



The City of Worcester

License Commission Meeting Minutes June 11, 2026 25 Meade Street

Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Sgt. Thomas Needham
Amanda Moran, Law Department
Deborah Steele, Licensing

Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.

Minutes: May 28, 2026- June 4, 2026

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of May 28, 2026, and June 4, 2026.

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

1. Lights Multientertainment, Worcester Common

Request for one day liquor

Request for one day entertainment dancing by patrons, live music, roller skating

Liquor will be sold during these dates

- **Friday- July 3, 2026-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **Friday-July 31, 2026-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **Friday-August 7, 2026-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Entertainment only

- **Friday-June 26, 2026-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **Friday-July 3, 2026-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **Friday-July 10, 2026-6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**
- **Friday-July 17, 2026-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **Friday-July 24, 2026-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **Friday-August 7, 2026-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **Friday-August 14, 2026-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **Friday-August 21, 2026-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **Friday-August 25, 2026-6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Dezary Guzman appeared upon behalf of the applications. Ms. Guzman stated that this will be a community family event but will have roped area for alcohol service. She stated that they will have security and TIPS certified bartenders and she is planning to hire an off-duty police officer.

Sgt. Needham asked where the consumption area would be. Ms. Guzman stated it would be in the grassy area next to the common.

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 May 29, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated May 29, 2026.

2. Miranda Bread, 190 Shrewsbury Street

- **Request for one day entertainment license for live music outside**
Tuesday-June 18, 2026-5:00 p.m.-Midnight

Marie Castro, participating remotely, stated that this will be for the Taste of Shrewsbury Street.

Sgt. Needham asked about the actual end time. Ms. Castro stated that she was planning to close by 11:00 p.m.

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

3. Danielle Spring & Julie Toupin, parking lot behind Femme Bar

Request for one day liquor license

- **Request for one day entertainment license for tv, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music, amplification system**
- **Saturday-June 13, 2026-7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.**
- **Saturday-September 12, 2026-7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.**
- **Monday-August 31, 2026-7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.**

Danielle Spring, participating remotely, stated that these are for Pride parties and they will close down the street for these block parties.

Sgt. Needham asked where the parties would be located. Ms. Spring stated that they have applied for a street closure permit and it will be on Winter Street but there are still multiple streets for car to get through.

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 received and dated June 3, 2026.

4. Hardwick Vineyard & Winery, LLC, Market on Brussels

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

- **June 11, 2026, through November 2026**

Catilyn, participating remotely, stated that she is looking for permission to sell at the Brussels Street Farmer Market and she will send certificate of insurance tomorrow.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the Sale of wine produced by farmer winery for off premises consumption.

List of Exhibits: Application for Sale of wine produced by farmer winer for off premises consumption received and dated June 5, 2026.

5. Elms Café & Catering, 661 Salisbury Street

Request for one day liquor license

- **Saturday-June 13, 2026-12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.**

Carl Pearson, participating remotely, stated that this is for a small event that they will be catering and they will have TIPS certified bartenders.

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 June 4, 2026.

6. Ghana Supporters Fan Park, 305 Chandler Street

**Request for one day entertainment license for
TV, Live music, amplification system**

- **Thursday-June 18, 2026-10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **Friday-June 19, 2026-10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-June 20, 2026-10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday-June 21, 2026-10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.**
- **Monday-June 22, 2026-10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to allow for Leave to Withdraw for the application.

7. At Stage, LLC, Commercial Street

Request for one day liquor license

Saturday-June 20, 2026-2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

8. Tio Sam Joao, Commercial Street

Request for one day entertainment license for live music

Saturday-June 20, 2026-2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Items #7, #8 were taken contemporaneously.

Sander Ferreira appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that this is for a block party at Commercial Street.

Ms. Steele stated that the applicant has put in the application for the street closure but the person from DPW who needs to sign off on application from that Division will not be in until next Wednesday.

Mr. Ferreira stated that the restaurant on the street will provide the food. He stated the street will be closed with a fence and they have put in request for an off duty police officer.

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

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received and dated May 26, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated May 26, 2026.

9. Mass Youth Soccer Festival, Worcester Common

Request for entertainment license for tv, amplification system

**Tuesday-June 30, 2026-9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.-only hosting the July 14, 2026, event
now**

Tuesday-July 14, 2026-11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone to June 25, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Common Victualer Requests

10. Wonder, 14 Park Avenue

Sunday Operating Hours*

10:00AM- Midnight

Monday Operating Hours*

**10:00AM- Midnight
Tuesday Operating Hours*
10:00AM- Midnight
Wednesday Operating Hours*
10:00AM- Midnight
Thursday Operating Hours*
10:00AM- Midnight
Friday Operating Hours*
10:00AM- Midnight
Saturday Operating Hours*
10:00AM- Midnight**

Daniel Brennan appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this will be a new location at 14 Park Avenue and they would like to obtain a common victualer license.

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 May 27, 2026.

Alcohol/Entertainment Requests

11. Paku Paku, Inc., 215 Chandler Street

Request for entertainment license for tv, amplification system, karaoke, DJ

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to June 25, 2026, License Commission meeting.

12. Italian American World War Veterans of the US Inc. Post 3, 14 Itam Court

Request for change of manager

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the June 25, 2026, License Commission meeting.

13. Vejigantes DTW LLC dba Vejigantes DTW Restaurant & Catering, 55 Pearl Street

Request for change of manager

Request for alteration of premises for outdoor patio

Nivia Pina, participating remotely, stated that this application is for a change of manager and outdoor patio.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of manager and alteration of premises.

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager and alteration of premises received and dated April 25, 2026.

14. ERW Enterprises Corp, 141 East Central Street

Request for package store malt & wine license

Attorney Chris Flood appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this is 5,000 square foot building and they plan to have Brazilian beer and wines so should not affect any other restaurant or package store in area.

Commissioner Fisher stated that they did a site visit prior to the meeting and the person they met with did not seem to understand the rules. Mr. Flood stated that the owner of the business went to the wrong building.

Chair Vigliotti asked if D'Errico Market, the previous owner of location, had a beer and wine license. Ms. Steele stated that they did.

The Commission stated that they would like to continue the item for a site view.

Attorney Arthur Pearlman, participating remotely, stated that he represented 129 Shrewsbury, Inc. and was speaking in opposition to application and he stated that 150 feet from this store there is a package store so there is no need for another one. He stated that there is an existing dispensary also right in area. He stated that the current store carries a wide variety of products and if they added these ethnic beer wines it would reduce the stores products and doesn't think that a good idea, as reducing would not be good for the community. Mr. Pearlman stated that someone should be in the room with a petition of people in opposition. No one was present with a petition.

Attorney Hong Tran stated he wasn't here on this matter but stated that he would like to make the comment that he had an objection to Arthur Pearlman's comment saying that if this application is approved it would reduce the products sold by store and this is a diverse community of many business.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the application to the June 25, 2026.

15. Guille Sports Bar and Lounge, LLC, 175 Millbury Street

Request for one day entertainment license for tv, radio, recorded music

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

Status Hearings

16. 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 June 25, 2026, License Commission meeting.

17. New Golden Pizza, 1137 Grafton Street

Status of plumbing inspection and items that need to be updated at location.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the June 25, 2026, License Commission meeting.

**18. Myron Katz, 667 Main Street
Status of corrections on lodging house license**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the June 25, 2026, License Commission meeting.

**19. Suveroo, dba Maya Lounge, 5 Saugus Place
Status of ownership of license**

Ashok Kummarikuntla appeared upon behalf of the item. He stated that his wife is the manager and owner of the premises. He stated that he knows there was a visit by the Worcester Police and there was confusion on the ownership but he has the new proposed owner present at meeting today along with their attorney.

Sgt. Needham stated that in November 2025 the premises was found in violation of after hours rules and at that time the Worcester Police found a Mr. Rios and Mr. Johnson operating the business and Mr. Rios stated that he was the manager, but he was going to partner with Ash to buy the business. The next evening another violation occurred and the Commission brought the premises in for an after hours violations and premises was sanctioned.

In March of 2026 , Sgt. Needham observed someone coming out of the premises after hours and met with Mr. Leonard Inbody who stated that he was going to partner with Ash to buy the business. Mr. Kummarikuntla stated that he is just a customer. Another woman then identified herself as the manager of the business and when police identified themselves, she stated that Ash was the manager of the business. The woman stated that she had given \$30,000 to the buyer's attorney to put into escrow.

Mr. Kummarikuntla stated that the new buyers were supposed to notify Ms. Steele that they were planning to buy that business and they didn't do that.

Sgt. Needham stated that the Worcester Police checked the articles of organization for the LLC and it has been changed and new individuals were on the LLC that have not been approved by the local board and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission and this is the fourth time people have represented themselves as LLC manager or manager of record which have not been approved by the local board and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.

Attorney Hung Tran stated they have an asset and purchase agreement with new proposed owner and who did go into the licensed premises to do their due diligence and they found out that the lease had not been paid for the premises and his client paid \$30,000 in back rent to get the purchase and sale agreement signed. He stated that Ms. Steele received an incomplete application yesterday as they are waiting for certificate of good standing from Department of Revenue.

Commissioner Fisher stated that she understands that there is a process to buy the business and she would recommend license be suspended until paperwork can be completed.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to suspend the liquor license until a full liquor license transfer is approved by the city and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.

Other business

20. Vote whether to temporarily extend last call at on premises locations to 3:00 a.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-1 (Anthony Vigliotti voting against) to allow on premises licenses to open to 3:00 a.m.

People speaking in support of item

John Piccolo spoke in support of the item.

Attorney Mark Bornstein, participating remotely, spoke in support of the item citing the economic impact it would have on the City of Worcester.

Mike Cane, from the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the item and stated that he hoped the Commission would look to the future and maybe extend this past July 31, 2026.

Roger Bachour spoke in support of the item.

Cal Dolan spoke in support of the item.

Jay Melick spoke in support of the item.

Stacey Blanchette spoke in support of the item.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 2-1 (Anthony Vigliotti voting against) to allow on premises licenses to open to 3:00 a.m.

Conditions

The Worcester License Commission, acting under the authority granted by a temporary state pilot program, has authorized limited extension for on premises liquor establishments. Following the signing of legislation by Governor Maura Healey on June 8, 2026, which permits municipalities to opt-in to temporary pilot program for extended service hours, the Worcester License Commission voted on June 11, 2026, to allow eligible establishments to stay open to 3 a.m. through July 31, 2026.

The participate in this pilot program, eligible on premises liquor licensees must submit an email to license@worcesterma.gov containing the name of the establishment and the establishment's address. Establishments are required to wait for formal confirmation from the License Commission office before they are permitted to extend their hours of operation. This extension applies specifically to on premises service and does not extend to licensed outdoor areas, which

must continue to current closing times. All existing rules and regulations governing liquor licenses remain in effect during this extended

Communications: None

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m.