



The City of Worcester

License Commission Meeting Minutes June 25, 2026

Attendance:

Commissioners

Present:

Anthony Vigliotti, Chair
Charran Fisher, Commissioner
Maritza Cruz, Commissioner

Commissioners

Absent:

Staff Present:

Officer Patrick Harrington, Worcester Police Department
Amanda Moran, Law Department
Deborah Steele, Licensing

Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.

Minutes: June 11, 2026 & June 18, 2026

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of June 11, 2026, and June 18, 2026.

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

1. Mass Youth Soccer Festival, Worcester Common

Request for entertainment license for tv, amplification system

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

Greta Teller, participating remotely, stated that they will be bringing in a portable screen and portable soccer fields. There is no alcohol. Worcester Police will determine how many details will be needed at the event.

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 May 12, 2026.

2. Anthony Cuifalo, 53-55 Norfolk Street (outside)

Request for one day liquor license

Request for one day entertainment license for live music

- **Thursday-July 2, 2026- Noon-10:00 p.m.**

William Potenti, representing the organization, stated that they are looking to apply for a one-day liquor and entertainment license. Mr. Potenti stated that they will be using security at event and will use their distributor to obtain the alcohol.

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 June 16, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated June 16, 2026.

3. The Original Italian Festival, 37 Massasoit Road

Request for one day liquor license

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system, floor show, light show, recorded music over sound system

- **Thursday-August 13, 2026-5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**
- **Friday-August 14, 2026-5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-August 15, 2026-Noon-10:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday-August 16, 2026-Noon-6:00 p.m.**

A representative from the organization appeared on behalf of the applications. He stated that this is for their annual festival and they will have security as well as police details. He stated that there will be certified bartenders.

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 June 8, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated June 8, 2026.

Common Victualer Requests

4. Serenitea House, Worcester Public Market

Sunday Operating Hours*

11am-8pm

Monday Operating Hours*
closed
Tuesday Operating Hours*
closed
Wednesday Operating Hours*
11am-8pm
Thursday Operating Hours*
11am-8pm
Friday Operating Hours*
11am-9pm
Saturday Operating Hours*
11am-9pm

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the July 9, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Alcohol/Entertainment Requests

5. 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 July 9, 2026, License Commission meeting.

6. 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 July 9, 2026, License Commission meeting.

7. ERW Enterprises Corp, 141 East Central Street

Request for package store malt & wine license

Attorney Christopher Flood appeared upon behalf of the application. Attorney Flood stated that the previous owner had a liquor license at the location and gave up the liquor license and now that the new owners have taken over the property the customers are asking for beer and wine and they would like to obtain their own beer and wine license.

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

Vinodkumar Patel, from East Side Package Store, presented photos of the products that are sold in his licensed premises, which he stated would be the same as what is being proposed at 141 East Central Street. He also presented a petition of people in opposition to the application.

Attorney Arthur Pearlman, participating remotely, stated that the last time this location had a license was 2021 and he has spoken with the ABCC and as this is a new request for a liquor license the Ballarin factors apply. He stated that since the 1960's there has been a license at that location

but in 2021 the license was not renewed so assumed that there was not a need for a license and now there are new owners looking to obtain a license. Attorney Pearlman stated that directly across from this proposed location there is an existing package store selling the exact products proposed that this new store is proposing to carry. He stated that proposed location is a meat market selling various products and adding more items would probably reduce the current offerings. Attorney Pearlman stated that in the future there maybe other applicants who need a license and this area does not need another license.

Chair Vigliotti stated that there were two other licenses in past that no longer exist. Attorney Pearlman stated that he brought that up past and Board at that time stated that showed that there was no need for more licenses.

Commissioner Fisher stated that she appreciates the concerns but feels this is a unique experience and the location did have a license in the past.

Commissioner Cruz stated that she was in agreement with Commissioner Fisher and there have been population changes in the area and people are not going in just for liquor they are going in for products and we have people in Worcester now from all over the world and she would support a liquor license again at the location.

Chair Vigliotti stated that in the last year or so in area an additional 700 apartments have been created and another 500 are going in the downtown area and in the past there used to be two full package stores and a beer and wine license in the past that went out of business. He stated that there is no noise and traffic would not be consideration.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the package store malt & wine license.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for package store malt & wine license received and dated May 18, 2026.

Exhibit B: Photos/petition in people in opposition presented by East Side Package Store.

**8. Beechwood Inn, Inc., 363 Plantation Street
Request for change of manager**

Quincy Washington appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he will be taking over as manager of the location.

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 June 2, 2026.

**9. Broadway Restaurant & Catering, 100 Water Street
Request for alteration of premises for sidewalk dining**

Anthony Greamano appeared upon behalf of the application. Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commission had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Ms. Steele reminded the applicant that this request is for food only.

The Commission and the applicant reviewed the hours for the outdoor area, which would be:

Monday through Saturday – 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for alteration of premises received and dated June 1, 2026.

10. MKM, LLC dba Cosmopolitan, 96 Hamilton Street

Request for alteration of premises for sidewalk dining

Gina Moroski appeared upon behalf of the application. Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commissioners had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Chair Vigliotti asked what time the outdoor area would close. Ms. Moroski stated 10:00 p.m.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for alteration of premise received and dated June 25, 2026.

11. Wicked Wing Co., LLC, 321 West Boylston Street

- **Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from CM&Family, LLC**
- **Request for common victualer license**

Esmeralda Paulino appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that she will be taking over the existing location.

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

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received and dated May 27, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for common victualer license received and dated May 27, 2026.

12. Momo Palace, LLC dba Momo Palace, 142B Highland Street

- **Request for restaurant all alcohol license**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the July 9, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Status Hearings

13. 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 July 9, 2026, License Commission meeting.

14. 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 July 9, 2026, License Commission meeting.

15. 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 July 9, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Other business

16. Dubai Restaurant & Lounge, Inc. dba Mexi Town, 105 Water Street
Violation of Rules #14, #16 and 204 CMR 2:04

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to July 9, 2026, License Commission meeting as person who attend meeting did not have authority to present on behalf of the license holder.

17. Nachos Dining, Inc. dba Mexicali Cantina and Grill, 225 Shrewsbury Stret
Violation of Rules #14, #28

Hilda Hernandez and David Brambila appeared to answer the violation and waived their right to counsel.

Officer Patrick Harrington presented the following:

On May 15, 2026, members of the Worcester Fire, Code and Alcohol Enforcement Units were conducting compliance checks at numerous businesses within the city. At approximately 9:30 p.m. Officer Patrick Harrington. along with members of the various units, stopped at Mexicali Cantina and Grill to observe the manner in which the business was being conducted. It should be noted that Worcester Police Alcohol Unit was made aware of a video that surfaced on social media of a fight that occurred on the premises on May 5, 2026, which resulted in a breach of the peace.

Officer Harrington upon entering spoke with the hostess and asked to speak to the manager and was met with an individual who explained the manager was not available at this time and he was overseeing the premises for the night.

Officer Harrington requested to see the main bartender's TIPS certification and a female later identified as Lessy Griselda Martinez Harnandez explained she did not have one. An additional check of another waitress identified as Eileen Beatriz Bonilla Bolp, revealed she did not possess the required TIPS certificate. Both certificates were advised to stop all alcohol sales for the evening. It was also noted that there were approximately eight additional employees working on scene and the business did not have a copy of the TIPS certificate on file.

Mr. Brambila stated that the report presented by the police was mostly accurate, but Ms. Lessy Griselda Martienz Hernandes mentioned in the report was just a barback. Officer Harrington stated that anyone who touches alcohol must be liquor server trained.

Ms. Hilda Hernandez, who is the manager of premises, was not there the evening of the violation and she was only one with access to the office where the certifications are available and they are now all available to all staff.

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

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to issue a Warning.

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

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m.