

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was convened by Chairman Turner at 7:46 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Chair. Turner, Ald. Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Bancroft, Martin, Krieger, Bessner, and Lewis

Absent:

3. Omnibus Vote - None

4. Mayor's Office

- a. Recommendation to approve a Class B liquor license for Shakou Restaurant to be located at 312 W Main Street, St. Charles (former Magoo's location).**

Mayor Rogina: I would like to start off saying that both Matt O'Rourke, our Economic Development Manager, and I went on a field trip to Mr. Dupor's Libertyville establishment. I can't tell you how impressed I was with his restaurant, with his décor, and his entire operation. I had a chance to go back and talk to the chef and it was a wonderful experience. This will be a much needed shining light in this building. Finally filling this vacant hole in our downtown area will be a strong push for a fine business entity to move our downtown area forward. Aleks Dupor is here tonight to talk about his plans for this restaurant and staff and I request your support for this.

Aleks Dupor, 204 Newbury, Libertyville, IL: This will be the second location, if everything goes through, and we're looking for a third location that will be going in Barrington. Shakou is a restaurant with a bar and it's primarily food – 70% food/30% liquor. The vibe of Shakou means social life in Japanese; so we're bringing a city vibe to the suburbs. That's the theme and brand that we're trying to do with Shakou. Not only is it sushi but it's also cooked food; so you have your steaks, teriyaki dishes, sea bass, salmon, ribs; so it doesn't alienate anyone who doesn't like sushi. I fell in love with St. Charles as soon as I saw it and this would be a great place for Shakou to come to.

Mayor Rogina: What is your intent on when you want to open?

Mr. Dupor: I would love to open for your restaurant week in February 2015. That's my goal to open it up and give an introduction to all of your people here in the community and neighbors.

Ald. Lewis: What would your occupancy be for this location?

Mr. Dupor: Around 200. We are taking out part of the second floor and will have a mezzanine with an open area and dining around it. The back area of that restaurant we are going to redo. We're going to tear down that patio on the second story. Will just have a first floor patio and nothing on top, change the whole façade and make it a nice building one that when you drive by you'll see a really sharp building there.

Motion by Ald. Stellato, second by Silkaitis to recommend approval of a Class B liquor license for Shakou Restaurant to be located at 312 W Main Street, St. Charles (former Magoo's location).

Chrmn. Turner: I have a comment that I'm glad you're coming to the Council first to get your liquor license first before you build your restaurant. We've had a situation reverse of this and I am glad this is happening this way.

Mayor Rogina: Thank you for that comment. This is the appropriate thing to do. We do not want to give anyone false hopes and that's why he is here tonight to move his business plan forward after he gets approval.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bessner, Lewis, Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Bancroft; **Nays:** Martin, Krieger; **Chrmn. Turner** did not vote as Chairman. **Motion Carried.**

5. Executive Session - None

- Personnel
- Pending Litigation
- Probable or Imminent Litigation
- Property Acquisition
- Collective Bargaining
- Review of Minutes of Executive Sessions

6. Additional Items

None.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Stellato, second by Silkaitis to adjourn meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Voice Vote: Unanimous; **Nays:** None. **Chrmn. Turner** did not vote as Chairman. **Motion carried.**