



The City of Worcester

License Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 6, 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 23, 2026

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve July 23, 2026, License Commission minutes.

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

1. 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

Ana Carolina Villar, participating remotely, stated that this event will be held at Institute Park, and they are expecting 1,000 to 2,000 people. They will hire police details for the event, and will use the restroom facilities at the park. She stated that the alcohol area will be roped off with one egress and exit.

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 14, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated July 14, 2026.

2. Summer Jam Classic, 59 Quinsigamond Avenue

Request for one day entertainment license for MC, DJ and musical artists

- Sunday-August 9, 2026-10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Anthony Barbosa, participating remotely, stated that this is for annual basketball tournament 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 July 29, 2026.

3. Our Lady of Mercy Maronite Catholic Church, 341 June Street

Request for one day liquor license

Request for one day entertainment license for live music, live show, DJ's

- Saturday-September 26, 2026-Noon-11:00 p.m.
- Sunday-September 27, 2026-11:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the applications to the August 20, 2026, License Commission meeting.

4. Christopher Besaw, 280 Main Street

Request for one day liquor license

- Friday, Saturday, August 21, 22, 2026-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Christopher Besaw, participating remotely, stated that this will be an additional site for the Breakaway Festival and they will have TIPS certified bartenders and have additional security and police for event.

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 27, 2026.

5. Friendly House Block Party, 36 Wall Street

Request for one day entertainment license for recorded music, DJ

- Friday-August 21, 2026-3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Jodi Briggs Pickett appeared upon behalf of the application. She requested to change time of the event from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated July 21, 2026.

6. 2026 Community of Vision Day, Green Hill Park

Request for one day entertainment license for live music

- Saturday-October 3, 2026-11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.-rain date – October 17, 2026

Harry Ducharme appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this is a picnic event to help blind children, and they expect around 200 people, and a performer will be playing music.

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 23, 2026.

7. Fun for a Cause Cornhole Classic, 2 Ionic Avenue

Request for one day entertainment license for amplification system

- Saturday-August 22, 2026-10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

Star Winston, participating online, stated that this is for a cornhole event and they are hoping 100-200 people will attend. She stated that event will take place entirely inside.

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 21, 2026.

8. J.T. Ethier, 55 Millbrook Street

Request for one day liquor license

- Saturday-August 8, 2026-Noon-9:00 p.m.

J.T. Ethier, participating remotely, stated that they are looking to hold an event in the parking lot and expect about 300-400 people over course of the day. They will have TIPS certified bartenders. The alcohol area will have barriers, and they will have four portable toilets in addition to four indoor toilets.

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 16, 2026.

9. Noreen Hanlon, 18 Cambridge Street

Request for one day liquor license

Request for one day entertainment license for radio, music

- **Saturday-August 15, 2026 -11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Matt Hanlon appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he looking to have an outdoor area as his establishment will be participating in the “Hot Dog Safari” where people travel to different establishments by bus for hot dogs. He stated he will be using TIPS certified bartenders and will have his own security at the event.

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

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Common Victualer Requests

10. The Vegan Path, 56 Water Street

Sunday Operating Hours*

10:00 AM - 03:00 PM

Monday Operating Hours*

11:30 AM - 03:30 PM

Tuesday Operating Hours*

Closed

Wednesday Operating Hours*

Closed

Thursday Operating Hours*

11:30 AM - 03:30 PM

Friday Operating Hours*

10:00 AM - 03:00 PM; 06:00 PM - 09:00PM

Saturday Operating Hours*

10:00 AM - 03:00 PM; 06:00 PM - 09:00PM

Tao Zhou appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that she is looking to opening a Vegan restaurant at the old Queen’s Cup on Water Street.

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 21, 2026.

11. Gong Cha Worcester Southbridge LLC, 24 Southbridge Street

Sunday Operating Hours*

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

Wendy Loung, participating remotely, stated that they are looking to do a change of ownership 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 23, 2026.

Alcohol/Entertainment Requests

12. 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 20, 2026, License Commission meeting.

13. 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 20, 2026, License Commission meeting.

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

- **Request for restaurant all alcohol license**

The attorney for the restaurant, participated online, stated that the location is looking to add alcohol at the site.

The Commissioners stated that they had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday-11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Saturday-Sunday-11:00 a.m.-8:00 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 July 22, 2026.

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

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

Attorney Hong Tran along with the applicants appeared upon behalf of the application. The hours of operation will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 5:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. Closed Tuesday and that also includes the outdoor patio in the hours stated.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received and dated April 28, 2026.

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 August 20, 2026, License Commission meeting.

17. Victory Bar and Cigar, LLC, 56 Shrewsbury Street

Mark Piscello, owner of the establishment, appeared upon behalf of the item. Sgt. Needham reviewed the incident that had occurred and stated that they would like to see video cameras installed at establishment.

Mr. Piscillo stated that he already has ordered the camera and hopes to have installed by end of week.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 that the video system be installed within 30 days.

18. Creed Lounge, 41 Pleasant Street-Request to remove condition and be able to reopen to 2:00 a.m.

Calvin Paulino, accompanied by Katherine Cruz, represented the establishment. Mr. Paulino indicated that there have been no incidents and that most of their clientele do not arrive until 11:00 p.m. or later. The Commissioners acknowledged that the location has a record of violations; however, since the enforcement of the 1:00 a.m. closing time, there have been no incidents. They recognized the business implications and expressed their willingness to consider a trial period of three months to evaluate the feasibility of extending the closing time to 2:00 a.m. Sgt. Needham requested that if the Commission decides to reinstate the 2:00 a.m. closing time, Mr. Paulino, as the owner, should be present at the premises during closing to ensure compliance with all regulations.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to allow the establishment to stay open until 2:00 a.m. for a trial period of three months.

Communications

Email: Withdrawal of applicant from Punta Cana received July 2026-Filed

Other Business

Chair Vigliotti asked if staff would survey license holders who stayed open until 3:00 a.m. and get feedback.

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m.