



This meeting was held in City Council Chambers, second floor, City Hall, 375 Merrimack St. on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 6:00 PM, and by Zoom invitation.

Video of this meeting is available: <https://www.youtube.com/live/QB3ZP6jYYcQ?si=skESmpOelPaiGUml>

### **ROLL CALL:**

**On a roll call at 18:00, members present were, namely: Commission Chair Donahue, Commissioner Krieger, Commissioner Mercier, Commissioner Taing, and Commissioner Underwood.**

### **MINUTES:**

- 1 Acceptance of the meeting minutes for May 7, 2026.

**Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 5 yeas, APPROVED.**

- 2 Application by Corey Belanger for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Malt Beverages and Wines" for The Town and The City Festival 2 on Saturday, June 20, 2026, from 1 to 6 PM on Palmer Street.

Mr. Belanger appeared before the Commission in City Council Chambers. He reviewed his event and noted that the first event in the series went well but was somewhat washed out by rain.

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Taing; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 5 yeas, APPROVED.**

- 3 Application by James Macdonald for a seasonal "Special Events Permits for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," and for "Special One Day Licenses to sell/dispense Malt Beverages and Wines only," for the 36th Season of the 'Lowell Summer Music Series,' to be held on some Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays until 10 PM, from July 11 through September 13, 2026, at Boarding House Park, 40 French Street. Specifics listed below:

- Saturday, July 11, "Back to the Eighties With Jessie's Girl,"
- Sunday, July 12, "The Rat Pack,"
- Friday, July 17, "The Fab Faux,"
- Sunday, August 2, "J. J. Grey & Mofro,"
- Friday, August 7, "Iron & Wine,"
- Saturday, August 8, "Christone 'Kingfish' Ingram,"
- Sunday, August 9, "Ripe,"
- Friday, August 14, "Watchhouse,"
- Saturday, August 15, "Pink Talking Fish,"
- Thursday, August 20, "The Record Company & Charlie Musselwhite,"
- Friday, August 21, "Lotus Land,"
- Friday, September 4, "Margo Price,"
- Saturday, September 12, "45th Annual Banjo & Fiddle Contest,"
- Sunday, September 13, "Graham Nash."

Mr. Macdonald spoke to the Commission about this year's Summer Music Festival. He explained how the alcohol service would be set up, including barriers to contain the service area. He also spoke about how last year's festival benefitted from alcohol service.

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Taing; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 years, APPROVED.**

- 4 Application by Ben Opara, for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for announcements and live & recorded music to be performed at the African Festival, Saturday, June 20, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM at Sampas Pavilion, 160 Pawtucket Boulevard.

Mr. Opara reviewed his plans for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual African Festival in Lowell. He also spoke about the City's involvement this year.

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 5 years, APPROVED.**

- 5 Application by Robert Hunt, Friends of Tyler Park, for five Special Events Permits for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment for their Summer Concert Series, Movie Night, and Autumn Market at Tyler Park, 700 Westford Street:

Summer Concert dates are Thursday, June 18, Thursday, July 16, and Thursday, August 20, 2026, between 6 and 8 PM;

Autumn Market is September 12, 2026, from 11 AM to 2 PM followed by Movie Night from 6 to 9 PM. Rain date 9/13.

Mr. Hunt spoke to the Commission about his group's planned events in Tyler Park, and some of the history of the Park and it's donation to the City of Lowell.

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 years, APPROVED.**

- 6 Application by Gregory Curtis for three "Special One Day Licenses to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" and for three "Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment" permits for the Greek Festival. Event to be held June 12, 13, and 14, 2026, for the hours listed, on the Hellenic American Academy grounds, 41 Broadway Street.

Attorney Curtis appeared before the Board and reviewed the plans for this (10<sup>th</sup>) annual Greek Festival. He confirmed for the Commission that he has TIPS Certified bartenders and had provided Secretary Pyers with the evidence.

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Taing; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 5 years, APPROVED.**

- 7 Application by Heena Bhatt, for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for announcements and live & recorded music to be performed at the Vibha Kite

Flying Festival Fundraiser, Sunday June 21, 2026, from 11AM to 6PM at Sampas Pavilion, 160 Pawtucket Boulevard.

Ms. Bhatt spoke to the Commission via Zoom. She noted that this is the third annual Kite Festival and that the event is paired with Father's Day as a way for families to have a fun, positive time.

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Taing; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 5 years, APPROVED.**

- 8 Application by Pastor Charlie Luna & Hector Luna for "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for youth-led church services to be held Fridays and Saturdays from June 5 to September 26, 2026, 6 to 10 PM on Church grounds at the Fifth Street Baptist Church, 28 W 5th Street.

Hector Luna spoke for the Pastor, and noted for the Commission that the summer youth program has been operating annually for the last four years.

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 5 years, APPROVED.**

- 9 Application by Michael Hill, NexDine LLC, for Common Victualler license for 10 Technology Drive.

Mr. Hill joined the meeting by Zoom. He spoke about the food service, which operates in a care facility.

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 5 years, APPROVED.**

- 10 Application by Masala Magic LLC [d/b/a] Taste of India, for Change of DBA for an "All Alcoholic Beverages" restaurant license application for 1717 Middlesex Street, Unit 3.

Attorney Mooradian explained to the Commission that the business changed their DBA right after the Commission approved their application for Transfer of alcohol license.

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 years, APPROVED.**

- 11 Public hearing regarding an application by On the Bun LLC [d/b/a] On the Bun, to alter the licensed premises of the "Wines and Malt Beverages" Restaurant License for 120-122 Merrimack Street.

Attorney Zaim appeared before the Commission with Hector Rodriguez, license manager. He reviewed the proposed addition of outdoor alcohol service to their new annual license.

At the hearing, no one spoke in favor or in opposition of the application.

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 years, APPROVED.**

- 12 Request for a public hearing for an application by Shri Swaminarayan Foods LLC [d/b/a] Simon's Convenience, Ankit Patel, proposed license manager for transfer and change of location of a "Wine and Malt Beverages" package store license to 590 Rogers St. Unit 1&2. Request public hearing be held at the June 11, 2026, License Commission meeting.

**Motion to hold a hearing at the June 11, 2026, License Commission meeting by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 years, APPROVED.**

- 13 Request for a public hearing for an application by 72 Merrimack Entertainment LLC [d/b/a] Europa, Timothy Asiel Poleet, proposed license manager for a new "All Alcoholic Beverages" restaurant license for 72 Merrimack Street, 3rd floor. Request public hearing be held at the June 11, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Commission Chair Donahue requested the Lowell Police Captain Peaslee inspect the premises, particularly the staircases, to see if they were adequate for emergency services.

**Motion to hold a hearing at the June 11, 2026, License Commission meeting by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 years, APPROVED.**

- 14 Licensee communications to Commission regarding incidents and events.

**Motion to place the matters on file by Commissioner Mercier, seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 years, APPROVED.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Commissioner Krieger made a motion to adjourn at 18:27, seconded by Commissioner Taing. 5 years, APPROVED.**

*Submitted by: John Pyers*

*Executive Secretary*

*Minutes are prepared mainly per RONR(12<sup>th</sup> ed.) 48:2.*

