

**St. Charles County Council Journal  
Regular Meeting – March 28, 2022**

The St. Charles County Council met on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 7:01 p.m. in the County Council Chambers, 100 North Third Street, St. Charles, Missouri.

Council Chair Schneider introduced Justin Watkins with Sons of the American Revolution who provided the invocation and Councilman Hollander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following roll call was taken by the Clerk:

Councilman Joe Cronin	present
Councilman Joe Brazil	present
Councilman Mike Elam	present
Councilman Dave Hammond	present
Councilman Terry Hollander	present
Councilwoman Nancy Schneider	present
Councilman John White	present

County Executive Staff present:

Steve Ehlmann, County Executive  
 Joann Leykam, Director of Administration  
 John Greifzu, Assistant Director of Administration

County Counselor’s Office:

Rory O’Sullivan, Acting County Counselor

Council Member Hammond made a motion to amend the agenda and bring up the Oral Report from the County Executive, seconded by Council Member Hollande and unanimously approved.

**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
**ORAL REPORT** )  
**FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE** )

County Executive Ehlmann presented a proclamation to Alexa Daly, Miss Rodeo Missouri 2022. Ehlmann’s proclamation stated the various achievements that Ms. Daly has accomplished. Ms. Daly thanked the County Executive and the County Council for this honor. Daly continued by saying it is her goal for this year to go around the State of Missouri as Miss Rodeo Missouri 2022 and share agricultural information. Daly explained she will also try out for Miss Rodeo America for 2023 in Las Vegas, Nevada in December. The County Council members all wished her well in her role as Miss Rodeo Missouri 2022.

County Executive Ehlmann introduced St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Director Ryan Graham who provided the Council with a slide presentation on the newly acquired park to be named Oglesby Park. The slide presentation was a review of Benjamin Oglesby’s life and how he was one of

the owners of the parkland. *Editor’s Note: A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes on file with the County Registrar.*

County Council Member Cronin stated he and park staff have met with descendants of the Benjamin Oglesby family who reside in the Wentzville area and they are honored for the recognition of the park name.

**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
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**PUBLIC COMMENTS** )

Council Chair Schneider announced Public Comments allow speakers 3 minutes with alternating pro and con views on each topic with a total of six speakers per topic.

Riverpointe Development

Tony Bethmann, St. Charles County resident, addressed the Council with concerns that the new Riverpointe Development within the City of St. Charles is damaging national wetlands and shared that the City had to purchase ground in Labadie, Mo for \$573,000 for mitigation purposes in order to development the land in St. Charles. Also pointed out was the ½ cent transportation tax is being used as an economic development tool along with roads. Bethmann shared quotes from Steve Ehlmann, County Executive as it relates to protected wetlands. Bethmann concluded saying 18 acres of the project, Phase 3, will be entirely used for town homes.

Tree House

Karen Young, resident of District 7, stated her son started building a tree house in their yard and with the help of family and some neighbors have almost completed the project. Young explained one person complained to the County’s Code Enforcement department and she has been notified to remove the tree house within one week. Young explained she has neighbors in support of the tree house and has asked for a variance to allow it to remain for the next 7-10 years.

County Asst. Director of Administration John Greifzu got the necessary information from her and was going to continue the discussions with the County’s Code Enforcement Division.

Miscellaneous

Arnie C. AC Dienoff, County resident, shared his concerns regarding the death and investigation of a St. Charles County Correction’s inmate, an internal affairs concern within the St. Charles County Sheriff’s Department, the professional services for the Airport project, the Emergency Communications 2022 Microwave Refresh Project, a St. Charles County Police Department pilot and security services and a request to review the towing records from 2014 – 2016 and the Board of Equalization Appeal Forms from 2015 – 2016 of the County Registrar that are on the Consent Agenda to be destroyed. Dienoff also encouraged citizens to get involved in local politics and sign up for various seats and noted the deadline to sign up is March 29, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
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**CONSENT AGENDA )**

Council Chair Schneider asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Brazil made a motion to remove the Emergency Communications’s bid from the agenda, seconded by Council Member Hollander and unanimously approved.

Council Member Hammond made a motion to remove the Records Destruction/Registrar from the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Hollander and unanimously approved.

Council Member Cronin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as modified, seconded by Council Member Hollander and unanimously approved by the members present.

The approved items are as follows:

**Approval of Journal of the previous meeting – 3-14-22**

**Approval of Bids**

Highway/Airport – Prof. Services – Aviation/Airport Project Consultant Agreement/Jviation, Inc./\$99,995.95

Finance – Vehicle Accident Repairs/Cornerstone, Complete Auto and Jeff’s Extreme Body Shop/\$100,000

Information Systems – Dell Latitude Rugged Laptop and Docking Stations/Dell Marketing through the MHEC Co-op/\$109,975.00

Emergency Communications –St. Charles County 2022 Renewals/eGroup/\$65,064.50

Facilities Management - Custodial Services/Clean As A Whistle! LLC/\$165,919.40

**Nominations and Appointments**

**Miscellaneous**

Facilities Management - Workforce Development Lease

**IN THE MATTER OF )  
ITEMS REMOVED FROM )  
THE CONSENT AGENDA )**

Emergency Communications – 2022 Microwave Refresh Project/Nokia of America/\$3,477,893.78

Council Member Brazil had concerns regarding the urgency of the emergency bill to pay for this project. County Director of Administration Joann Leykam explained the project was to be done in 2021, however that not happening, the money allocated for 2021 was inadvertently left out of the 2022 budget. Leykam noted if the emergency bill is not approved, the County will have to pay whatever price Nokia sets as they are the sole source. Leykam explained Councilman Cronin had concerns with a previous bid in 2021 and the department has explained this whole process to him and should have included the entire Council. Emergency Communications Director Jeff Smith explained the process to the Council Members as STARRS was the original funding mechanism for this project and was notified by them that they would not be funding the Refresh Project. Smith pointed out St. Charles County has been working with both St. Louis County and Jefferson County on this funding project.

Brazil also had concerns regarding the origin of Nokia and it was discovered the company is a Finnish Company and parts for this project are made in America and/or Canada.

There being no further discussion, Council Member Cronin made a motion to approve the 2022 Microwave Refresh Project with Nokia of America for #3,477,893.78, seconded by Council Member Hollander and approved by Council Members Elam, Hammond, Hollander, Schneider and White. Council Member Brazil voted no.

Registrar – Records Destruction/Registrar

Council Member Hammond asked if this item should be tabled until the next meeting due to the interest of a speaker who requested to see some of the records. County Executive Ehlmann suggested voting the item down. Council Chair Schneider asked for a motion to approve, there were none received, and it was unanimously approved to deny the request. This item was denied.

**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
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**FOR RESOLUTIONS** )

Resolution No. 22-03 – Sponsored by Joe Cronin, Mike Elam, Dave Hammond, Terry Hollander, Nancy Schneider and John White – A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION R, PROPOSING THE RE-AUTHORIZATION OF THE ST. CHARLES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX FOR THE APRIL 5, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

Council Chair Schneider stated the County has received several resolutions from various political entities in support of this proposition, such as: the cities of St. Charles, St. Peters, O’Fallon, Lake St. Louis, Wentzville, Dardenne Prairie, Weldon Spring, Cottleville and Foristell as well as the Cottleville Fire District, Wentzville Fire Protection District and O’Fallon Fire Protection District, the St. Charles County Ambulance District, Economic Development Council of St. Charles and the St. Charles Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Brazil stated he would not support this just due to the fact that it is being placed on the April, 2022 ballot due to less voter turnout and it would have a better chance of passing, however the cost is approximately \$150,000 vs on the August, 2022 ballot would not have that cost involved. Brazil pointed out, he is in complete support of this tax for roads, etc., just not on this election date.

Council Member Cronin pointed out the many roads within the entire St. Charles County have been built or improved due to this tax and it is imperative it continues as population in moving to the rural areas where small roads will need to be improved. Cronin stated he was happy to support for the growth of the County.

There being no further discussion, Council Chair Schneider requested the following roll call vote: Council Member Cronin – yes, Council Member Brazil – no, Council Member Elam – yes, Council Member Hammond – yes, Council Member Hollander – yes, Council Member Schneider – yes, and Council Member White – yes. Resolution No. 22-03 passed 6-1.

**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
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**EMERGENCY BILLS** )

**Emergency Bill No. 5054** – Sponsored by Nancy Schneider – AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 21-096 BY PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE BUDGET OF THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND – DIVISION OF RADIO SYSTEM

There being no further discussion, Council Chair Schneider requested the following roll call vote: Council Member Cronin – yes, Council Member Brazil – no, Council Member Elam – yes, Council Member Hammond – yes, Council Member Hollander – yes, Council Member Schneider – yes, and Council Member White – yes. Emergency Bill No. 5054 passed 6-1.

**IN THE MATTER OF BILLS** )  
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**FOR FINAL PASSAGE** )

**Bill No. 5049** – Sponsored by Nancy Schneider – AN ORDINANCE VACATING A DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON SOUTH MAIN STREET

There being no discussion, Council Chair Schneider requested the following roll call vote: Council Member Cronin – yes, Council Member Brazil – yes, Council Member Elam – yes, Council Member Hammond – yes, Council Member Hollander – yes, Council Member Schneider – yes and Council Member White – yes. Bill No. 5049 was unanimously approved.

**Bill No. 5050** – Sponsored by Nancy Schneider – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET OF THE ORDINANCES OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI (OSCCMO), APPROVED BY ORDINANCE NO. 21-096 FOR THE ST. CHARLES COUNTY COLLECTOR OF REVENUE, BY REMOVING ONE GOVERNMENT SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE II POSITION AND ADDING ONE GOVERNMENT SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE III POSITION

There being no discussion, Council Chair Schneider requested the following roll call vote: Council Member Cronin – yes, Council Member Brazil – yes, Council Member Elam – yes, Council Member Hammond – yes, Council Member Hollander – yes, Council Member Schneider – yes and Council Member White – yes. Bill No. 5050 was unanimously approved.

**Bill No. 5051** – Sponsored by Nancy Schneider – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE NONBINDING PROJECTED TAX RATES OF THE COUNTY FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND AND FOR VARIOUS SPECIAL FUNDS OF AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2022 IN ORDER TO DEVELOP THE NOTICE OF PROJECTED TAX LIABILITY TO ACCOMPANY THE ASSESSOR’S NOTICE OF ASSESSED VALUE, ALL AS MANDATED BY SENATE BILL 711(2008), SUCH TAX RATES BEING PROJECTED WITHOUT INCREASE FROM 2021

There being no discussion, Council Chair Schneider requested the following roll call vote: Council Member Cronin – yes, Council Member Brazil – yes, Council Member Elam – yes, Council Member

Hammond – yes, Council Member Hollander – yes, Council Member Schneider – yes and Council Member White – yes. Bill No. 5051 was unanimously approved.

**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
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**BILLS FOR INRODUCTION** )

**Bill No. 5052** – Sponsored by Joe Cronin – AN ORDINANCE TO NAME THE PARK PROPERTY PURCHASED ON W. MEYER ROAD IN FORISTELL, MISSOURI FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW COUNTY PARK WITHIN THE ST. CHARLES COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, “OGLESBY PARK”, PURSUANT TO SECTION 100.170 OF THE ORDINANCES OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI “(OSCCMo)”

**Bill No. 5053** – Sponsored by Nancy Schneider – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF TRAIL LICENSE AGREEMENT AND INGRESS, EGRESS, AND PARKING EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. CHARLES COUNTY AND THE CONSERVATION COMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Council Member Cronin commended the Ryan Graham and the Parks and Recreation Department for their work on this and receiving approximately 47 additional acres from the Conservation Commission of MO.

**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
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**TABLED BILLS** )

There were no bills removed from the table.

**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND** )  
**MISCELLANEOUS** )

Council Chair Schneider announced April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and to please support children as they have suffered through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council Chair Schneider congratulated 12 year county employee, Dwayne Kinley for receiving the statewide recognition for the Radio Technologist of the Year award and 2 year county employee, Mike Fridley for receiving the Information Technologist of the Year award at the 2022 Missouri Public Safety Communications Conference held in Branson.

Council Member Cronin stated he along with Council Member Mike Elam and County Executive Ehlmann met with State and Federal representatives regarding the \$12 million dollar grant money to provide internet service to areas in the County where they have poor internet service.

County Executive Steve Ehlmann announced he would be on vacation and will miss the April 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and to please reach out before he leaves if anyone has any questions.

There being no further announcements Council Member Elam made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Hammond and unanimously approve. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Examined and Approved

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Nancy Schneider, Council Chair  
St. Charles County, Missouri

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