrewsbury Street

• Request for package store all alcohol license-Continued from September 29th, 2022

Attorney Mark Bornstein, participating remotely, asked that the item be continued to January 12, 2023.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item to the January 12, 2023 License Commission meeting.

Parking Lot License

15. AIDS Project Worcester, 165 Southbridge Street – Request for parking lot license for 26 Cars

Janet Rivard, participating remotely, stated that they would like to obtain parking lot license so that they could charge during the WooSox games. She stated that an attendant would direct cars to space.

Staff stated that their nly condition suggested would be that there be on queuing of cars into street.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the parking lot license for 165 Southbridge Street with condition that there be no queuing of cars into street.

List of Exhibits: Application for parking lot license received and dated October 25, 2022.

Communications

None

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m.