

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022, 4:30 PM**

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Vitek at 4:30 pm.

2. Roll Call.

Present: Bancroft, Pietryla, Zollers, Gehm

Absent: None

3. Motion to accept and place on file minutes of the Liquor Control Commission meeting held on April 18, 2022.

Motion by Mr. Gehm, second by Ald. Pietryla to accept and place on file minutes of the Liquor Control Commission meeting held on April 18, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Pietryla, Ms. Zollers, Mr. Gehm; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Mayor Vitek did not vote as Commissioner. **Motion Carried**

4. Recommendation to Modify City Code with the Following Revisions to Title 5 “Business Licenses and Regulations”, Chapter 5.08 “Alcoholic Beverages”, Sections 5.08.090 “License - Classifications” and 5.08.110 “Number of Licenses” of the St. Charles Municipal Code.

Chief Keegan explained the recommended revisions to the City Code which came as a result of City Council discussion at the Winter 2022 Workshop. Chief shared background on the State of Illinois and City of St. Charles video gaming code. There are currently 107 video gaming terminals within 20 St. Charles establishments. Changes to the code would immediately affect six businesses. The intention is to retain and attract businesses by allowing more flexibility for obtaining a video gaming license within the rules of the State of Illinois.

Recap of changes:

- Video Gaming cafes continue to be prohibited.
- The Liquor Commissioner may direct the inspection of a site’s financial documents to confirm that a licensed establishment is offering video gaming ancillary to other services, and not as a primary revenue source.
- A new establishment applying for a Class V license must meet the requirements of one year of regular operation, unless (i) the majority owner of the applicant for the new qualified Licensed Establishment is also the current majority owner of an existing qualified Licensed Establishment at another location in the City, which has been operational for at least one year immediately

prior thereto, or (ii) the business model for the new qualified Licensed Establishment is proposed to and shall operate to substantially replicate the immediately prior existing business model, which otherwise would have qualified as a Licensed Establishment, and had been operational for a minimum of six (6) months prior thereto, at the location.

A review was undertaken on the number of video gaming terminals in St. Charles. The maximum allowable will be equal to the number of current licenses issued.

Several business owners came forward to speak in favor of the proposed changes. The proposal will help newer and smaller businesses. Labor, building material, and product costs are substantially increased compared to last year, and these additional revenues will help businesses survive.

Motion by Ald. Bancroft, second by Ald. Pietryla to recommend the approval of an Ordinance to Modify City Code with Revisions to Title 5 "Business Licenses and Regulations", Chapter 5.08 "Alcoholic Beverages", Sections 5.08.090 "License - Classifications" and 5.08.110 "Number of Licenses" of the St. Charles Municipal Code.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Pietryla, Ms. Zollers, Mr. Gehm; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Mayor Vitek did not vote as Commissioner. **Motion Carried**

5. **Public Comment** – no comments were raised.

6. **Adjournment.**

Motion by Mr. Gehm, second by Ms. Zollers to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Pietryla, Ms. Zollers, Mr. Gehm; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Mayor Vitek did not vote as Commissioner. **Motion Carried**

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