

**St. Charles County Council Journal
Regular Meeting – September 12, 2022**

The St. Charles County Council met on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 100 North Third Street, St. Charles, MO 63301.

Council Vice-Chair Cronin introduced Jason Meinershagen with First Baptist Church of Wentzville who provided the invocation. Councilman Hammond 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	absent
Councilman Dave Hammond	present
Councilman Terry Hollander	present
Councilwoman Nancy Schneider	absent
Councilman John White	present

County Executive Staff present:

Steve Ehlmann, County Executive
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)
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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.

Bill No. 5092

Aimee Robertson, St. Charles County resident, stated her support for Bill No. 5092. Robertson explained as a mother of children with disabilities, it is important to keep an open mind when hiring people as their skills may be different than what you see in appearance.

Ken Gontarz, President of the Francis Howell Families Pact, stated his opposition to Bill No. 5092 noting concerns regarding social engineering, woke appeals and CRT.

Josh Becker, St. Charles County resident, stated his support for Bill No. 5092 and that it is not a training format. Becker pointed out TalentSensus is a U.S. Company based in Delaware and the owner lives in the UK.

Laurie Nicewaner, Lake St. Louis resident, stated her opposition to Bill No. 5092 commenting citizens need less government and there are currently laws in place to deal with discrimination. Nicewaner stated if the County does not need this system, then why vote on it.

Grayson Jostes, St. Charles County resident, stated his support for Bill No. 5092 noting that everyone is different and TalentSensus is something that would help people.

John Behr, St. Charles County Resident, echoed some of the prior comments relating to Bill No. 5092. Behr also commented on the unnecessary expenditure of a \$66,000 fishing boat that can be outsourced more efficiently. Behr also noted his opposition to the \$800,000 expenditure for the Smart Parking Management System as that money should be used on roads and bridges throughout the County.

The Council Members agreed to allow additional speakers.

Judith Moorefield – St. Charles County resident, stated her opposition to Bill No. 5092. Moorefield explained part of the job of an HR Director is to get applicants with qualified skills and there are already laws in place concerning discrimination on against anyone.

Election Integrity

Maryann Boatright, St. Peters resident, shared her concerns regarding various foreign election equipment companies that she states are a national security risk. Boatright suggested elected officials to be morally responsible.

22 Strong

Liam Robertson, St. Charles County resident presented information regarding 22 Strong which is an organization that helps prevent suicide among veterans. Robertson explained the fundraiser and noted he has almost reached his goal thanks to all the individuals who have donated to this cause. On behalf of the St. Charles County Youth Advisory Board, Robertson thanked everyone for their time and consideration and asked for any help finding sponsors and raising funds.

Demographics

Emily Winham, St. Peters resident, stated her concerns regarding the percentage of Democrats and Republicans throughout St. Charles County to clarify previous comments. Winham pointed out some voting percentage results from issues like Right-to-Work, Medical Marijuana and vaccinations which are more liberal subjects.

Arnie Deinoff, O'Fallon resident, shared his concerns regarding security in Council Chambers, the boat dock bid in Klondike Park and the Smart Parking Management System bid. Dienoff requested the County Executive stop spending so much and the County Council to stop allowing the spending to continue. Also requested was an elected charter review committee and the date for the tax rate public hearing. Dienoff also noted his opposition to Bill No. 5092.

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

There was no Oral Report.

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

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

Councilman Brazil made a motion to remove the following bids:

- Parks - Klondike Park Courtesy Dock Construction and Development/JF Brennan Co., Inc./\$1,696,464.00
- 2022 Electro Fishing Boat/Oquawka Boats/\$66,324.55
- Roads and Traffic – Prof. Svcs., St. Charles Smart Parking Management/FYBR/\$799,946.84

Seconded by Councilman Hammond and unanimously approved by the members present.

Councilman Brazil made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as modified, seconded by Councilman Hollander, and approved by all present. The approved items are as follows:

Approval of Journal of the previous meeting – 8-29-2022

Approval of Bids

- Facilities - Municipal Court Lobby Remodel/Aspire Construction Services, LLC/\$127,390.00
- Highway - Metal Sided Outbuildings/Heartland Restoration, Inc./\$312,531.00
- Information Systems - Genetec Yearly Renewal/Dynamic Controls, Inc./\$158,091.00
- Prof. Svcs., Mass Notification System/Everbridge, Inc./\$359,875.00
- System/FYBR/\$799,946.84

Nominations and Appointments

- Shared Leave Bank - Jim Vieth, Community Development – term expiring 2/8/25 - reappointment
- Debbie Salvo, Finance – term expiring 2/8/24 - reappointment
- Employee Activity Board – Jakob Hanschu, Information Systems to replace Howie Faith, Health

Miscellaneous

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

Parks - Klondike Park Courtesy Dock Construction and Development/JF Brennan Co., Inc./\$1,696,464.00

Parks - 2022 Electro Fishing Boat/Oquawka Boats/\$66,324.55

Councilman Brazil explained the bid for the Klondike Park Courtesy Dock has been in the works prior to the Hoffmann Family of Companies purchasing surrounding land. Brazil stated the Missouri River has several recreational qualities and a boat dock is necessary to allow better access to the river.

Councilman Cronin stated he has spoken to Parks Director Ryan Graham regarding the 2022 Electro Fishing Boat and Graham explained to the Council that with 20+ lakes in the park system it is necessary to have healthy fish and to have them tested to allow for transferring to other lakes if necessary. Graham stated they have staff currently in place for this activity and the boat price should be recouped within one year by not using outside sources.

Roads and Traffic – Prof. Svcs., St. Charles Smart Parking Management/FYBR/\$799,946.84

Councilman Brazil shared his concerns regarding a Smart Parking Management System in downtown St. Charles City funded mostly with federal funds that should be going to roadways and bridges. Raods and Traffic Manager Amanda Brauer explained the funds to be used for the Smart Parking was a St. Charles City request for road board funds using Federal SEMAC funds which are funds to reduce emissions and cannot be used for roads and bridges. SEMAC funds typically are used for metro buses and metro links. Councilman Cronin clarified this is a city application with approximately 2,000 parking spaces that the city uses for their many festivals that brings in tourists which is good for the sales tax and economy of the City and County.

Council Member Hollander made a motion to approve the following bid:

Parks - Klondike Park Courtesy Dock Construction and Development/JF Brennan Co., Inc./\$1,696,464.00

Seconded by Council Member Brazil and White and approved by all members present.

Council Member Hollander made a motion to approve the following bid:

Parks - 2022 Electro Fishing Boat/Oquawka Boats/\$66,324.55

Seconded by Council Member Brazil and approved by the members present.

Council Member Hollander made a motion to approve the following bid:

Roads and Traffic – Prof. Svcs., St. Charles Smart Parking Management/FYBR/\$799,946.84

Seconded by Council Member Hammond and approved by Cronin, Hammond, Hollander and White. Council Member Brazil voted no.

IN THE MATTER OF)
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RESOLUTIONS)

Resolution No. 22-13 – Sponsored by Council as a Whole – A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 17 THROUGH 23 AS CONSTITUTION WEEK IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI

There being no discussion, Council Vice-Chair Cronin requested the following roll call vote: Councilman Cronin – yes, Councilman Brazil – yes, Councilman Elam – absent, Councilman Hammond – yes, Councilman Hollander – yes, Councilwoman Schneider – absent, and Councilman White – yes. Resolution No. 22-13 was approved 5-2 with two members absent.

Councilman White stated if anyone is interested in finding out if their ancestors fought in the American Revolution war, they could contact the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to find out. White noted the DAR does a tremendous job and are always looking for members.

IN THE MATTER OF)
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BILLS FOR FINAL PASSAGE)

Bill No. 5092 - Sponsored by Nancy Schneider, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 21-096, AS AMENDED, TO ACCEPT A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BUDGET OF THE ST. CHARLES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TO COLLABORATE WITH TALENTSENSUS TO IMPROVE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN EMPLOYERS SEEKING NEW EMPLOYEES AND JOB SEEKERS SEEKING A JOB OR RETRAINING IN THE ST. CHARLES COUNTY VICINITY

Council Vice-Chair Cronin introduced St. Charles County Workforce and Business Development Director, Lori Myers and Gerren K. McHam, Special Assistant for External Relations, Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development to brief everyone on this topic and answer any questions. McHamm pointed out this issue is simply for a case management system to allow an applicant’s information to be reviewed with the skills they present prior to anything personal showing on the information, i.e. name, home address, education, etc. Myers explained to the Council that Workforce Development has been working within the County for 50 years and is Federally funded which means they must use the system they provide and that the current system is not user friendly and to weigh in on a new system would be beneficial to the County to not only see what it does, but what it doesn’t do and to report that at the end. Discussion was held regarding on the funding which is a grant from the State of Missouri and the Governor to pilot this program. Councilman Brazil questioned how TalentSensus was chosen, and it was explained the St. Charles County Workforce and Business Development director was contacted to participate in this pilot program and agreed to take on the task, with Council approval to try the program and give feedback. Councilman Brazil stated he was not in support of TalentSensus cautioning its real motive. Jenny Warren, Asst. Director of St. Charles County Workforce and Business Development explained the process of what they do as a department and how a new management system would be beneficial to their needs.

Council Member Hammond stated he would like to have more time to review this subject and made a motion to table the bill, seconded by Council Member Hollander and approved by all members present. Bill No. 5092 was tabled.

Council Vice-Chair Cronin requested information received prior to the meeting from TalentSensus be included on file with the minutes in the office of the County Registrar.

Bill No. 5093 - Sponsored by Nancy Schneider. AN ORDINANCE WAIVING CERTAIN FEES FOR RECYCLING AND BUILDING PERMITS FOR THE COTTLVILLE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO ASSIST THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH A REHAB, REMODEL AND ADDITION OF THE FIRE DISTRICT STATION # 3 LOCATED AT 6310 WELDON SPRING ROAD

Councilman Hammond questioned why the County was waiving the building fees. Joann Leykam, Director of Administration stated the Cottleville Community Fire Protection District waived the fees when the County constructed a highway shed and they were returning the favor. Hammond stated he did not understand why they waived the fees and why St. Charles County should waive the fees.

Hearing no further discussion, Council Vice-Chair Cronin requested the following roll call vote: Councilman Cronin – yes, Councilman Brazil – yes, Councilman Elam – absent, Councilman Hammond – no, Councilman Hollander – present, Councilwoman Schneider – absent, and Councilman White – yes. Bill No. 5093 was approved 4-3 with two members absent.

Bill No. 5094 - Sponsored by Nancy Schneider, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 605.115 ORDINANCES OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI (“OSCCMo”) REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED CONCEAL/CARRY SECURITY OFFICER (“CCSO”) AND 605.140 REGARDING POLICE OFFICER PROVISIONS

Hearing no discussion, Council Vice-Chair Cronin requested the following roll call vote: Councilman Cronin – yes, Councilman Brazil – yes, Councilman Elam – absent, Councilman Hammond – yes, Councilman Hollander – present, Councilwoman Schneider – absent, and Councilman White – yes. Bill No. 5094 was approved 5-2 with two members absent.

IN THE MATTER OF)
BILLS FOR)
INTRODUCTION)

Bill No. 5095 – Sponsored by Nancy Schneider – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH MUNICIPALITIES FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

Bill No. 5096 – Sponsored by Joe Cronin – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIE TO EXECUTE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT, FEDERAL PROJECT STP-5414(641), WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO 80 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE COSTS UP TO A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 FOR WORK ASSOCIATED WITH RESURFACING, SHOULDERS AND BRIDGE REHABILITATION ON JOSEPHVILLE ROAD FROM MO P TO KERSTING ROAD

Council Vice-Chair Cronin thanked the Road Board and Roads and Traffic staff for their hard work and stated he recently met with the chairman of the Trustees of Josephville and they are extremely happy with the way their roads are being maintained.

Bill No. 5097 – Sponsored by Joe Brazil – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT, FEDERAL PROJECT STP-7302(693), WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO 80 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE COSTS UP TO A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$480,000 FOR WORK TO REPLACE BRIDGE 3650004, MORE SPECIFICALLY AUGUSTA BOTTOM ROAD BRIDGE, OVER A TRIBUTARY TO THE MISSOURI RIVER

Bill No. 5098 – Sponsored by Joe Brazil – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT, FEDERAL PROJECT STP-7302(694), WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO 80 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE COSTS UP TO A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$504,000 FOR WORK TO REPLACE BRIDGE 3580001, MORE SPECIFICALLY FEMME OSAGE CREEK ROAD BRIDGE, OVER A TRIBUTARY OF FEMME OSAGE CREEK

Bill No. 5099 – Sponsored by Joe Cronin and Joe Brazil – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT, FEDERAL PROJECT STP-5414(642), WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO 80 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE COSTS UP TO A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 FOR WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROADWAY RESURFACING AND SHOULDERS RECONSTRUCTION, MORE SPECIFICALLY WEST MEYER ROAD FROM MO W TO DUENKE ROAD

Council Vice-Chair Cronin thanked the Road Board and Roads and Traffic staff for their hard work and stated this is a nice addition to the area that now has the new Oglesby Park and the Wentzville Rotary Park

Bill No. 5100 – Sponsored by Nancy Schneider – AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE AND LEVYING OF TAXES FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND AND FOR VARIOUS SPECIAL FUNDS OF AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2022

Council Vice Chair Cronin stated the Public Hearing on the Tax Rates for 2022 will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26, 2022.

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)

County Executive Steve Ehlmann stated he was opposed to the personal attacking of Councilman Brazil or anyone else. Ehlmann stated he welcomes comments and opinions on various positions, but not personal.

There being no further discussion, Councilman Hollander made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Hammond and approved by all present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Examined and Approved

Nancy Schneider, Council Chair
St. Charles County, Missouri

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