

**St. Charles County Council Journal
Regular Meeting – March 27, 2023**

The St. Charles County Council met on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 100 North Third Street, St. Charles, MO 63301.

Council Chair Hollander introduced Pastor Tom Wunderlich of Mid Rivers 7th Day Adventist Church who provided the invocation and Councilman Mike Elam led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following roll call was taken by the clerk:

Councilman Matt Swanson	present
Councilman Joe Brazil	present
Councilman Mike Elam	present
Councilman Dave Hammond	present
Councilman Terry Hollander	present
Councilwoman Nancy Schneider	present
Councilman Tim Baker	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 OR)
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PUBLIC COMMENTS)

Arnie Dienoff, O’Fallon resident, stated the Administration and Council were keeping information from him by not supplying Dienoff with weekly e-mail updates from the County’s lobbyists.

Dwain Jansen, County resident, questioned County spending on roads and park improvements. Jansen questioned what the \$12 million in upgrades to the 911 system would entail and cautioned the Council to spend wisely for the benefit of the taxpayer.

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

Steve Ehlmann, County Executive, acknowledged the passing of Mrs. Knowles who donated her land for Spring Bend Park. Ehlmann then yielded his time to John Greifzu, Assistant Director of Administration, who recognized the Parks Department, Horner and Shifrin, Inc., and Kuesel

Excavating Company, Inc. for their efforts at Oglesby Park. Greifzu noted the close partnership of the County, the designer and the contractor allowed for innovative and efficient problem solving. The park was completed in 5 months and the high quality of work resulted in 3 awards.

Ryan Graham, Director of Parks and Recreation, also presented the Park’s maintenance team: Wes Woods, Jake Trost, Jimmy Clemonds and Alan Emge who placed first at the Parks Maintenance Rodeo, a skills competition held at the Family Arena on January 11, that was hosted by the Missouri Park and Recreation Association.

IN THE MATTER OF)
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CONSENT AGENDA)

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

Councilman Swanson motioned to remove the bid for Jacobson Mowers, seconded by Councilman Brazil and unanimously approved.

Councilman Brazil motioned to remove the bid for Kinetic Park Improvements, seconded by Councilman Elam and unanimously approved.

Councilman Elam motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Councilman Hammond and approved by all present. The approved items are as follows:

Approval of Journal of the previous meeting –3-13-2023

Approval of Purchases

Highway

- Paint – Road and Thermoplastic Markings/Ennis Flint Inc./\$155,000.00
- Asphalt Overlay/E. Meier Contracting, Inc./\$2,715,562.16
- 2023 Concrete Removal and Replacement D/M & H Concrete Contractors, Inc./\$1,736,435.00
- Asphalt Surface Treatment/Innovative Roadway, LLC/\$632,551.50
- Plastic Pipe/Boehmer Brothers and Core and Main/\$102,500.00
- Corrugated Metal Pipe/Contech Engineered Solution LLC and Metal Culverts Inc./\$52,500.00
- Sand Aggregate and Crushed Stone/All Bidders: Central Stone (Fort Belle & Moscow Mills), Holcim, New Frontier Materials (North & New Melle), Big Creek Quarry, BMC Stone, Magruder Limestone, Mertens Quarry/\$100,000.00
- Tires/Multiple Bidders: Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., T&W Tire, Poms Tire Service/\$70,000.00
- Highway Department Vehicle Repairs/All Bidders: Clarke Power Services, Coe Equipment, Rush Truck Center, Truck Centers, Viking Cives, Bobcat STL, Broadway Ford Truck Sales, EJ Equipment, Environmental Products and Accessories, Heavy Duty, McCoy Construction and Forestry, Woody’s Municipal Supply/\$565,000.00

Information Systems – Fiber Mapping Solution/Software House International/\$56,160.00

Nominations and Appointments

Employee Activity Board

- Keisha Taylor – Corrections/filling a vacant position
- Michelle (Shelli) Dodson – Emergency Communications/filling a vacant position

- Chandler EuBank – Parks/filling a vacant position
- Developmental Disabilities Resource Board (DDRB)
- Bryon Hale, St. Charles City/reappointment/term expires 1-31-26
- Angie Rhodes, St. Charles County/reappointment/term expires 1-31-26
- Susan Sharp, St. Charles County/reappointment/term expires 1-31-26
- Missy Palitzsch, St. Charles/appointment/term expires 1-31-25/filling position held by Joseph Barton
- Daniel Dozier, St. Charles County/reappointment/term expires 1-31-25

Miscellaneous

Facilities – Change Order #5 – Energy Conservation Assessment Project/Schneider Electric Buildings Americas, Inc./\$16,908.00

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

Parks - Jacobson HR700 Mowers (2 Qty.)/Davis Equipment Co./\$218,345.44

Ryan Graham, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained these mowers are being purchased through the Omnia Partners Government Contract. He noted they are needed to replace older mowers and mow considerably more ground in less time. Graham stated the price of equipment has risen and explained they priced a smaller model which wouldn't have been available until 2024.

Councilman Brazil motioned to approve the item, seconded by Councilman Elam, with all in favor. The above item was approved.

Parks - Kinetic Park Phase 1 Park Improvements/Freise Construction Co./\$12,466,703.00

Graham addressed concerns on the cost of the project with a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted a new indoor facility with concessions, indoor pickleball courts, an e-sports auditorium and ranger headquarters. The existing building is being upgraded and shelters, playgrounds and climbing features are being added to the existing outdoor pump track and skate park. Graham stated the improvements would increase appeal for a larger demographic and dramatically increase park attendance.

Councilman Brazil stated the cost comes from the parks tax and can only be used on parks.

Councilman Swanson motioned to approve the item, seconded by Councilman Baker, with all in favor. The above item was approved.

IN THE MATTER OF)
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BILLS FOR FINAL PASSAGE)

Bill No. 5156 - Sponsored by Matt Swanson & Joe Brazil, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND MISSOURI GOVERNOR'S TRANSPORTATION

COST SHARE PROGRAM FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED TO REDUCE CONGESTION AT THE INTERCHANGE OF ROUTE I-64/I-70/US 61

There being no discussion, Council Chair Hollander requested the following roll call vote: Councilman Swanson – yes, Councilman Brazil – yes, Councilman Elam – yes, Councilman Hammond – yes, Councilman Hollander – yes, Councilwoman Schneider – yes, and Councilman Baker – yes. Bill No. 5156 was approved 7-0.

Bill No. 5157 - Sponsored by Terry Hollander, 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 2023 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)

There being no discussion, Council Chair Hollander requested the following roll call vote: Councilman Swanson – yes, Councilman Brazil – yes, Councilman Elam – yes, Councilman Hammond – yes, Councilman Hollander – yes, Councilwoman Schneider – yes, and Councilman Baker – yes. Bill No. 5157 was approved 7-0.

Bill No. 5158 - Sponsored by Terry Hollander, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A NURSING STUDENT AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND SCHOOL OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

There being no discussion, Council Chair Hollander requested the following roll call vote: Councilman Swanson – yes, Councilman Brazil – yes, Councilman Elam – yes, Councilman Hammond – yes, Councilman Hollander – yes, Councilwoman Schneider – yes, and Councilman Baker – yes. Bill No. 5158 was approved 7-0.

Bill No. 5159 - Sponsored by Terry Hollander, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A FIELD SITE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

There being no discussion, Council Chair Hollander requested the following roll call vote: Councilman Swanson – yes, Councilman Brazil – yes, Councilman Elam – yes, Councilman Hammond – yes, Councilman Hollander – yes, Councilwoman Schneider – yes, and Councilman Baker – yes. Bill No. 5159 was approved 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF)
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BILLS FOR INTRODUCTION)

Bill No. 5160 - Sponsored by Tim Baker, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 310.010, PROCEDURES FOR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY ROAD REGULATION POWERS, ORDINANCES OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY MISSOURI

Discussion was held with Councilmen Elam and Brazil questioning the approval process going around the Council and cutting out 1 public hearing. John Lyons, County Engineer, and Joann Leykam, Director of Administration, explained Council would still approve items via the consent agenda. The bill now includes language that allows the County Engineer to approve traffic calming measures and allows due process to a denied petitioner through the Council. The reason given for the changes was to speed up the process. It was clarified that municipal court would handle prosecution of cases.

Councilman Swanson stated he was not in favor of denying 2 public hearings and doesn't want to limit public access to the process. Lyons responded stating the new policy allows for a presentation on proposed changes to be given to affected subdivisions.

Bill No. 5161 - Sponsored by Council as a Whole, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED TO REDUCE CONGESTION ON I-70 BY CONSTRUCTING A NORTH OUTER ROAD EXTENSION AND RELOCATION OF RAMPS FROM ROUTE 94 TO ZUMBEHL ROAD.

Councilman Baker stated the County should not make a habit of financing MoDOT projects. The County Executive agreed noting this project has been in the works for nearly 2 years, but to keep that in mind for future projects. Councilman Elam stated the County is getting a good deal with contributing \$2 million towards a \$13 million project. Councilman Baker questioned when Muegge Rd. would be completed and Amanda Brauer, Director of Roads and Traffic, stated it would be complete by the end of the year.

Bill No. 5162 - Sponsored by Council as a Whole, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ACCEPT FROM THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ("OWD") OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ("DHEWD") TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) OF WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT ("WIOA") DISCRETIONARY FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE ST. CHARLES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO AT LEAST TEN (10) ELIGIBLE ADULT AND/OR DISLOCATED WORKERS

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)

Hearing none, Councilman Elam motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Hammond and approved by all present. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Examined and Approved

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Terry Hollander, Council Chair
St. Charles County, Missouri

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