

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL  
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016**

**1. Call to Order.**

The meeting was convened by Liquor Commissioner Rogina at 4:33 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Liquor Commissioner Rogina, Robert Gehm, Ald. Lewis, and Chuck Amenta

**Absent:** Ald. Payleitner

**Others Present:** Mark Koenen, Atty. Doug Cuscaden, Police Chief Keegan, Tina Nilles

**3. Motion to accept and place on file minutes of the Liquor Control Commission meetings held on October 17, 2016.**

Motion by Mr. Gehm second by Mr. Amenta to accept and place on file minutes of the Liquor Control Commission meeting held on October 17, 2016.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: unanimous, Nays: none. **Chrmn. Rogina** did not vote as Chairman. **Motion carried.**

**4. Recommendation to approve a proposal for a massage establishment license for Summer Spa located at 1550 E Main Street, St. Charles.**

**Chief Keegan:** This a recommendation to approve a proposal for a massage establishment for Summer Spa located at 1550 E Main Street which is the Tin Cup shopping center. This business is taking the place of a current spa called Hung Da Spa at the same address. The petitioner also owns and operates a similar facility in Mt. Prospect, IL. We've contacted Mt. Prospect authorities and the business appears to be operating effectively and efficiently without any violations of either local ordinance or state statute. With us this evening is Hong Shen; also attached is a floor plan and we did a site visit. The business that this particular establishment is looking to replace has had no infractions or violations of city code.

**Translator from Chicago and for Ms. Hong Shen 426 S Wesley Avenue, Oak Park.**

**Mr. Gehm:** Seeing that you run another spa in Mt. Prospect is there anything with the St. Charles location that you would do different than what you do at the Mt. Prospect location?

**Translator:** I run the same business as I do in Mt. Prospect and wanted to expand my business here in St. Charles.

**Chrmn. Rogina:** How long have you been in your business in Mt. Prospect?

**Translator:** April 2016.

**Ald. Lewis:** How long was the other business of the one they are taking over there for?

**Chief Keegan:** A little over a year. Both the petitioner and her manager of record have listed a Department of Professional Regulation Massage Therapy licenses. I did check with the state and both of them are active without any infractions.

**Ald. Lewis:** And they have had them since April or before April?

**Translator:** Three years.

**Mr. Amenta:** No questions, they've already been answered.

Motion by Mr. Gehm, second by Mr. Amenta to recommend approval of a proposal for a massage establishment license for Summer Spa located at 1550 E Main Street, St. Charles to move forward to the Government Operations Committee.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Gehm, Lewis, Amenta; Nays: None, Absent: Payleitner. Chrmn. Rogina did not vote at Chairman. **Motion carried.**

**5. Recommendation to approve a proposal of a new class B liquor license for Brunch Café to be located at 172 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street, St. Charles.**

**Chrmn. Rogina:** With the Brunch Café still not shown up yet, let me introduce George Ressinger, who is a guest of mine. He is a student of St. Charles North and won an award with Jank Guitar and is shadowing me for today. Let's move on to item 6.

**6. Recommendation to approve a proposal of a massage establishment for Mixology Salon Spa, 116 W Main Street, St. Charles.**

**Chief Keegan:** Mixology is present and I will have Sue Henry come forward. This is an ancillary practice that Mixology is going to offer, meaning massage. We've met with both Sue and her partner Phoebe and talked not only about our ordinance but what their business model looks like in moving forward. We did a site visit and conducted a background exam. They will be hiring a massage therapist and know the nuances of our city ordinance. I don't see any issues in moving forward. There was a question off-line whether they would take appointments only or if they do allow walk-ins. I'll put out there on the record that obviously if it's appointment only that you exclude yourself from needing another person act as a supervisor; and if you allow walk-ins you have to have another person in the business at all times. That shouldn't be an issue

with your business or model as far as how busy you've been. In clear language, if you offer appointments only, you're exempt from the requirement of a second party being there; and if you allow walk-ins you have to have someone else in the business at all times as a go between or greeter.

**Ms. Henry:** So you want a manager in-house at all times.

**Chief Keegan:** If you are going to allow walk-ins – yes.

**Sue Henry, 38W383 Fairway Drive, St. Charles.**

**Chrmn. Rogina:** I've had occasion with my wife to step into their establishment just as a matter of walking through town and they had just opened up. I was so well pleased with the whole décor, there's an art gallery in the back, it's just tastefully done. I think this will become a major asset to downtown. In this field there is a lot of competition and you will have to work against that, but you certainly positioned yourself in a good place.

**Mr. Amenta:** Did you say you're working to hire a massage therapist currently or do you have one hired already?

**Ms. Henry:** We just hired another one. We had one that didn't work out and were without for the last month and a half. We do have somebody on staff now.

**Ald. Lewis:** There are two areas, so they'll be two spas and you can have a massage in either room?

**Ms. Henry:** We have two spa rooms. We dedicated one for the massage that we have with certain things they use like the hot stones, but if we got busy enough we could hire someone else and use both rooms.

**Ald. Lewis:** So are they used for facials too?

**Ms. Henry:** Yes.

**Mr. Gehm:** I have no questions and your place looks really great from the outside. I've not had the chance to stop in.

Motion by Mr. Amenta, second by Mr. Gehm to recommend approval of a proposal of a massage establishment for Mixology Salon Spa, 116 W Main Street, St. Charles to move forward to the Government Operations Committee.

**Roll Call:** Ayes: Gehm, Lewis, Amenta; Nays: None; Absent: Payleitner. Chrmn. Rogina did not vote at Chairman. **Motion carried.**

**Chrmn. Rogina:** Going back to item 5, Brunch Café, they do have to be presence and I hate to postponed but in good conscience have to if they are not here.

**Tina:** A message was left for the applicant on Friday on the number that is listed on the application.

**Ald. Lewis:** Who is applying for the license?

**Chief Keegan:** It's corporate and this is their fifth restaurant. They have hired a local manager and the Zato's are the owners. Let me try and see if I can reach them now. No answer.

**Chrmn. Rogina:** We'll move this item to the December 19, 2016 meeting.

7. **Other Business**
8. **Public Comment**
9. **Executive Session (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(4)).**
10. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Amenta, second by Mr. Gehm to adjourn meeting at 4:50 p.m.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: none. **Chrmn. Rogina** did not vote as Chairman.  
**Motion carried.**