



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

**Thursday, March 9, 2023**

**Commissioners Present:** Walter Shea, Chair  
Charran Fisher, Commissioner

**Commissioners Absent:** Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner

**Staff Present:**  
Sergeant Thomas Needham Worcester Police Department  
Michelle Smith, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services  
Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

**Call to Order** – 10:00 A.M.

**Minutes:** February 28, 2023

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the minutes of February 28, 2023.

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

1. Femme Enterprises, LLC, 62 Green Street - **Leave to Withdraw**
2. Café Neo, 97 Millbury Street - **Continued to April 20, 2023**
3. Rhino Bites, Inc. dba Flying Rhino, 278 Shrewsbury Street - **Postponed to March 23, 2023**

**One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests**

**1. GMM/Preservation Worcester, Worcester Common**

**Request for one day liquor & entertainment license for dancing by patrons, amplification system, recorded music**

- **Saturday – May 6, 2023 – 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Claire Akins, participating remotely, stated that this is for the Craft Brew Races which is a 5k road race around Worcester Common and after the event there is a three-hour beer festival. She stated that the event is 21+ and secured by private security.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one-day liquor and entertainment licenses.

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor and entertainment licenses received and dated February 27, 2023.*

**2. Stephen Hopkins, 266 Park Avenue**

**Request for one day liquor & entertainment license for live music – outside**

- **Sunday – March 12, 2023 – 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday – September 17, 2023 – 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Stephen Hopkins appeared upon behalf of the applications and stated that he will have 15 staff for security as he has tried previous years to obtain a police detail and told that no one was available to fill the detail on that day.

Staff asked how the music is controlled and Mr. Hopkins stated that he will have a DJ and they will face the Park Avenue side.

Chairman Shea stated that if the music gets too loud, he may get asked to turn down the music.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one-day liquor and entertainment licenses.

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor and entertainment licenses received and dated February 24, 2023.*

**3. Alumni Reunion Committee, 500 Salisbury Street**

**Request for one day liquor license**

- **Friday – June 2, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. – Midnight – Hagan Campus Center**
- **Saturday – June 3, 2023 – Noon – 5:00 p.m. – Chapel Lawn**
- **Saturday- June 3, 2023 – 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. – Hagan Campus Center**
- **Saturday – June 3, 2023 – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Health Sciences Building**

Michael Rubino appeared upon behalf of the applications and reviewed the events.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one-day liquor licenses.

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor licenses received and dated February 22, 2023.*

**4. Black Sheep BBQ, 397 Chandler Street**

**Request for one day entertainment license for recorded music, live music**

- **Sunday – March 12, 2023 – 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Jennifer Wright, participating remotely, reviewed the proposed entertainment for the event.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one-day liquor licenses.

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated March 6, 2023.*

### **Common Victualer Requests**

#### **5. Divine Creations & Nutrition, 1098C Pleasant Street**

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

The applicant was not present to participate. Staff reviewed the application and stated that the applicant would need a final inspection with Health Department.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

*List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated February 22, 2023.*

#### **6. Hacienda Don Juan, 875B Main Street**

- **Sunday – Saturday – 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

Louis A. Alvorenge appeared upon behalf of the application and reviewed his proposal for the restaurant.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

*List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated February 17, 2023.*

#### **7. Ace Sushi at WPI, 31 Dean Street**

- **Sunday – Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Nge Myar appeared upon behalf of the application and reviewed the proposal for the restaurant.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

*List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated February 17, 2023.*

#### **8. Benny's Caribbean Restaurant, 377 Park Avenue**

- **Sunday – Saturday – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.**

Menaham Ben Bichotte appeared upon behalf of the application and reviewed the proposal for the restaurant.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

*List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated March 2, 2023.*

**9. My Rancho Restaurante, 704 Main Street**

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

The applicant was not present to participate. Staff reviewed the application and stated that the applicant would need a final inspection with Health Department.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license

*List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated February 27, 2023*

**10. Garden Pizza and Sub, 273 Lincoln Street**

- **Monday – Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

Vijay Patel appeared upon behalf of the application and stated that this location will be for a pizza and sub shop.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license

*List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated February 27, 2023*

**Liquor and Entertainment Application Requests**

**11. Next Level Hospitality LLC, 48 Green Street**

- **Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music. Indoors/Outdoors**

Cameron Brigham appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that inside the premises he like a DJ and outside on the awnings he like to put some speakers, but they wouldn't be too loud. Sergeant Needham asked what time the outdoor music end would. Mr. Brigham stated 9:00 p.m.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the entertainment license for DJ inside and speakers outside with outside entertainment ending at 9:00 p.m.

*List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated February 27, 2023*

**12. Jusstevin, Inc., 266 Park Avenue**

- **Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system, moving picture show, light show, karaoke. Indoors/Outdoors.**

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 2-0 to postpone the application to the March 23, 2023 License Commission meeting.

**13. Professional Sports Catering, Inc., 100 Madison Street**

- **Request for alteration of premises**

Alex Lilly, Director of Food and Beverage for 100 Madison Street appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

Chair Shea read the proposed condition for the license into the record.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the alteration of premises with condition that after October 31, 2023, the Licensed Premises shall revert to its original physical extent and exclude the “fan deck” expansion on property located off Canal Street, known as part of the “left field building” parcel (as shown on a license with Madison WG Holdings, LLC dated March 1, 2023).”

*List of Exhibits: Application for alteration of premises received and dated February 24, 2023.*

**14. Havana Holdings, LLC, dba Havana Holdings Restaurant & Lounge, 258 Park Avenue**

- **Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from Kenichi Two 168, Inc. & alteration of premises**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music – Indoors.**

Chair Shea stated that the Commissioners had viewed the premises prior to the meeting.

Attorney Matthew Eckel along with Julio C Roque appeared upon behalf of the application.

Mr. Eckel stated that the premises will basically stay the same, but they will now be serving Cuban Cuisine.

Commissioner Fisher stated that on the view they observed a cabinet for liquor and reminded applicant to keep that locked.

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 2-0 to approve

- **Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from Kenichi Two 168, Inc. & alteration of premises**
- **Request for common victualer license**

- **Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music – Indoors.**

*List of Exhibits: Application for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license, common victualer license and entertainment license received and dated February 15, 2023.*

**15. Femme Enterprises, LLC, 62 Green Street**

- **Transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from Nap LLC dba Buck’s**
- **Request for common victualer license**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to allow for Leave to Withdraw for the applications.

**Status Hearing**

**16. Café Neo, 97 Millbury Street**

- **Notice of non-renewal of lease**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to continue to the April 20, 2023 License Commission meeting.

**Violation Hearing**

**17. Rhino Bites, Inc. dba Flying Rhino, 278 Shrewsbury Street-Postponed to March 23, 2023**

- **Violations of Rules #1, #14, #28 - Hour, Server training requirements**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-0 to continue the hearing to the March 23, 2023 License Commission meeting.

**Communications**

**18. ABCC Communication – TB Restaurant -Mercantile decision-No comment**

**19. Now/Next Plan Public Workshop- Join us in shaping the future of housing, transportation, and economic opportunity in Worcester! Attend one of our upcoming Public Draft Plan Workshops to provide feedback on the draft plan recommendations for the Citywide Plan. These recommendations will set priorities to guide the next 10+ years of planning, policymaking, and capital projects in Worcester, including zoning (the laws that regulate the use, size, and density of development in the city).**

**Register for a workshop via the link in our bio ([now-next.worcesterma.gov/events/](https://now-next.worcesterma.gov/events/)) to make sure your voice is heard.**

**The workshops will be conducted in English with live interpretation in Spanish and American Sign Language.**

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 2-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m.