



The City of Worcester

**License Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 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

Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.

Minutes: March 19, 2026

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of March 19, 2026.

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

1. Lisa Prytko, 118 Green Street
Request for one day liquor license
Request for one day entertainment license for jukebox, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system
 - Saturday-August 22, 2026-7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Lisa Prytko, participating remotely, stated this will be the fifth year for the annual polish festival. The festival itself is Noon to 6:00 p.m. They just asked for 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for set up and breakdown of event and for the food trucks to move in. Ms. Prytko stated that there are bathrooms in the establishment itself, and they have asked for police at the event.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one-day liquor and entertainment licenses with condition that alcohol/entertainment begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends by 8:00 p.m.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received and dated March 10, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated March 10, 2026.

2. Christopher Besaw, 30 Exchange Street

Request for one day liquor license

- **Sunday-May 3, 2026-3:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m.**

Christopher Besaw, participating remotely, stated that this is for a 10-year anniversary event for Deadhorse Hill. He stated lot would be fenced in and they will use their own security and will have porta potties and they expect about 300 people throughout the day and all bartenders are TIPS certified.

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 March 19, 2026.

3. Preservation Worcester, Inc., 61 Harvard Street

Request for one day liquor license

- **Sunday-May 2, 2026-5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Patrick Maloney, participating remotely, stated that this will be a three hour event. It will be a fundraising event. They will have two TIPS certified bartenders, and they expect around 100 people and bathroom facilities are located inside.

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 March 18, 2026.

4. National Night Out, Murray Avenue

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, amplification system, floor show, DJ

- **Tuesday-August 4, 2026-4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

John Alers and Angela Lookwhy, participating remotely, stated this is a family friendly event for a touch a truck and family activities. They will use amplification system through Polar Park to accommodate the sound for performances and announcements.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated March 20, 2026.

5. Laura Marotta/Creative Hub, 2 Ionic Avenue

Request for one day liquor license

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

- **Thursday-April 16, 2026-3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.**

Craig Morrisson appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this is for a ribbon cutting ceremony. He stated that there will be some speakers and a reception following that will happen from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Chair Vigliotti stated that application stated 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Mr. Morrisson stated they will amend.

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

Commissioner Cruz stated that she is very happy to see the building opening in the Main South area.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received and dated March 18, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated March 18, 2026.

6. Blisspoint Meadery, Worcester Market on Exchange

Request for sale of wine produced by farmer-winery for off-premises consumption

Sundays-May 2026-November 2026

Jeff Venuti, participating remotely, stated they are applying for a Section F license. He stated this is same thing that they did at Market on Brussels which is being changed to Market on Exchange this year.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for farmer winery license received and dated March 16, 2026.

7. Khalid Karachi, 100 Institute Road

Request for one day liquor license

- **Saturday-April 18, 2026-7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**

Khalid Karachi, participating remotely, stated this is for a faculty dinner for 100 people. He stated they have campus police detail, and staff serving is alcohol certified.

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 March 25, 2026.

Common Victualer Requests

8. Icy Gaming Mart, 117 Lovell Street

Sunday Operating Hours*
10Am to 12 midnight
Monday Operating Hours*
10Am to 12 midnight
Tuesday Operating Hours*
10Am to 12 midnight
Wednesday Operating Hours*
10Am to 12 midnight
Thursday Operating Hours*
10Am to 12 midnight
Friday Operating Hours*
10Am to 12 midnight
Saturday Operating Hours*
10Am to 12 midnight

Ayub Ali appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he is looking to open at this location.

Sgt. Needham stated that Officer Harrington had viewed this premises in past and hookah items were found on the premises and remind Mr. Ali that is not allowed. Mr. Ali stated that no hookah is at premises.

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 March 11, 2026.

9. Halal Buns, 11 Kelley Square

Sunday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 12:00PM
Monday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 12:00PM
Tuesday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 12:00PM
Wednesday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 12:00PM
Thursday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 12:00PM
Friday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 12:00PM
Saturday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 12:00PM

Fayyaz Bhide, participating remotely, stated he is opening at this location. He stated that hours on Friday/Saturday would be until 3:00 a.m. Chair Vigliotti stated that the applicant would need to contact License Commission office to amend application to reflect that.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license with amended hours.

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated March 17, 2026.

Alcohol/Entertainment Requests

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

Robert Snape, participating remotely, stated that he is still working to amend the paperwork. Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commission members have had this on agenda several times and if not resolved by next meeting the license would be suspended.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item to the April 16, 2026, License Commission meeting.

11. MKM LLC dba Cosmopolitan Club, 96 Hamilton Street

- Request for change of manager
- Request for change in ownership interest

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the April 16, 2026, License Commission meeting.

12. Dubai Restaurant & Lounge, Inc. dba Mexitown Bar and Grill, 105 Water Street

- Request to amend hours on Thursday through Saturday from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. and Sunday 11:30 a.m.-2:00 a.m.
- Request for Bottle Service -**LTW this portion of request**

Adrian representing the establishment appeared upon behalf of the item.

Chair Vigliotti stated that when Officer Harrington went to the premises he found a fog machine and why would a restaurant need a fog machine. Adrian stated that he explained to Officer Harrington that it was in the backroom and they have eliminated it.

Chair Vigliotti asked if this is a restaurant why do they need to have entertainment to 2:00 a.m. Adrian stated they just trying to get that extra hour and they do serve food. He also stated that the summer months are coming and more people like to stay out late.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commission's concern is that the establishment is going to turn into a nightclub. Adrian stated no it will be good food and entertainment.

Adrian stated that other restaurants in the area are not in opposition and Mexitown does serve food and they do have people who come late and want to eat.

Chair Vigliotti asked Adrian if he could he guarantee establishment won't operate as a nightclub. Adrian stated yes.

A letter of opposition from Michael Sherwood was read into the record.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to accept the Leave to Withdraw portion of the Bottle Service application.

Chair Vigliotti made a motion to extend the hours to 2:00 a.m. There was no second.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-1 (Chair Vigliotti voting in favor) to deny the request to amend the hours.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Bottle Service application received and dated March 3, 2026.

Exhibit B: Email requesting to amend hours received and dated March 2, 2026.

Exhibit C: Email from Michael Sherwood in opposition to application received March 20, 2026.

13. 1099 Grafton, LLC dba Shell, 1099 Grafton street

- Request for package store malt & wine license

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the April 16, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Violations

14. Italian American World War Vets of The US, 14 Itam Court

Failure to file amendment paperwork

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the April 16, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Other Business

15. The Corner Emporium, LLC, 40 Jackson Street

- Request to amend hours on Retail Marijuana license on Sunday to 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Joe Johnson appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he is looking to amend his hours.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to amend the hours.

16. El Basha, 256 Park Avenue

- Status of certificate of inspection-Filed

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

