



The City of Worcester

**License Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2026
25 Meade Street, Room 109**

Attendance:

Commissioners Present: Anthony Vigliotti, Chair
Charran Fisher, Commissioner
Maritza Cruz, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Sgt. Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department
Officer Patrick Harrington
Kevin Foley Law Department
Deborah Steele, Licensing

Minutes: February 5, 2026

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of February 5, 2026

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

1. Worcester Caribbean American Heritage Festival, Institute Park
Request for one day entertainment license
 - Sunday-June 21, 2026-Noon-7:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the March 5, 2026, License Commission meeting.

2. Chip Jarry, Park Avenue-St Patrick's Day Parade
Request for one day liquor license
 - Sunday-March 15, 2026-8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Chip Jarry, appeared upon behalf of the application and stated that this is for the annual St. Patrick's day parade and will be same set up as previous years along with same security and they will have server trained staff.

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 February 11, 2026.

3. Elizabeth Purdy, 413 Park Avenue (outside)
Request for one day liquor license
Request for one day entertainment license for jukebox, live music, amplification system
- Sunday- March 15, 2026-10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. – 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Purdy, participating remotely, stated that is for their annual St. Patrick's Day event outside and the same security and set up as previous years.

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 February 11, 2026.

4. Mens/Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, 102 Russell Street
Request for one day liquor license
- Saturday-March 7, 2026-Noon-9:00 p.m.

Michael Coonan appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this is for their annual festival and no changes in the set up or way things will be run at event.

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 February 12, 2026.

5. Ecotarium, 222 Harrington Way
Request for one day liquor license
- Friday-February 27, 2026-5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 - Friday-March 13, 2026-5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 - Thursday-April 9, 2025-5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday-August 22, 2026-5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
 - Sunday-September 27, 2026-5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Alexis Rapport, participating remotely, stated that they are all for facility rentals and they will have tip server bartenders and security.

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 February 12, 2026.

Common Victualer Requests

6. Three Blessings Coffee & Bakery, LLC, 229 Canterbury Street
Sunday Operating Hours*
9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

Monday Operating Hours*
9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
Tuesday Operating Hours*
9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
Wednesday Operating Hours*
9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
Thursday Operating Hours*
9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
Friday Operating Hours*
9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM
Saturday Operating Hours*
9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

Patrick Marcellus appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that the looking to open a Haitian coffee/bakery restaurant.

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 5, 2026.

7. Chipotle Mexican Grill, 105 Stafford Street

Sunday Operating Hours*
10:30AM-11:00PM
Monday Operating Hours*
10:30AM-11:00PM
Tuesday Operating Hours*
10:30AM-11:00PM
Wednesday Operating Hours*
10:30AM-11:00PM
Thursday Operating Hours*
10:30AM-11:00PM
Friday Operating Hours*
10:30AM-11:00PM
Saturday Operating Hours*
10:30AM-11:00PM

Daniel Brennan, participating remotely, stating that this is for a new location in Worcester and they will start construction in March and hope to open in July.

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 11, 2026.

Alcohol/Entertainment Requests

8. Rice Violet, Inc., 287 Main Street
Request for restaurant all alcohol license

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the March 5, 2026, License Commission meeting.

9. Taste Experience Bistro, LLC, 162 Harding Street-Held
Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, recorded music, live music, play

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the March 5, 2026, License Commission meeting.

10. Maritza Bar & Grill, 152 Millbury Street-Held
Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainments, live music, amplification system, play, moving picture show, floor show, light show, karaoke

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the March 5, 2026, License Commission meeting.

11. P2D Haitian Flavor Restaurant, LLC, 225 Canterbury Street-Held
Request for entertainment lice for jukebox, tv, radio, amplification system, karaoke

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the March 5, 2026, License Commission meeting.

12. Bazoukas and Litis, Inc. dba Breen's, 18 Cambridge Street

Request to amend entertainment license to add live music

Matt Hanlon appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that they are looking to have a one-man guitar player on February 28, 2026, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated February 20, 2026.

Other Business

13. The Broadway Restaurant, LLC, 100 Water Street
Status of change of corporate officers

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the March 19, 2026, License Commission meeting.

14. MKM, LLC dba Cosmopolitan Club, 96 Hamilton Street
Status of ownership

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to file the item.

15. Electric Haze, 26 Millbury Street
Status of ownership

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to file the item.

16. Italian American World War Vets of The US, 14 Itam Court
Status of change of manager/corporate officers

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the March 5, 2026, License Commission meeting.

17. Allstar Liquors, 267 Lincoln Street
Request to adjust suspension date

The Commission had received a request to adjust the suspension date. The Commission expressed concern that they had already modified the date once for the license holder.

Sgt. Needham stated that the history of the Commission is that the day of suspension should be served on date violation did occur.

Harinder Heer, participating remotely, stated they did serve on Saturday on February 14, 2026, which was Valentine's day which was a huge financial hit so looking to change the other date to a weekday. Mr. Heer stated that they understand it is second request to change date.

Officer Harrington stated that this establishment has a history for selling to minors. Mr. Heer stated that they have been in business for over 20 years and they have had multiple infractions. Believes three in past five years. The other 20 years they had one slip up.

Commissioner Fisher stated that she does not think the License Commission should set the precedent that they keep changing suspension dates.

Commissioner Cruz stated that she agreed with Commissioner Fisher.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to not change the suspension dates.

Violations

18. Guertin's 1905 Inc. dba Guertin's, 139 Grand Street
Rules #1 #14 #29 and 204 CMR 2.05(2)

Theo Dimopoulos appeared to answer to the violation and waived his right to counsel.

Sergeant Needham presented the following;

Officer Patrick Harrington assigned to the Alcohol Enforcement Unit was notified of a shooting incident that occurred inside the Licensed Premises.

Upon following up it was discovered that in the early morning of December 29, 2025, the Worcester Police dispatch was notified of a Shot Spotter activation in the area of the Guertin's.

Officers were dispatched to the Licensed Premises and while en route officers received a call reporting a gun shot victim inside Guertin's Café.

Upon arrival at the premises officers were met with a locked main door.

After banging multiple times, a female who identified herself as a bartender opened the door for the police.

Upon entering the premises, the police located a gunshot victim laying on the pool table and a large pool of blood on the floor.

Officers began life saving measures while waiting for the ambulance and additional officers arrived to secure the crime scene.

While doing so, an additional gunshot victim was located in the area and officers received information that a third victim arrived at UMASS emergency room.

During a following up investigation reviewed video surveillance from premises and after the shooting a partial timeline was discovered.

The video time is off by approximately 12 hours.

The interior video shows the owner, Theodore Dimopopulos, greet both suspects involved in the shooting and short while later a group of females get into a heated agreement, that turns physical.

Several patrons try to intervene. The physical altercation is eventually stopped. The bartender begins to close the bar and appears to advise patrons to leave, and a female and male patron appear to get into a verbal argument. During that time several patrons are observed vaping e-cigarettes and the owner of the premises was present.

The exterior video surveillance with the front door of the premises a suspect is observed hand slapping an unknown female to the group and then attempts to assault another person and a shoving match occurs.

Suspect appears to have a firearm in his right hand and walks towards the intersection of Grand & Southgate out of the camera view.

The suspect is observed sprinting away from the intersection with what appears to be a firearm in his right hand and the bartender from the premises is observed running back into the premises, indicating she was present outside during the shooting.

The suspect was observed manipulating what appears to be a black firearm and appears to be suffering a gunshot wound to his leg with blood spilling out profusely onto the sidewalk. Suspect and potential witnesses re-enter the premises.

An additional suspect with what appears to be a firearm in hand attempts to re-enter the premises but unsuccessful as front door was locked.

Suspect/Victim #1 is escorted and placed on the pool table inside the premises, lots of blood observed on floor next to pool table.

Licensed Premises bartenders signal to additional suspect, and potential witnesses to exit out the rear emergency door of the premises, opposite from where the police would enter.

Between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2025, the following incidents were reported after midnight for Licensed Premises:

- (1) Murder**
- (2) Gun shots with 3 victims**
- (3) Assault with dangerous weapon**
- (4) Disorderly person**
- (5) Disturbance**
- (6) Fights**

Mr. Dimopoulos stated that he was at premises earlier in night and wasn't there during the incident but spoke to his staff and what was stated was accurate and he stated that he has ceased operation of the premises. He stated that he spoke with Ms. Steele and he is clearing up with his vendors and then he intends to forfeit the license but he hasn't finalized the legality of the closing.

Ms. Steele asked when the Commission would receive letter forfeiting the license. Mr. Dimopoulos stated within two weeks.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 that the violation did occur.

Upon a roll vote the Commission voted 3-0 to impose a ten day suspension with five days served and premises must close at 1:00 a.m. if the business does open prior to the voluntarily of the surrender of the license.

List of Exhibits: Police report dated January 30, 2026.

Communications

Email: Michael Sherwood – Re: Martitza Bar and Grill and Mexitown Bar and Grill-No comment.

Email: Michael Sherwood-Re: Creed Lounge-No comment.

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m.