

MINUTES
THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
ALD. RON SILKAITIS, CHAIR
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Silkaitis at 7:16 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber.

Absent: Ald. Kalamaris

3. 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.

Motion by Ald. Bessner, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus item.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball; Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Kalamaris. Ald. Silkaitis did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried**

4. Police Department

- a. Recommendation to Approve a Proposal for a New Massage License Application for Fox Valley Massage Therapy located at 115 S Second Street, Upper Unit, St. Charles.

Chief Keegan introduced the item and shared that it passed 3-0 at today's Liquor Control Commission meeting. The applicant is state certified and licensed and was formerly employed by Massage Envy for nine years.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Lencioni to recommend the approval a Proposal for a New Massage License Application for Fox Valley Massage Therapy located at 115 S Second Street, Upper Unit, St. Charles.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball; Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Kalamaris. Ald. Silkaitis did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried**

- b. Recommendation to approve a Proposal for an A-1 Liquor License Application for Mac's Beer Wine Spirits Located at 201 W. Main St., St. Charles.

Chief Keegan explained that the current owner of this store is selling the business. This item also passed 3-0 at today's Liquor Control Commission meeting.

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Ald. Wirball to recommend the approval of a Proposal for an A-1 Liquor License Application for Mac's Beer Wine Spirits Located at 201 W. Main St., St. Charles.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball; Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Kalamaris. Ald. Silkaitis did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried**

- c. Recommendation to approve a Proposal for a B-1 Liquor License Application for a B-1 Liquor License Application for Mr. Hibachi Express & Sushi, Located at 2762 E. Main St., St. Charles.

Chief Keegan shared that this applicant originally applied for a liquor license in February 2022, and extensive investigation and background was done by the Police Department. The owner, Ricardo Melendez Hernandez, was formerly employed by Ju Rin for ten years. While the application process was pending, sake was dispensed by one of the wait staff to an officer after a tip was received. The business was cited and fined. The fine was paid and there have been no other issues at this location. Sake is often used to create smoke at Japanese restaurants. The restaurant has alcohol inventory currently.

The owner has a previous criminal conviction from 15 years ago, which does not necessarily prohibit the possession of a liquor license. The applicant has been transparent throughout the process, has lived at his current address for 10 years with no contacts with his home law enforcement agency. The owner came to the United States at age six and has a green card. Citizenship is not an issue because the restaurant is owned under and LLC, as other local restaurant owners have done, in compliance with City Code 5.08.080. The applicant is deemed by the Liquor Commissioner to be sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust, and therefore eligible for a liquor license in St. Charles. This item passed 2-1 at today's Liquor Control Commission meeting.

Motion by Ald. Lencioni, second by Ald. Weber to recommend the approval of a Proposal for a B-1 Liquor License Application for Mr. Hibachi Express & Sushi, Located at 2762 E. Main St., St. Charles.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball; Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Kalamaris. Abstain: Ald. Payleitner. Ald. Silkaitis did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried**

5. Human Resources Department

- a. Recommendation to Approve a Resolution to Allow IMRF Service Credit for Military Service.

Jenn McMahon explained that this item proposes to allow employees covered by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund to buy up to four additional years of service. Currently two years are allowed. The City is known as an employer that supports veterans, and currently ten percent of employees are veterans. This change would be cost neutral, is supportive of veterans, and approximately ten employees (who are not considered to be near retirement age) would be eligible. It takes 8-10 years to be vested in IMRF, depending on the tier the employee is assigned to.

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Payleitner to recommend the approval of a Resolution to Allow IMRF Service Credit for Military Service.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball; Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Kalamaris. Ald. Silkaitis did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried**

6. Finance Department

- *a. Budget Revisions May 2022.

Motion by Ald. Bessner, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus item.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball; Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Kalamaris. Ald. Silkaitis did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried**

- *b. Budget Revisions July 2022.

Motion by Ald. Bessner, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus item.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball; Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Kalamaris.

Ald. Silkaitis did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried**

7. Public Comment - None

8. Additional Items from Mayor, Council, or Staff - None

9. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Bessner at 7:36 pm to adjourn to executive session to discuss probable or imminent litigation.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball; Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Kalamaris. Ald. Silkaitis did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried**

10. Reconvene the Public Meeting at 8:19 pm

11. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Lencioni, second by Ald. Weber to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Kalamaris, Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball; Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber Nays: None. Absent: None. Ald. Silkaitis did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried**

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