

**MINUTES**  
**THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES**  
**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**ALD. STEVE WEBER, CHAIR**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024**  
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2 EAST MAIN STREET**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Weber called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner

Absent: Ald. Silkaitis

**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.

**5. Police Department**

- a. Recommendation to approve a proposal for an A-6 Liquor License Application for Thornton's Gas Station, located at 2520 E. Main Street.

Chief Keegan shared that the Liquor Control Commission unanimously approved this license.

Motion by Ald. Lencioni, second by Ald. Gehm recommend approval of a proposal for an A-6 Liquor License Application for Thornton's Gas Station, located at 2520 E. Main Street.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Silkaitis.

- b. Recommendation to approve a proposal for a D-9 Liquor License Application for Maple Leaf Coffee House, located at 1 W. Illinois St., Suite 180.

Chief Keegan shared that the Liquor Control Commission unanimously approved this license.

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball recommend approval of a proposal for a D-9 Liquor License Application for Maple Leaf Coffee House, located at 1 W. Illinois St., Suite 180.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Silkaitis

- c. Recommendation to approve a proposal for a B-1 Liquor License Application for Domo Sushi, located at 1890 W. Main St.

Chief Keegan shared that the Liquor Control Commission unanimously approved this license.

Motion by Ald. Lencioni, second by Ald. Gehm recommend approval of a proposal for a B-1 Liquor License Application for Domo Sushi, located at 1890 W. Main St.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Silkaitis

## 6. Finance Department

- a. Recommendation to approve the Additional City Contributions to the Police Pension Fund and Fire Pension Fund.

Bill Hannah referred to the Winter Budget workshop held on January 22, 2024. Staff recommended a strategy to improve the funded status of the City's police and fire pension funds by making an additional City contribution to each fund in the current fiscal year, over the required actuarial contribution that is budgeted in the current year. By making an additional contribution to each Pension Fund, the City will structurally improve the funded status of each fund and will also reduce the contribution required from the upcoming tax levy. The City will evaluate this on an annually basis in conjunction with the annual budget process.

Based on the City's current fiscal needs, staff felt comfortable with an additional contribution based on 2% of the current unfunded accrued liability of each Fund. Staff is recommending an additional contribution be made to each pension fund in the current year as follows:

Police Pension Fund:	\$ 883,000
Fire Pension Fund:	\$ 472,000
TOTAL:	\$1,355,000

Ald. Pietryla and Ald. Wirball thanked staff for their efforts with this budget revision.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Pietryla to recommend approval of the Additional City Contributions to the Police Pension Fund and Fire Pension Fund.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Silkaitis

**7. Public Comment** - None

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

**9. Executive Session**

- Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Pending, 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)

**10. Adjournment**

Motion by Ald. Lencioni, second by Gehm to adjourn meeting at 7:32 pm.

Voice Vote: Ayes – unanimous; Nays – none; Absent – Ald. Silkaitis; Ald. Weber did not vote as chair. Motion Carried.

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