



The City of Worcester

License Commission Meeting Minutes SEPTEMBER 10, 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: August 20, 2026

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of August 20, 2026.

Requests for Continuances, Extensions, Postponements, & Withdrawals

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

1. 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.

Father Peter Frangie, participating remotely, stated that is for their annual festival. He stated that they expected about 900 people throughout the event and would hire police details.

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

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received and dated August 13, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated August 13, 2026.

2. Canal Diggers, Inc., 19 Temple Street

Request for one day liquor license

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

- Saturday-September 12, 2026-10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Brenda Moran, participating remotely, stated that this is for the annual Canal Diggers Race and will be same set up as previous years and will have police details as well as security.

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

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for one-day liquor license received and dated August 11, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one-day entertainment license received and dated August 11, 2026.

3. Worcester Public Library Foundation, 3 Salem Square

Request for one day liquor license

- Thursday-September 17, 2026-6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Christine Murray, participating remotely, stated that they are looking to have social event at library and only expected 80-100 people and will have security present at the event.

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 August 19, 2026.

4. Marc Guinette, 236 Franklin Street

Request for one day liquor license

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, amplification system, light show, dj

- Friday-September 18, 2026-5:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

Larry Boyd appeared upon appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that they will be hosting the after party for Pride event which they have done in the past and will have security.

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

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received and dated August 17, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated August 17, 2026.

5. Worcester Cycle Bar X 1855, 48 Green Street

Request for one day entertainment license for DJ's, amplification systems

- **September 12, 2026-10:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. rain date – September 19, 2026**

Cam Brigham, participating remotely, stated that he will be moving the event to the rain date of September 19, 2026, so it does not coincide with the Canal Diggers run. He stated that there will be no alcohol at the event and event should end by 2:00 p.m. Chair Vigliotti stated that they will amend time to 2:30 p.m.

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 August 17, 2026.

6. Khalid Karachi, 100 Institute Road

Request for one day liquor license

- **Saturday-September 26, 2026-11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Khalid Karachi, participating remotely, stated that this is for a one-day liquor license and they will have WPI security at event and the bartenders are liquor trained certificated. He stated that they expect about 300 people, but not all will drink.

Upon a roll 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 August 25, 2026.

7. Ryan Majors, 85 Green Street

Request for one day liquor license

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

- **Saturday-September 19, 2026-4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**

Ryan Majors, participating remotely, stated that this will be for an Oktoberfest event and they are looking to sell some alcohol and food outside and expect between 200-250 people. They will have a police detail and the street will already be closed down for the Woo Sox game and stated that there are 7 restrooms in the building.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for one-day liquor license received and dated August 24, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one-day entertainment license received and dated August 24, 2026.

8. Woo Fest Block Party, City View Worcester

Request for entertainment license for DJ

- **Saturday-September 19, 2026-3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.**

Dr. King, participating remotely, stated that this is the second year doing and they will have porta potties at 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 August 17, 2026.

9. Christopher Besaw, 30 Exchange Street

Request for one day liquor license

- **Saturday-September 12, 2026-6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
- **Friday-October 2, 2026-5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-October 10, 2026-Noon-11:00 p.m.**
- **Friday-October 16, 2026-4:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday-October 31, 2026-Noon-11:00 p.m.**

Christopher Besaw, participating remotely, stated that this is request for extension of the dates for their concerts, but these will be smaller events, but they will have security present as usual.

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 September 1, 2026.

Common Victualer Requests

10. Pida's Pizzeria, LLC, 121 Millbury Street

Sunday Operating Hours*

10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Monday Operating Hours*

Closed

Tuesday Operating Hours*

10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Wednesday Operating Hours*

10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Thursday Operating Hours*

10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Friday Operating Hours*

10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Saturday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Adam Khan, appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he will be operating a pizza shop 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 August 25, 2026.

11. The Coop, 275 Park Avenue

Sunday Operating Hours*
11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Monday Operating Hours*
11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Tuesday Operating Hours*
11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Wednesday Operating Hours*
11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Thursday Operating Hours*
11:00 am - 1:30 am
Friday Operating Hours*
11:00 am - 1 :30 am
Saturday Operating Hours*
11:00 am - 1:30 am

Angelo Tsetsos appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he will be opening a new chicken restaurant 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 September 1, 2026.

12. Not Ya Mamas Worcester, Worcester Public Market

Sunday Operating Hours*
11-8
Monday Operating Hours*
closed
Tuesday Operating Hours*
closed
Wednesday Operating Hours*
11-8
Thursday Operating Hours*
11-8
Friday Operating Hours*

11-8

Saturday Operating Hours*

11-9

Gary Young, participating remotely, stated that he will be opening new vegan restaurant at the Worcester Public Market.

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 August 6, 2026.

13. Maaz's Chicken, 910A Main Street

Sunday Operating Hours*

10 am- 2 am

Monday Operating Hours*

10 am -2 am

Tuesday Operating Hours*

10 am- 2 am

Wednesday Operating Hours*

10 am- 2 AM

Thursday Operating Hours*

10 AM-2 AM

Friday Operating Hours*

10 AM- 2 AM

Saturday Operating Hours*

10 AM- 2 AM

Mahmood Awad stated that he will be taking over location and operating a new restaurant.

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 August 31, 2026.

14. Tropical Chicken Flavors, 229 Canterbury Street

Sunday Operating Hours*

10:00 AM - 10:PM

Monday Operating Hours*

10:00 AM - 10:PM

Tuesday Operating Hours*

10:00 AM - 10:PM

Wednesday Operating Hours*

10:00 AM - 10:PM

Thursday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 10:PM
Friday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 10:PM
Saturday Operating Hours*
10:00 AM - 10:PM

Patrick Michel appeared upon behalf of the application and stated he will be operating a restaurant at the 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 September 1, 2026.

Alcohol/Entertainment Requests

15. Falguni Corp, 108 Canterbury Street

- Request for change of manager

Attorney Matt Porter, participating remotely, stated that they are looking to do a change of manager for 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 August 17, 2026.

16. Nachos Dining, Inc. dba Mexicali Cantina & Grill, 225 Shrewsbury Street

- Request for change of manager

Lissette Rodriguez, participating online, and Adrian Taveras appeared in person appeared on behalf of the item. Ms. Rodriguez stated that they were looking to change the manager to him.

Sgt Neeham stated that there was nothing in background that would preclude him from becoming manager but expressed concerns about a recent posting regarding a promoted event and the rules were not followed regarding notifying the WPD and License Commission even though Mr. Taveras was provided a copy of the rules and WPD/Fire reviewed the rules when the location received a nightclub designation.

Sgt. Needham reviewed the rules and what is required when a location receives a nightclub designation with the applicant.

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

List of Exhibits: Application received and dated August 17, 2026.

17. OM Harsh Corp dba A&B Liquors, 110 McKeon Road

- Request for change of officers/directors/stock interest

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the September 24, 2026, License Commission meeting.

List of Exhibits: Application for change of officers/directors/stock interest received and dated August 25, 2026.

18. Dubai Restaurant & Lounge, Inc. dba Mexi Town Bar & Grill, 105 Water Street

- Request for change of manager
- Request for change of dba to Casa Blanca Restaurant and Lounge

Attorney Felici participating remotely, along with Dargely Mueces Rodriguez and David Bramilia who appeared in person appeared on behalf of the item. Attorney Felici stated that they were requesting to do a change of manager at 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 August 25, 2026.

19. Interstate Management Company, LLC (dba Hampton Inn & Suites), 65 Prescott Street

- Request for change of officers/directors

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the September 24, 2026, License Commission meeting.

20. Worcester Vice, LLC, 27 Pleasant Street

- Request for general on premises all alcohol license
- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system, play, light show, theatrical exhibition, karaoke, DJ-Inside
- Outside-radio, recorded music, amplification system

Andrew Lapin appeared upon behalf of the application. Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commission members had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Mr. Lapin stated that he is looking to open a new venue at the location.

Chair Vigliotti stated that only issue that they had at view was the amplification outside which would need to be shut off at midnight.

Patrick DiGregoriom, participating remotely, asked what side of the building the amplified music would be played. Mr. Lapin stated that at the back of the building.

21. Moss Ventures, LLC dba August Coffee, 548 Main Street

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license

Allsion Moss, participating remotely, and Madison Martin, who appeared in person, stated that they were looking to receive a liquor license as they have been requested by people in the area and they are looking to arrange for more storage at location and all staff will be TIPS certified.

Chair Vigliotti stated the Commissioners view the site prior to the meeting.

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 August 15, 2026.

22. Metro Convenience Inc. 27 Shrewsbury Street

- Request for package store malt & wine license

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the September 24, 2026, License Commission meeting.

23. 237 Cambridge LLC dba Shell, 237 Cambridge Street

- Request for package store malt & wine license

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

Attorney Kevin Quinlan and Shruibiten Patel appeared upon behalf of the application. Mr. Quinlan stated that the applicant is looking to apply for a package store malt & wine license. He stated that the policy of the store that no more than 4 customers will be allowed in store at a time. All employees will be TIPS certified. Attorney Quinlan reviewed the Ballarin factors with regard to the location.

There was no public comment.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commission members are satisfied with the presentation of the Ballarin factors and what they saw at the site view.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for package store malt & wine license received and dated August 27, 2026.

24. Punta Cana Bar & Grill Restaurant, Inc., 795 Main Street

Request for change of manager

Request for change of officers/directors

Jose Palunio and Alexandra Rodriguez appeared upon behalf of the application and stated that they looking to do change of officers and change of manager as the old manager has resigned.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of officers/directors and change of manager.

List of Exhibits: Application for change of officers/directors and change of manager received and dated August 6, 2026.

25. 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 the September 24, 2026, License Commission meeting.

26. 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 September 24, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Lodging House

27. PSI Theta Nu Fraternity, 8 Elbridge Street

Request for Lodging house license

Nick Palumo appeared upon behalf of the application and reviewed the proposal.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the lodging house.

List of Exhibits: Application for lodging house license received and dated August 12, 2026.

Status Hearings

28. 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 September 24, 2026, License Commission meeting.

29. Chen Ye Worcester Inc dba BBQ Chicken, 102 Shrewsbury Street

Attorney Chung Le and Tong Chen appeared upon behalf of the item. Attorney Le stated that they are sorry for delay but they have been working with the building department as they have specialized equipment that they were putting in and they are working with the building department on a final inspection.

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

30. Hidden Gem Hospitality LLC, 97-101 Water Street

Mark Tiller, along with representatives from the property, appeared upon behalf of the item. Mr. Tiller stated that they have finished their demolition but have been waiting for a building sign off since August 13, 2026. Ms. Steele stated she would follow up after the meeting with the applicants.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item to the first meeting in December.

31. Seabra Restaurant, 333 Pleasant Street

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the September 24, 2026, License Commission meeting.

32. The Broadway, 100 Water Street

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the September 24, 2026, License Commission meeting.

33. SMG/DCU, 50 Foster Street

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

34. JMAC, 20 Franklin Street

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the September 24, 2026, License Commission meeting.

35. Hinoelia Rivera dba El Coqui Liquor, 184 Chandler Street

36. Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the September 24, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Communications

1. Aelux Lounge communication dated August 21, 2026-Business has closed-Filed

2. Mexicali Cantina, 225 Shrewsbury Street-Notice of manager's resignation-Filed

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m.