

**St. Charles County Council Journal  
Regular Meeting – July 25, 2022**

The St. Charles County Council met on Monday, July 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 100 North Third Street, St. Charles, MO 63301.

Council Vice-Chair Cronin introduced Brad Harris with St. Charles Bible Baptist Church who provided the invocation and Councilman Brazil 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	absent
Councilman John White	present

County Executive Staff present:

Joann Leykam, Director of Administration  
John Greifzu, Assistant Director of Administration  
Bob Schnur, Assistant Director of Administration

County Counselor’s Office:

Rory O’Sullivan, Acting County Counselor

**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
**PUBLIC** )  
**PRESENTATIONS** )

The County Executive was absent from the meeting and made other arrangements to present his proclamation.

**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
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**PUBLIC HEARING** )

Council Vice-Chair Cronin opened the floor for a Public Hearing on the Citizen Participation Plan for CDBG Consolidated Plan Program Year 2022

Arnie C. AC Dienoff, O’Fallon resident stated he has reviewed the program and noted it helps many people. Dienoff stressed the importance of no fraud with this program and shared concerns regarding the city of O’Fallon not being part of the St. Charles County Urban Program.

There being no further speakers, the public hearing ended at 7:05 p.m.

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

Council Vice-Chair Cronin opened the floor for Public Comments allowing speakers 3 minutes, with alternating pro and con views on each topic for a total of six speakers per topic.

Immunizations

Aimee Benninghofen, resident of O’Fallon stated her concerns on how personal the questionnaire is when requesting a vaccine exempt card along with concerns of any future outbreaks and how the government will react.

Jennifer Barker – resident of the St. Peters area and Director and co-founder of Informed Health Choice Missouri, quoted MO Statute 167.181 and shared her concerns regarding immunizations and the process to request an exemption is simply a letter to the school administrator. Barker directed her comments to the St. Charles County Public Health Acting Director Sara Evers and that she lives in St. Louis County. Barker requested the position of Public Health Director be filled by a resident of St. Charles County as quickly as possible.

Jen Olsen, St. Charles County resident, shared her concerns that the health department stop counseling families on vaccinations and quoted MO State Statute 167.181, Subsection 3. Olsen also noted concerns regarding secure elections, paper ballots, election equipment and to switch powers from Police back to the Sheriff.

Constitutional Sheriff

Brenda Webb, resident of St. Charles County, shared a letter from MO Attorney General Eric Schmitt to the Director of the FBI related to an audit of the CCW permit holder records and pointed out a sentence in the letter stating only the elected county sheriff has access to the CCW list and that was not being done lawfully in St. Charles County and needs to be addressed/changed. Webb also shared information regarding the Monkeypox Virus.

Doctrine of Lesser Magistrate

Maryann Boatright, St. Peters resident, shared concerns related to PDMP, Public Health, International Building Codes, Agenda 2030, removal of Sheriff, elections and election equipment and grant money. Also noted was the refusal of an audit and the Public Health Director.

Oaths, Integrity and Responsibilities

Judith Moorefield, Wentzville resident, showed a slide of the Bill of Rights, Amendment 1 and spoke of opinions based on gossip, lies and propaganda. Moorefield shared concerns regarding keeping businesses open while others shut down during the height of the pandemic.

River Terminal at Klondike Park

John Behr, Augusta resident, shared his concerns regarding the Hoffmann Family of Companies and their acquisitions in the Augusta area, such as wineries, buildings, the construction of a golf course, amphitheater, hotel and yacht. Behr stated a recent press release was sent out quoting Councilman Elam on the Port Authority’s funding for a public dock to be used by the Hoffmann Family to dock its Miss Augusta yacht, but noted no funding has been available for other privately owned businesses in Augusta. Behr showed a slide depicting Hoffmann’s Denouncing Gun Violence in America and explained the slide.

Heritage Funding

Tara Rath, resident of Heritage Subdivision stated she lived in the court that has lost one home and is close to losing another home. Rath shared that the Council approved funding for stormwater issues in the Heritage Subdivision and requested any information that is available to her.

Metal Detector & Searches

Annette Sieve, Defiance resident shared her concerns that employees carrying backpacks can walk around the metal detector that the public must go through to attend a County Council meeting. Sieve requested all employees along with the public should go through the metal detector and searches.

Miscellaneous

Arnie C. AC Dienoff, O’Fallon resident, shared concerns regarding using the metal detectors, the Port Authority’s funding for the river terminal at Klondike Park, County lawsuits and the Ogelsby Park opening.

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

The County Executive presented no report.

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

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

Hearing none, Council Member White made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Elam and unanimously approved. The approved items are as follows:

**Approval of Journal of the previous meeting – 7-11-2022**

**Approval of Bids**

Police – Purchase (14) 2022 Ford Explorer Police Interceptors w/Lighting Pkg./Lou Fusz  
Ford/\$581,728.00

**Nominations and Appointments**

**Miscellaneous**

Highway – Quit Claim Deed/property at Veterans Memorial Parkway, Foristell, MO

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

**Bill No. 5084** – Sponsored by Nancy Schneider – AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO HOUSING AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE AND (1) APPROVING THE 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, IN ITS CAPACITY AS AN URBAN COUNTY FOR FY 2021-2025 UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS OR CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR SUBMITTAL TO HUD WITH THE ACTION PLAN AND (2) FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE FUNDING APPROVAL/AGREEMENTS THAT HUD SHALL REQUIRE UPON APPROVING THE 2022 ANNUAL ACTION

Council Member Brazil questioned Robert Myers, Planning and Zoning Division Director for the St. Charles County Community Development Department regarding the HUD \$4 million funding. Myers reviewed the funding stating the \$4 million is spread over several years and this bill is to approve approximately \$1.8 million for help on homes of low-income citizens and transportation needs for citizens of St. Charles County.

Discussion was held regarding the roughly \$17 million dollars of funding listed in the program for HUD housing which breaks down to approximately \$4 million per year for vouchers to be used for housing and as it relates to the influx of development of apartments within the various cities within St. Charles County.

There being no further discussion, Council Vice-Chair Cronin 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 – absent, and Council Member White – yes. Bill No. 5084 was approved by 5-2 with one member absent.

**Bill No. 5085** – Sponsored by Joe Brazil and Dave Hammond – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 405.060, 410.180 AND 412.080 OF THE ORDINANCES OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY MISSOURI, THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, REGARDING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES TO INCLUDE SURETY BONDS

Council Member Hammond made a motion to table Bill No. 5085, seconded by Council Member Elam and unanimously approved by the members present.

**Bill No. 5086** – Sponsored by Nancy Schneider – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AND THE CITY OF ST. PETERS, MISSOURI FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS AREA TO DARDENNE CREEK BLUEWAY AT LONE WOLFF PARK

Council Vice-Chair Cronin congratulated Parks and Recreation Director Ryan Graham on an outstanding job the department has done on the Dardenne Creek Blueway as it adds a lot to the County’s Park system.

There being no further discussion, Council Vice-Chair Cronin 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 – absent, and Council Member White – yes. Bill No. 5086 was approved by 6-1 with one member absent.

**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 Vice-Chair Cronin announced the grand opening of the new Ogelsby Park on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:00 a.m. with lots of things for the kids to do, the playground and food trucks for both adults and kids.

Council Vice-Chair Cronin announced the next County Council meeting will be Monday, August 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Councilman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Examined and Approved

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Nancy Schneider, Council Chair  
St. Charles County, Missouri

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