

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
ALD. MAUREEN LEWIS, CHAIR
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 8:06 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Ald. Stellato, Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Lemke, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Gruber, Ald. Vitek, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Bessner

Absent: Ald. Silkaitis

3. Administrative

a. Video Gaming Statistics March, 2021 – Information Only

b. Fuel Tax February, 2021 – 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 D2 Liquor License Application for Courtyard Marriott St. Charles, Located at 700 Courtyard Dr., St. Charles.

This item was presented at the Liquor Control Commission meeting earlier in the evening and passed with a 4-0 recommendation.

This is an ownership/operating group change for the Courtyard Marriott. CCIL Associates is the LLC, the new operating group is GF Hotels. It's very similar to the current operations in place.

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Ald. Gruber to Recommend the approval of a Proposal for a D2 Liquor License Application for Courtyard Marriott St. Charles, Located at 700 Courtyard Dr., St. Charles.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bessner, Ald. Stellato, Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Lemke,

Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Gruber, Ald. Vitek, Ald. Pietryla; Nays: None. Chairman Lewis did not vote as Chairman. **Motion Carried**

- b. **Recommendation to approve a Proposal for a B1 Liquor License Application and 1am Late Night Permit for The Graceful Ordinary, Located at 1 E. Main St., St. Charles.**

This item was presented at the Liquor Control Commission meeting earlier in the evening and passed with a 4-0 recommendation.

Chris Curren, the owner and operator of the Graceful Ordinary was present. Graceful Ordinary will seat 230 patrons both inside and outside.

Mr. Curren operated Blue 13 in Chicago. There were financial issues with the restaurant and it eventually closed. Chief Keegan and Mr. Curren met several times, and Mr. Curren was very forthcoming with the details regarding the closing of the Blue 13. Chief Keegan believes that he learned from the experience and that all his affairs are in order pertaining to Graceful Ordinary.

Chairman Lewis thanked the applicant for being forthright and honest on his application. She noted that the events with Blue 13 took place several years ago during the economic downturn.

Chief Keegan stated that this has been vetted very carefully. He and Atty. Peppers worked together, and he's very comfortable with the recommendation.

Motion by Ald. Stellato, Second by Ald. Vitek to Recommend the approval of a Proposal for a B1 Liquor License Application and 1am Late Night Permit for The Graceful Ordinary, Located at 1 E. Main St., St. Charles.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bessner, Ald. Stellato, Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Lemke, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Gruber, Ald. Vitek, Ald. Pietryla; Nays: None. Chairman Lewis did not vote as Chairman. **Motion Carried**

- c. **Recommendation to approve a 1:00 am Late Night Permit, and outdoor dining for Dough Pro's dba Billy Bricks Pizza, Located at 11 N 3rd Street, St. Charles.**

This item was presented at the Liquor Control Commission meeting earlier in the evening and passed with a 4-0 recommendation.

Chief Keegan explained that the applicant did not request a late-night permit when they recently submitted their application for approval, and they are requesting a 1am late night permit be approved at this time. The late-night permits require approval from the Liquor Control Commission and Council.

Additionally, Billy Bricks requested outdoor seating. They applied for and have been issued a Sidewalk Café Permit. Teri Grove, the landlord, has issued a letter approving the outdoor seating, and they have additional coverage from their insurance carrier.

Ald. Payleitner asked where the outdoor seating will be located. Chief Keegan stated that he worked with Community and Economic Development regarding ADA accessibility. The applicant, Robert Webster, explained that the outdoor seating will be in front of the restaurant, on the parking lot side, behind the Filling Station. They are roping an area off, there will be a walkway, and 4 entrances, one entrance will be blocked off during outdoor seating. The maximum number of tables would be 6.

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, Second by Ald. Gruber to Recommend the approval of a 1:00 am Late Night Permit, and outdoor dining for Dough Pro's dba Billy Bricks Pizza, Located at 11 N 3rd Street, St. Charles.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bessner, Ald. Stellato, Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Lemke, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Gruber, Ald. Vitek, Ald. Pietryla; Nays: None. Chairman Lewis did not vote as Chairman. **Motion Carried**

6. Additional Items from Mayor, Council, Staff, or Citizens.

Chairman Lewis thanked Mayor Rogina, Vice-chair Bancroft, and Staff for their assistance while she was Chairman of the Government Operations Committee.

7. 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)

8. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Bessner, Second by Ald. Lemke to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bessner, Ald. Stellato, Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Lemke, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Gruber, Ald. Vitek, Ald. Pietryla; Nays: None. Chairman Lewis did not vote as Chairman. **Motion Carried**

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