



This meeting was held in City Council Chambers, second floor, City Hall, 375 Merrimack St. on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 6:00 PM, and by Zoom invitation.

Video of this meeting is available: <https://www.youtube.com/@LTCLowellMA>

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

- 1 Acceptance of the meeting minutes for July 9, 2026.

Motion to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2026, License Commission meeting by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 2 Application by Joe Carreiro, El Potro Mexican Grill, for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for Live Music to be held Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 6:15 to 9:15 PM at 128 Merrimack Street.

Mr. Carreiro appeared before the Commission in Council Chambers and reviewed his event, noting that they've had a mariachi band every year at Folk Fest for the last 11 years.

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 3 Application by Donald Esson, Markley Group, for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for Live Music to be held Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 11 AM to 9 PM at 1 Markley Way. Rain Date 8/1.

Mr. Esson did not appear before the Commission.

- 4 Application by Sambath Bo, Clemente Park Committee, for a "Special Events Permits for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for a Bicentennial Social Weekend to be held on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, July 31 to August 2, at the basketball courts of Clemente Park, 803 Middlesex Street.

Ms. Bo spoke to the Commission about their event.

Move approval by Commissioner Underwood; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 5 Application by Ethan Yang, DIY Lowell, for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment" for 'Open Streets Lowell,' to be held Saturday, October 3, 2026, Noon to 5 PM at Merrimack Street between Kirk Street and Central Street.

Mr. Yang reviewed the plans for the second annual "Open Streets" event and spoke about his organizations goals.

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 6 Application by Jonathan Northridge, Lowell Humane Society, for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Wines and Malt Beverages" and for a "Special Events Permits for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for the "Lowell Humane Society's Muddy Paws 5K & Block Party" to be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 10 AM to 1 PM, at the Lowell Human Society, 951 Broadway Street. Rain Date 9/27.

Mr. Northridge reviewed his annual event for the Commission.

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 7 Application by Rachel Chandler, Hive Public Market, for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Wines and Malt Beverages only," for "Sip & Script with Sweet Pig Press," to be held on Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 1 to 2:30 PM at Hive Public Market, 101 Paige Street.

Kerri Velasquez, owner of "Sweet Pig Press," spoke to the Commission and provided a description of the event.

Move approval by Commissioner Underwood; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 8 Application by Jay Ebuia for three "Special One Day Licenses to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" for the Aghem Family & Development conference on July 31, 8PM - Midnight, August 1, 4PM to Midnight, and August 2, Noon to 5PM, at the Hellenic American Academy, 41 Broadway Street.

Mr. Ebuia went before the Commission and explained his annual family event.

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 9 Applications by Steve Syverson, for four "Special One Day Licenses to sell/dispense Wines only," for the following events at Arts League of Lowell, 307 Market Street:
- Saturday, August 1, 2026, 2-45 PM: "Illuminations" reception.
 - Saturday, September 12, 2026, 3-5 PM: "The Three of Us" reception.
 - Saturday, September 19, 2026, 3-5 PM: "Shapes & Symbols" reception.
 - Saturday, December 12, 2026, 3-5 PM: "Wrapped for the Holidays" reception.

Mr. Syverson noted that he was "finishing up" his licensing for art show receptions for the rest of the year.

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 10 Applications by Corey Belanger, Lowell Festival Foundation, for 10 "Special One Day Licenses to sell/dispense Alcohol" on festival grounds at the 2026 Lowell Folk Festival, to be held on July 24, 25, 26:

- JFK Plaza - Arcand Drive "All Alcoholic Beverages" : Friday 6-10:00PM; Saturday 12-10:00PM; Sunday 12-6PM.
- John Street at Boarding House Park "All Alcoholic Beverages" : Friday 6-10:00PM; Saturday 12-10:00PM; Sunday 12-6PM.
- Market Street Stage "Beer & Wine" : Saturday 12-9PM & Sunday 12-6PM.

Mr. Belanger spoke to the Commission, noting that the alcohol service would be the same as the last few years' Folk Festivals.

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 11 Application by Elizabeth Gonzalez, for two "Special One Day Licenses to sell/dispense All Alcoholic Beverages" for the Lowell Puerto Rican Festival, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 8 & 9, 2026, from Noon to 9 PM at JFK Plaza, 50 Arcand Drive.

Ms. Gonzalez went before the Commission to review her annual event, noting that she would have police detail as well as private security.

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 12 Application by Kevin Moschen for 3 "Special One Day Licenses to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" for expanded sidewalk seating during the Lowell Folk Festival on July 24, 25, and 26, 2026, at Fuse Bistro, 45 Palmer Street.

Mr. Moschen spoke to the Commission about extra outdoor seating for Folk Festival.

Move approval by Commissioner Underwood; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 13 Application by Pina Amato, The Coffee Mill Emporium, for a "Sidewalk Stand Permit" for their business at 23 Palmer Street, for the 2026 Folk Festival.

Ms. Amato noted that she would be serving non-alcoholic drinks outside again for the festival.

Move approval by Commissioner Underwood; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 14 Application by Ankit Kumar, Total Wireless, for a "Sidewalk Stand Permit" for their business at 104 Merrimack Street, for the 2026 Folk Festival.

Mr. Kumar reviewed his business and plans for the festival.

Move approval by Commissioner Underwood; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 15 Application by Jennifer Howell, Sutro Studio, for a "Sidewalk Stand Permit" for their business at 51 Market Street, for the 2026 Folk Festival.

Ms. Howell reviewed her business and plans for the festival.

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 16 Application by Shannon Arenburg, Pizzelle Bakery, for a "Sidewalk Stand Permit" for their business at 201 Market Street, for the 2026 Folk Festival.

Ms. Arenburg reviewed her plans for the festival and confirmed that she would have bread. She also confirmed that her stand would not interfere with pedestrians and the sidewalk.

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 17 Request for a Public hearing for an application by Mestiza Latin Kitchen Corp., Luisa Fernanda Lopera, proposed license manager, for a new "Wine and Malt Beverages" Restaurant license for 491 Dutton Street, Unit 4. Request public hearing be held at the August 13, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Motion to hold a public hearing on this matter by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 18 Request for a public hearing regarding the revision of City of Lowell alcoholic beverages regulations.

Commissioner Krieger requested a report from Lowell Police Department comparing alcohol incident statistics from Lowell to other comparable municipalities. Captain Peaslee agreed he would obtain what data he could.

Motion to hold a public hearing on this matter by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 19 Communications to Commission regarding incidents and events.

Motion to place the matters on file by Commissioner Donahue, seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 20 Adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Krieger made a motion to adjourn at 18:27, seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 1 absent (C. Mercier), APPROVED.

Submitted by: John Pyers

Executive Secretary

Minutes are prepared mainly per RONR(12th ed.) 48:2.

