



The City of Worcester

License Commission Meeting Minutes July 23, 2026

Attendance:

Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present:

Sgt. Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department
Amanda Moran, Law Department
Deborah Steele, Licensing

Minutes: July 9, 2026

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the July 9, 2026, License Commission minutes.

Requests for Continuances, Extensions, Postponements, & Withdrawals

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

1. Pride Worcester, 28 Franklin Street

Request for one day liquor license

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, tv, live music,
recorded music

- Saturday-September 12, 2026- 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Ariana Dello Stritto, participating remotely, stated that this is for their annual festival. Alcohol will be served by certified bartenders; they have police present for the event and they will use same footprint as previous year. Ms. Dello Stritto stated that there will be road closure and working with DPW on that.

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 5, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated May 5, 2026.

2. Shrewsbury Street Italian Heritage Parade, East Park

Request for one day entertainment license for live music, amplification system

- Sunday-October 11, 2026-1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Maria Stella Fiore, participating remotely, stated this is request for entertainment for parade.

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 July 8, 2026.

3. Green Hill Neighborhood Block Party, Grant Square Park

Request for one day entertainment license for DJ

- Saturday August 1, 2026-1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. rain date August 2, 2026

Winifred Octave and Councilor Rob Bilotta, participating remotely, on behalf of item. Ms. Octave stated that this is request for DJ that will attend the event at the park.

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 July 7, 2026.

4. Ecotarium, 222 Harrington Way

Request for one day liquor license

- Tuesday-July 28, 2026-5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Alexis Rapport, participating remotely, stated that this a private event and expecting about 50 people.

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 July 7, 2026.

5. Richard Perna, 1 College Street

Request for one day liquor license

- Saturday-August 29, 2026-2:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

- Saturday-September 19, 2026-1:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Saturday-October 24, 2026-Noon-4:30 p.m.
- Saturday-October 31, 2026-Noon-4:30 p.m.
- Saturday-November 14, 2026-11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Saturday-November 21, 2026-11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Richard Perna, participating remotely, stated that this for football events and they will have security, TIPS certified bartenders.

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 July 9, 2026.

6. Massachusetts Organization of African Descendents, Worcester Common

Request for one day liquor license

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, live music, play, moving picture show

- Saturday-August 1, 2026-Noon-7:30 p.m.

Jeroma Komorah, participating remotely, stated they are looking for a one day liquor and entertainment license and celebrating FIFA. She stated that they are expecting 1,000 to 3,000 people. She stated that they will have WPD for security. She stated that they will have stanchions for beer garden and will have TIPS certified bartenders.

Sgt. Needham asked if the road closure had been applied for. Ms. Kormrah stated that they had been.

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 July 15, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated July 15, 2025.

7. HHS-DYO_Casita Cultura Latina, Institute Park

Request for one day liquor license

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, live music, amplification system, any other audio or visual show whether live or recorded specifically

- Saturday-October 24, 2026-10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. rain date November 1, 2026

Anna VR, participating remotely, stated that there will be a designated area for alcohol and food vendors.

Chair Vigliotti asked where the alcohol would be purchased and Commission was unfamiliar with the vendor. Commissioner Cruz requested application be continued for two weeks as event not until Fall.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the August 6, 2026.

8. Cam Bringham, 48 Green Street

Request for one day liquor license (outside)

- July 24, 2026 -9:00 p.m. – 1:30 a.m.

Cam Bringham, participating remotely, stated that there will be security inside and outside for the event and he will also try to obtain a police detail.

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 July 7, 2026.

9. The Cellular Connection, 68 Stafford Street

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, dj

- Sunday-July 26, 2026-1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

No one appeared for meeting.

10. Hiroshima Commemoration, Elm Park

Request for one day entertainment license for live music, amplification system

- Thursday-August 6, 2026-6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Claire Schaeffer-Duffy, participating remotely, stated that she is looking to apply for one day event for this Hiroshima Commemoration event being held at Elm Park.

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 July 17, 2026.

11. Casa Cultural Dominicana Worcester, 126 Salisbury Street

Request for one day liquor license

Request for one day entertainment license for live music, dancing by entertainers, amplification system

- Saturday-September 5, 2026-11:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.

Delio Fernandez appeared upon behalf of the application. Mr. Fernandez stated that they will have roped off area for alcohol and there will be designated fenced area for the beer. They will have a police officer and a security guard to check ID. There will be bathrooms at the park and will also be ordering five more porta potties. He stated they expect between 300-500 people. The beer garden will not hold more than 25 people at a time.

Sgt. Needham stated Mr. Fernandez may want to work with the police on directing the traffic.

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 July 15, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated July 15, 2026.

12. Royal Ladies Garden Party, Institute Park

Request for one day entertainment license for recorded music, DJ

- Sunday-August 2, 2026-2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

No one appeared for meeting.

13. Brazilian Festival of Worcester, Institute Park

Request for one day entertainment license for live music, amplification system

- Sunday-September 13, 2026-10:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m. rain date September 20, 2026

Suely DiBara appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that this is for their annual festival and the organization is looking to obtain the entertainment license.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated July 15, 2026.

Common Victualer Requests

14. Quinsigamond Gas & Market, LLC, 75 Quinsigamond Avenue

Sunday Operating Hours*

24/7

Monday Operating Hours*

24/7

Tuesday Operating Hours*

24/7

Wednesday Operating Hours*

24/7

Thursday Operating Hours*

24/7

Friday Operating Hours*

24/7

Saturday Operating Hours*

24/7

A representative from Quinsigamond Market appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that they will be putting in a chicken franchise in location.

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 June 26, 2026.

15. Dippin Donuts, 75 Quinsigamond Avenue

Sunday Operating Hours*

05:00 AM - 07:00 PM

Monday Operating Hours*

05:00 AM - 07:00 PM

Tuesday Operating Hours*

05:00 AM - 07:00 PM

Wednesday Operating Hours*

05:00 AM - 07:00 PM

Thursday Operating Hours*

05:00 AM - 07:00 PM

Friday Operating Hours*

05:00 AM - 07:00 PM

Saturday Operating Hours*

05:00 AM - 07:00 PM

Gjerji Disho appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he will be opening a Dippin Donuts at location.

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 July 8, 2026.

Alcohol/Entertainment Requests

16. 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 application to the August 6, 2026, License Commission meeting.

**17. 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 application to the August 6, 2026, License Commission meeting.

**18. Worcester Marine Corps League, 181 Lake Avenue
Request for live music on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. outside from July 26, 2026 through October 11, 2026-**

David from the Marine Corps League appeared upon behalf of the item. He stated that they are looking to continue the entertainment they received approval for in the Spring.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the remaining dates.

19. Olives Hospitality, LLC, 92 Shrewsbury Street

- **Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from Brick House, LLC dba Nuovo**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system, play, moving picture show, floor show, light show, theatrical exhibition, karaoke**

Arber Gozhina appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that he is looking to transfer the licenses from Nuovo.

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

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license received and dated June 2, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for common victualer license received and dated June 2, 2026.

Exhibit C: Application for entertainment license received and dated June 2, 2026.

20. Grill and Green Kitchen, Inc. 141 Highland Street

- **Request for restaurant all alcohol license**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the August 6, 2026, License Commission meeting.

21. L&D Enterprises LLC, 5 Saugus Place,

- **Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from Suveroo LLC**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the August 6, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Status Hearings

22. 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 August 6, 2026, License Commission meeting.

23. Myron Katz, 667 Main Street

Status of corrections on lodging house license

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

Violation Hearings

none

Communications

- **Email from manager Marine Corps League resigning position -file**
- **ABCC liquor license quotas-City of Worcester-file**

Other Business

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to bring in Victory Bar, 56 Shrewsbury Street for a status hearing.

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.