

**St. Charles County Council Journal
Special Meeting – January 19, 2023**

The St. Charles County Council met on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 100 North Third Street, St. Charles, MO 63301.

The following roll call was taken by the clerk:

Councilman Matt Swanson	present
Councilman Joe Brazil	present
Councilman Mike Elam	present
Councilman Dave Hammond	absent
Councilman Terry Hollander	present
Councilwoman Nancy Schneider	present
Councilman Tim Baker	present

County Executive Staff present:

Steve Ehlmann, County Executive
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 Chair Hollander 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.

Arnie Dienoff, O’Fallon resident, noted the Pledge of Allegiance was not on the agenda and requested it be recited. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited Dienoff stated his concerns with the 3% Marijuana Tax and noted it was not necessary.

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TABLED BILLS)

Council Member Elam made a motion to remove Bill No. 5133 from the tabled, seconded by Council Member Schneider and unanimously approved by the members present.

Pending Substitute Bill No. 5133 – Sponsored by Nancy Schneider, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF [A] AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX IN AN AMOUNT OF THREE PERCENT ON RETAIL SALES OF ADULT USE (RECREATIONAL) MARIJUANA TO BE PLACED ON THE APRIL 4, 2023 BALLOT FOR A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE

Council Member Brazil suggested using the new tax revenue to fund Police, Sheriff, Corrections, Prosecuting Attorney and General Fund equally with 20% of the proceeds as it relates to the gross budget of each group. Discussion was held and agreed by all that public safety is a big concern and will review the actual income from the tax six (6) months into its collection to see how much money is collected. County Executive Steve Ehlmann cautioned the Council to not earmark the money to a certain fund/group in the event other County funds are suffering due to unforeseen expenses. Ehlmann also pointed out the Council and Administration promised to provide a 2% raise each year as funds allow for County employees to move them through their pay grids and this revenue would be used for that purpose before any other expenses.

There being no additional amendments to the original substitution, Council Chair Hollander requested all in favor for the substitution. The motion unanimously passed by the members present.

There being no further discussion, Council Chair Hollander requested the following roll call vote: Council Member Swanson – yes, Council Member Brazil – yes, Council Member Elam – yes, Council Member Hammond – absent, Council Member Hollander – yes, Council Member Schneider – yes, Council Member Baker – yes. Substitute Bill No. 5133 was approved by a vote of 6-0 with one member absent.

There being no further discussion, Council Member Elam motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Baker and unanimously approved by the members present. The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Examined and Approved

Terry Hollander, Council Chair
St. Charles County, Missouri

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