

**St. Charles County Council Journal
Regular Meeting – September 26, 2022**

The St. Charles County Council met on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 100 North Third Street, St. Charles, MO 63301.

Council Chair Schneider introduced Pastor Steve Parks with Bible Baptist Church in St. Charles, who provided the invocation. Councilman Hollander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following roll call was taken by the clerk:

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

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

Council Member Elam made a motion to amend the agenda and bring up Tabled Bills, seconded by Council Member Hollander and approved by the members present.

IN THE MATTER OF)
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TABLED BILLS)

Council Member Elam made a motion to remove Bill No. 5092 from the table, seconded by Council Member Brazil and approved by the members present.

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 Chair Schneider explained the County Executive’s office had asked the State of MO several questions that were brought up by Councilman Brazil. Not being comfortable with the responses, the Executive requested to withdraw this bill from the Council agenda.

Council Chair Schneider as sponsor of the bill, made a motion to withdraw Bill No. 5092 from the Council Agenda and received concurrence from Council Members Brazil, Elam, and Hollander. Bill No. 5092 was removed from the agenda.

IN THE MATTER OF)
PUBLIC HEARING -SETTING)
THE 2022 TAX RATES)

Council Chair Schneider opened the Public Hearing for the 2022 Tax Rates.

Arnie C. AC Dienoff, O’Fallon resident, shared his concerns regarding the windfall in property taxes due to the increase of value on vehicles.

There being no further speakers, the Public Hearing on the 2022 Tax Rates closed at 7:13 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF)
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PUBLIC COMMENTS)

Council Chair Schneider 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

Jennifer Barker, Lake St. Louis resident, provided a set of slides showing TalentsensUS’ altered website with the removal of information due to questions that were recently raised.

Jen Olsen, St. Charles County resident, provided a set of slides showing TalentsensUS’ altered website with the removal of information due to questions that were recently raised. Olsen pointed out the startup company named Upskill, who created the TalentsensUS software, shows negative assets on their website. Olsen noted a company by the name of Capital Innovators in Weldon Spring, MO was linked to TalentsensUS.

Elections

Brenda Webb, St. Charles County resident, applauded the new bill that now requires a photo ID when people go to vote and explained there is a county in Wisconsin that voted to do away with voting machines in favor of counting the paper ballots. Webb requested an audit of the Election Authority’s office.

Miscellaneous

Arnie Deinoff, O’Fallon resident, shared his concerns regarding security measures prior to a Council meeting, the appointment of Cheryl Hibbeler as a Merit Commission member, property and real estate taxes, parking lot repairs, and Bill No. 5102.

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

County Executive Steve Ehlmann explained when Bill No. 5092 was introduced it was brought to them as a pilot project and after questioning the state on various items, decided to request withdrawal from the County Council agenda. Ehlmann pointed out the state should have done their research first.

Ehlmann pointed out, after hearing a negative public comment regarding Scott Shipman, that Shipman is one of the most respected assessors in the State of MO, and Shipman follows the State laws as they relate to property tax. Ehlmann noted in the past MO Legislative Session, the House passed a bill to help the taxpayers as it relates to the value of vehicles, however it stalled in the Senate. Asst. Director of Administration, Bob Schnur, displayed information showing the amount of projected tax the other political subdivisions will be receiving with the windfall of vehicle values. Schnur pointed out Shipman and the Executive staff tried to get the word out to various organizations in the county to educate them on the possibility of lowering their tax rates. *Editor’s Note: The information displayed is attached to these minutes and are on file with the County Registrar.*

Council Member Elam explained to the citizens that even though you pay your real estate and personal property taxes to the St. Charles County Collector, they in turn, provide the tax dollars collected to the various political entities. St. Charles County does not keep all that money.

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

Approval of Journal of the previous meeting –9-12-2022

Approval of Bids

Facilities – Parking Lot Repairs/Ford Asphalt Co., Inc./\$174,850.00

Parks & Recreation – HVAC System Replacement at Quail Ridge Lodge/Herbig Mechanical Inc.
\$97,627.00

Highway – Full Depth Asphalt Street Reconstruction – E. Meier Contracting, Inc./\$1,935,447.25
– Truck Mounted Oil Distributor – Cummings, McGowan & West, Inc./\$212,660.00

Nominations and Appointments

Merit System Commission – Cheryl Hibbeler/City of O’Fallon/partial term expiring 4-30-25

Bryan Ludwig/St. Charles Co./re-appointment/term expiring 4-30-26

Miscellaneous

Facilities – Change Order No. 1, Municipal Court Remodel/Aspire Construction/\$16,750.00

– Change Order No. 1, Seals Enterprises/Wood Cleaning and Restoration/\$39,924.00

Highway – Change Order No. 2, Spencer Contracting Company/Asphalt Overlay/\$116,672.66

Collector – Application for Tax Sale Surplus/Parcel 456630A000/\$16,451.51

Finance – Employee Dental Coverage Proposal/Delta Dental

IN THE MATTER OF)

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BILLS FOR FINAL PASSAGE)

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

There being no discussion, Council Chair Schneider requested the following roll call vote: Council Member Cronin – absent, Council Member Brazil – yes, Council Member Elam – yes, Council Member Hammond – yes, Council Member Hollander – yes, Council Member Schneider – yes and Council Member White – absent. Bill No. 5095 was approved by a vote of 5-2.

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

There being no discussion, Council Chair Schneider requested the following roll call vote: Council Member Cronin – absent, Council Member Brazil – yes, Council Member Elam – yes, Council Member Hammond – yes, Council Member Hollander – yes, Council Member Schneider – yes and Council Member White – absent. Bill No. 5096 was approved by a vote of 5-2.

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

There being no discussion, Council Chair Schneider requested the following roll call vote: Council Member Cronin – absent, Council Member Brazil – yes, Council Member Elam – yes, Council Member Hammond – yes, Council Member Hollander – yes, Council Member Schneider – yes and Council Member White – absent. Bill No. 5097 was approved by a vote of 5-2.

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

There being no discussion, Council Chair Schneider requested the following roll call vote: Council Member Cronin – absent, Council Member Brazil – yes, Council Member Elam – yes, Council Member Hammond – yes, Council Member Hollander – yes, Council Member Schneider – yes and Council Member White – absent. Bill No. 5098 was approved by a vote of 5-2.

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

There being no discussion, Council Chair Schneider requested the following roll call vote: Council Member Cronin – absent, Council Member Brazil – yes, Council Member Elam – yes, Council Member Hammond – yes, Council Member Hollander – yes, Council Member Schneider – yes and Council Member White – absent. Bill No. 5099 was approved by a vote of 5-2.

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

There being no discussion, Council Chair Schneider requested the following roll call vote: Council Member Cronin – absent, Council Member Brazil – yes, Council Member Elam – yes, Council Member Hammond – yes, Council Member Hollander – yes, Council Member Schneider – yes and Council Member White – absent. Bill No. 5100 was approved by a vote of 5-2.

IN THE MATTER OF)
BILLS FOR)
INTRODUCTION)

Bill No. 5101 – Sponsored by Nancy Schneider – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 406.060 REGARDING DEFINITIONS OF CAMPGROUNDS; 405.080.C.11, REGARDING CONDITIONAL USES IN A, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS; 405.500.D REGARDING SEWAGE DISPOSAL FOR CAMPGROUNDS; AND 405.525.D.12 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, ORDINANCES OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, REGARDING SURETY BOND AS AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES

Council Member Brazil explained this bill has been reviewed by Mike Hurlbert, the Director of Community Development, and other staff members and was amended for clarification purposes as it relates to the surety bonds.

Council Member Hammond stated he was in support of this bill.

Bill No. 5102 – Sponsored by Nancy Schneider – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HAVA ELECTION SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AWARDED TO THE ELECTION AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITY FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO PHYSICAL SECURITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA THREAT MONITORING FOR COSTS INCURRED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

Council Member Brazil requested that Kurt Bahr, Director of Elections, explain this grant. Bahr explained HAVA means Help American Vote Act which became law during the Busch/Gore election and the Federal Government sets money aside for use by election authorities around the county for a variety of specific uses. Bahr explained his desire is to use the money to replace employees’ laptops with tablets. This expenditure would be approved by the Council through the approval of the budget.

IN THE MATTER OF)
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND)
MISCELLANEOUS)

Council Chair Schneider announced the next meeting of the County Council would be Tuesday, October 11, 2022, due to Monday, October 10th being Columbus Day and County offices are closed.

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 7:59 p.m.

Examined and Approved

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Nancy Schneider, Council Chair
St. Charles County, Missouri

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