



The City of Worcester

**License Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2026
Esther Howland Chambers, 3rd floor, City Hall**

Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent:

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

Minutes: February 19, 2026

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of February 19, 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.

Andrew Sharpe, participating remotely, stated that this is for their annual festival at Institute Park and will be the same set up as years' previously.

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 3, 2026.

2. Worcester Food Truck & Craft Beverage Festival, Worcester Common
Request for one day liquor license
Request for one day entertainment license for recorded music

- **Saturday-June 6, 2026-11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Beverly Goodell, participating remotely, stated that this is for the annual Food & Craft Beverage Craft Festival at the Worcester Common and they will have same security and set up as previous years.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one-day liquor and entertainment licenses.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received and dated February 27, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated February 27, 2026.

3. **Preservation Worcester, Inc., 61 Harvard Street**
Request for one day liquor license
 - **Wednesday-March 25, 2026-7:00 p.m. -9:30 p.m.**

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

4. **Stephen Hopkins, 266 Park Avenue**
Request for one day liquor license outside
 - **Sunday-March 15, 2026-11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Anthony, a representative of 266 Park Avenue, appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this will be the same set up for the parade as they have done in 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 27, 2026.

5. **ArtsWorcester, 44 Portland Street**
Request for one day liquor license
 - **March 20, 2026-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
 - **April 25, 2026-5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**
 - **May 29, 2026-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
 - **July 17, 2026-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
 - **September 9, 2026-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
 - **November 13, 2026-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Sue Von-Maszewski appeared upon behalf of the applications. She stated that this is for a series of art exhibits and they will have a TIPS certified bartender and same set up as their previous art receptions.

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 licenses received and dated February 19, 2026.

6. **Oui Cocktails with Museum of Worcester, 30 Elm Street**
• **Thursday, March 12, 2026-5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Ixander Garfield, participating remotely, stated that this will be for a small reception event at the Worcester Historical Museum.

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 27, 2026.

Common Victualer Requests

7. **Benny's Caribbean Cuisine, 377 Park Avenue**
Sunday Operating Hours*
7 AM to 1 AM
Monday Operating Hours*
7 AM to 1 AM
Tuesday Operating Hours*
7 AM to 1 AM
Wednesday Operating Hours*
7 AM to 1 AM
Thursday Operating Hours*
7 AM to 1 AM
Friday Operating Hours*
7 AM to 1 AM
Saturday Operating Hours*
7 AM to 1 AM

Nadya Bichotte appeared upon behalf of the application and stated that she is looking to open a new 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 26, 2026.

Alcohol/Entertainment Requests

8. **Worcester Club, 1 Oak Street**
Request for change of manager

Patrick Suleski appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he has been working at the Worcester Club for several years and now will be taking over the management role.

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 February 10, 2026.

9. Italian American World War Veterans of the US Inc. Post 3, 14 Itam Court
Request for change of manager

No one appeared for the meeting.

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

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

Archara Weydt appeared upon behalf of the application.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commission members had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Ms. Weydt stated that they have been operating as a restaurant for several years and now would like to have alcohol at the premises. She stated that the hours would be 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license.

List of Exhibits: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received and dated February 3, 2026.

11. Taino Restaurant, Inc., 258 Park Avenue
- Request for restaurant all alcohol license
 - Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music, moving picture show, karaoke

Attorney Karina Abeddy appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that the applicant had appeared a few weeks ago before the License Commission and received a common victualer license and would like to now obtain the liquor and entertainment license.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commission members had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

The hours of the premises will be Noon to 11:00 p.m.

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

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received and dated February 17, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for entertainment license received and dated February 17, 2026.

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

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 3-0 to file the application with no action taken.

13. **Maritza Bar & Grill, 152 Millbury Street**
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 motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 3-0 to file the application with no action taken.

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

Upon motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 3-0 to file the application with no action taken.

Other Business

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

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item to the March 19, 2026, License Commission meeting.

16. **New Golden Pizza, 1137 Grafton Street**
Status of inspections

Safwan Aldarra appeared upon behalf of the item. He stated that he made the repairs but needs the plumbing inspector to come back. Chair Vigliotti stated that the applicant should contact the plumbing inspector and make appointment to finalize the inspection.

The item is held to the next meeting.

Violations

None

Communications

Email dated February 13, 2026-Surrender of liquor license for tap room-Double Down Brewing Company, 455 Park Avenue

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to accept the surrender of the license.

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m.