

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
ALD. MAUREEN LEWIS, CHAIR  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 7:16 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:** Ald. Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner, Bancroft, Vitek, Pietryla, and Bessner.

**Absent:** None

**3. Administrative**

- a. Fuel Tax Receipts December 2019 – Information Only
- b. Video Gaming Statistics January 2020 – Information Only

**4. Omnibus Vote**

Items with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine matters and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a council member/citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in normal sequence on the agenda.

**5. Police Department**

- a. **Recommendation to approve a Proposal for a new Class G1 Liquor License Application as well as a 2 am Late Night Permit for Mad Ape, LLC dba Alter Brewing Company, located at 12 S. First Street, St. Charles.**

The liquor license application and information for Mad Ape, LLC was presented to the Committee. This is the first full restaurant concept for Mad Ape, LLC. The issuance of the liquor license is contingent upon a successful buildout and receiving occupancy permits. The owners indicated to the Committee Members that they aren't sure if they are going to stay open until 1am or 2am, but have applied for a 2am permit.

This item advanced from Liquor Control Commission Meeting earlier in the evening with a vote of 4 – 0.

Motion by Ald. Stellato, second by Ald. Bessner to recommend the approval of a Proposal for a new Class G1 Liquor License Application as well as a 2 am Late Night Permit for Made Ape, LLC dba Alter Brewing Company, located at 12 S. First Street, St. Charles.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays None; Chairman Lewis did not vote as chair.

**Motion Carried**

- b. **Recommendation to approve a Proposal for a new Class E1 Liquor License Application for Project Mobility for a Long Table special event to be held on July 11, 2020.**

The license application and paperwork for the Project Mobility Long Table Event was presented to the Committee. It was noted that the date of the event was changed from Saturday, July 11, 2020 to Sunday, July 12, 2020, and will take place from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm in the West Plaza. There are several restaurants involved and they are currently working on a rain date. Wristbands will be given to participants and there will be no restriction to people using the Plaza.

This item advanced from Liquor Control Commission Meeting earlier in the evening with a vote of 4 – 0.

Ald. Payleitner asked that a policy be set up for use of the City’s public space. Something similar to what the Park District does. The alderman asked that parameters be set for these types of events.

Chief Keegan answered that there is a group that handles special events at the City and typically there is a 50/50 cost share. There are parameters in place, not a rental fee, but particularly for non-for-profits there is something in place.

Motion by Ald. Stellato, second by Ald. Vitek to recommend the approval of a Proposal for a new Class E1 Liquor License Application for Project Mobility for a Long Table special event to be held on July 11, 2020 and direction to Staff to create a policy for the use/rental of City Public Space.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Bancroft, Vitek, Pietryla, Bessner, Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner; Nays: None. **Motion Carried**

**c. Recommendation to approve a Proposal for a new Class C1 Liquor License Application as well as a 1 am Late Night Permit for El Elle Sea, LLC dba Ed’s Basement, located at 219 W Main Street, St. Charles.**

The license application and paperwork for El Elle Sea, LLC dba Ed’s Basement was presented to the Committee. It was noted that they have a limited menu now but they have plans to include a commercial kitchen in the future. The issuance of the license is dependent on successful completion of permitting. The applicants clarified that they are interested in having a 1 am permit not 2 am.

This item advanced from Liquor Control Commission Meeting earlier in the evening with a vote of 4 – 0.

Motion by Ald. Bessner, second by Ald. Pietryla to recommend the approval of a Proposal for a new Class C1 Liquor License Application as well as a 1 am Late Night Permit for El Elle Sea, LLC dba Ed’s Basement located at 219 W Main Street, St. Charles.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays None; Chairman Lewis did not vote as chair.  
**Motion Carried**

**d. Recommendation to approve a Proposal for a new Class B1 Liquor License for Osteria Trulli, located at 210 Cedar Street, St. Charles.**

The license application and paperwork for Osteria Trulli was presented to the Committee. This is the second restaurant for the applicants. The menu consists of seafood, pasta, and southern Italian cuisine.

This item advanced from Liquor Control Commission Meeting earlier in the evening with a vote of 4 – 0.

Motion by Ald. Stellato, second by Ald. Bancroft to recommend the approval of a Proposal for a new Class B1 Liquor License for Osteria Trulli, located at 210 Cedar Street, St. Charles.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays None; Chairman Lewis did not vote as chair.

**Motion Carried**

**e. Recommendation to approve a Proposal for a new Class B1 Liquor License Application for Southern Café, located at 1590 E Main Street, St. Charles.**

The license application and documents were presented for Southern Café. Southern Café will be located at the new Stone Creek strip mall (formerly Tin Cup Pass). Currently there is an extensive buildout being done of the former Gino's East location where Southern Café will be located. The restaurant will be open starting at 6:30 am; however will not be allowed to sell alcohol until 7 am.

This item advanced from Liquor Control Commission Meeting earlier in the evening with a vote of 4 – 0.

Motion by Ald. Turner, second by Ald. Lemke to recommend the approval of a new Class B1 Liquor License Application for Southern Café, located at 1590 E Main Street, St. Charles.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays None; Chairman Lewis did not vote as chair.

**Motion Carried**

**6. Finance Department**

**a. Funding request Presentation from the St. Charles Business Alliance in the Amount of \$698,000 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.**

Chris Minick, Finance Director for the City of St. Charles introduced Jenna Sawicki the Executive Director for the St. Charles Business Alliance. Mr. Minick stated that the St. Charles Business Alliance was created from a merger of the St. Charles Convention and Business Bureau and the Downtown St. Charles Partnership. The St. Charles Business Alliance is requesting \$698,600 (\$262,000 from SSA1B and \$436,600 from the Hotel/Motel Tax revenue stream). It was also noted that there is going to be a deficit in the Hotel/Motel Tax anticipating the closing of Pheasant Run in the next couple weeks.

Jenna Sawicki presented the following information for the St. Charles Business Alliance.



SCBA PP for funding  
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**7. Additional Items from Mayor, Council, Staff, or Citizens.**

**8. Executive Session**

- Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Pending Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Probable or Imminent Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Property Acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- Collective Bargaining – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

**9. Adjournment**

Motion by Ald. Turner, second by Ald. Bancroft to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays None; Chairman Lewis did not vote as chair.

**Motion Carried**

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