

**Minutes**  
**City of St. Charles**  
**Liquor Control Commission Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 4:30 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers, 2 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL**

**1. Call to Order.**

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

**2. Roll Call.**

**Present:** Zollers, Gehm, Spellman

**Absent:** Pietryla

**3. Motion by Aldr. Gehm, second by Ms. Zollers to accept and place on file minutes of the Liquor Control Commission meeting held on November 20, 2023.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Zollers, Gehm, Spellman, Nays: None. Absent: Pietryla. Abstain: None. Mayor Vitek did not vote as Commissioner.

**Motion Carried**

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

Chief Keegan introduced the application and indicated there were no issues of particular concern.

**Motion by Aldr. Gehm, second by Ms. Zollers, to approve a proposal for an A-6 Liquor License Application for Thornton's Gas Station, located at 2520 E. Main St., St. Charles.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Zollers, Gehm, Spellman; Nays: None; Absent: Pietryla; Abstain: None. Mayor Vitek did not vote as Commissioner.

**Motion Carried**

**5. 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 introduced the application, which is for special events. The applicant purchased the business formerly known as Kava Diem and is rebranding it. This is the second location for the owner, whose legacy location is in Roselle. Alcohol will not be stored or sold during normal business hours. The facility will be used as a party rental space, and the D-9 license would allow for a BYOB option where BASSET-trained staff from Maple Leaf could open and dispense alcohol provided by the client. The D-9 license

would also allow a business with a Class H catering or Class E one-day permit from an existing St. Charles liquor license holder to dispense alcohol and food. Alcohol service would be outside of their normal business hours, although the license would allow service from 7 a.m. to 12 midnight.

Aldr. Gehm asked about special event hours.

Alex Behrens, owner of Maple Leaf Coffee House, responded that they will offer the space for rental for private events. The BYOB option would be something people could tack on, so it would not be during their normal business hours, which are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. They would not have any special events with alcohol before 3 p.m. on any day of the week. Special events will not overlap their normal business hours.

Ms. Zollers asked if the event host would be the one to decide on a BYOB or catered event.

Alex Behrens confirmed that it would be the person renting their facility for the event who would decide if they would hire a caterer or bring their own liquor. If they did bring their own liquor, Maple Leaf's BASSET-trained staff would take the liquor and dispense it. After the event, any liquor left over would be returned to the party who rented the facility. They will not store any liquor on site. If a caterer is hired, he intends to maintain control of the liquor and dispense it to ensure it is done properly.

**Motion by Ms. Zollers, second by Aldr. Gehm, to approve 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: Zollers, Gehm, Spellman; Nays: None; Absent: Pietryla; Abstain: None. Mayor Vitek did not vote as Commissioner.

**Motion Carried**

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

Chief Keegan introduced the application and identified it as the site of the former Throwbacks. The application is for a sushi restaurant, and the owners have another location in Crystal Lake. Chief Keegan said they would like to open around March 1 and understand they could open without alcohol sales and begin serving once their City and state liquor licenses are finalized.

**Motion by Ms. Zollers, second by Aldr. Gehm, to approve a proposal for a B-1 Liquor License Application for Domo Sushi, located at 1890 W. Main St.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Zollers, Gehm, Spellman; Nays: None; Absent: Pietryla; Abstain: None. Mayor Vitek did not vote as Commissioner.

7. **Public Comment** - none
8. **Executive Session** - none
9. **Adjournment.**

Motion by Aldr. Gehm, second by Ms. Zollers, to adjourn the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Zollers, Gehm, Spellman; Nays: None; Absent: Pietryla; Abstain: None.  
Mayor Vitek did not vote as Commissioner.

**Motion Carried**

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