

MINUTES
THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
ALD. STEVE WEBER, CHAIR
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2 EAST MAIN STREET

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Weber at 7:27 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz (via Zoom), Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber.

Absent: Ald. Foulkes

3. Administrative - None

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.

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

Voice Vote: Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner; Nays: None; Absent: Ald. Foulkes. Ald. Weber did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

5. Finance Department

*a. Budget Revisions March 2024.

*b. Recommendation to Approve a **Resolution** for the Updated Capital Asset Policy.

6. Police Department

a. Recommendation to approve a proposal for a B-1 liquor license application for Chums Shrimp Shack, located at 2115 W. Main Street.

This agenda item was presented at the Liquor Control Commission meeting and passed 2-1.

Chief Keegan recommended approval of the B-1 liquor license with two stipulations. A manager must be on site at all times and they must purchase and use an ID reader for all liquor sales. The ID reader would scan the drivers' licenses, auto-fill the birth

dates, and provide the ages of the individuals. This would automate the age calculation and ensure accuracy.

Ald. Silkaitis appreciated Chief Keegan's recommendations. He expressed his concern regarding a previous violation that was not disclosed on the liquor application. He stated a liquor license is a privilege in St. Charles and will be voting no due to the inaccurate application.

Ald. Bongard asked how much alcohol is sold at this location and if there would be any change to the business plan other than the change in ownership.

Chief Keegan noted that most of their business is carry-out and catering, has a small footprint, and he does not expect a high volume of liquor sales.

Ald. Lencioni expressed appreciation to Chief Keegan for the extensive background check and is happy to hear some menu items will remain the same.

Ald. Pietryla appreciated the comments and disclosed he voted no on the Liquor Control Commission. He expressed concern regarding previous violations and would like to see St. Charles maintain high standards. He does not want to burden police officers with potential compliance issues and does not support the liquor license.

Ald. Wirball expressed concern regarding the previous violations and BASSET training at their other location. He believes this is an internal management issue and is not confident there will be proper oversight within the restaurant.

Chief Keegan responded that the Police Department has done the compliance checks and inspections. He also noted the applicant's licenses are all in good standing in other communities and with the state.

Ald. Muenz asked if the City counts previous violations in other communities toward a violation that may happen in St. Charles.

Chief Keegan explained that a liquor license in St. Charles would be a stand-alone license with the City's liquor commission. He noted previous violations from other communities are considered for the purpose of the background investigation. A violation of the City ordinance would be handled within the City.

Motion by Ald. Lencioni, second by Ald. Gehm to approve a proposal for a B-1 liquor license application for Chums Shrimp Shack, located at 2115 W. Main Street.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Bessner; Nays: Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Silkaitis; Absent: Ald. Foulkes. Ald. Weber did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

7. **Public Comment** - none

8. **Additional Items from Mayor, Council or Staff** - none

9. **Executive Session**

Motion by Ald. Gehm, second by Ald. Bessner to enter executive session at 7:42 pm for discussion of Collective Bargaining – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

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

10. The regular session was reconvened at 7:57pm.

11. **Adjournment**

Motion by Ald. Lencioni, second by Ald. Gehm to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Silkaitis; Absent: Ald. Foulkes. Ald. Weber did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

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