St. Charles County Council Journal
Closed Meeting – April 27, 2020

The St. Charles County Council met on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 100 North Third Street, St. Charles, Missouri. Councilman Elam made a motion to go into Closed Meeting pursuant to State Statute RSMo 610.021 (1) and (2), seconded by Councilman Hammond. Council Chair Hollander requested the following roll call to go into the Closed Meeting: Councilman Joe Cronin – present, Councilman Joe Brazil – present, Councilman Mike Elam – present, Councilman Dave Hammond – present, Councilman Terry Hollander – present, Councilwoman Nancy Schneider – present, and Councilman John White – present.

Minutes of votes taken during the closed session are separately attached. Please note this portion of the minutes is currently a closed record pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) and (2) RSMo.

There being no further discussion, Councilman Elam made a motion to go back into Open Session, seconded by Councilman White and unanimously approved.

The Closed Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

St. Charles County Council Journal
Regular Meeting – April 27, 2020

The St. Charles County Council met on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 7:03 p.m. in the County Council Chambers, 100 North Third Street, St. Charles, Missouri. Councilman Elam gave an invocation and Councilman Cronin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following roll call was taken by the Clerk:

Council Member Joe Cronin    present
Council Member Joe Brazil   present
Council Member Mike Elam   present
Council Member Dave Hammond  present
Council Member Terry Hollander  present
Council Member Nancy Schneider  present
Council Member John White               present

County Executive Staff present:

    Steve Ehlmann, County Executive
    Joann Leykam, Director of Administration

County Counselor’s Office:

    John Watson, County Counselor
County Counselor, John Watson, explained that (pursuant to the County’s COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency) participation in this meeting would occur by electronic means or submitted written comment consistent with the agenda, and would be incorporated into the record. The Agenda stated:

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED THROUGH VIRTUAL PRESENCE LIVE VIA CHARTER SPECTRUM CHANNEL 993, THE COUNTY WEBSITE (https://tv.sccmo.org/CablecastPublicSite), OR OUR SCCMOTV YouTube CHANNEL

IN THE MATTER OF )
CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS )
BILLS FOR FINAL PASSAGE )

Bill No. 4835 - Sponsored by Joe Cronin - AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CUP20-01 FOR (1) OUTDOOR STORAGE OF BOATS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, AND (2) STORAGE OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND HEAVY MACHINERY (NEW AND USED) TO TMM WENTZVILLE, L.L.C., PROPERTY OWNER

Councilman Cronin stated his support of this request saying it is a perfect place for this use. Council Chair Hollander stated Exhibit C had been timely received and the Bill was ready to be voted on.

There being no further discussion, Council Chair Hollander 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 – yes, and Council Member White – yes. Bill No. 4835 was unanimously approved.

Amended Bill No. 4836 - Sponsored by Joe Cronin - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 17-070 GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CUP17-06 FOR A RURAL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY, AND A FACILITY FOR WEDDINGS, WEDDING RECEPTIONS, AND OTHER EVENTS, TO EDWARD AND TAMMI BARRIEAU, PROPERTY OWNERS

Councilman Cronin stated the amendment changed the closing time which brought it into line with other area businesses. Cronin cited increased employment at the venue, happy customers and the positive impact to everyone. Councilmember Hollander noted the owners go above and beyond requirements to make this venue successful.

There being no further discussion, Council Chair Hollander 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 – yes, and Council Member White – yes. Amended Bill No. 4836 was unanimously approved.

IN THE MATTER OF )
PUBLIC HEARING )

Council Chair Hollander opened the public hearing on the 2020 Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant Program.

There were no written comments, nor e-mail comments submitted regarding the Public Hearing and there being no additional speakers, Council Chair Hollander closed the public hearing.
IN THE MATTER OF  

PUBLIC COMMENTS  

Christian O’Donnell – via email submission, stated concerns about re-opening the economy on May 4th, and questioned an extension like St. Louis County. O’Donnell noted Missouri had not hit its peak, agreed some things could re-open but wanted further limitations on businesses where personal contact takes place, like hair salons and spas.

Anonymous, email submission, questioned if St. Charles County opening before St. Louis would draw St. Louis residents to our County and boost our COVID-19 cases.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ORAL REPORT  
FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE  

County Executive, Steve Ehlmann, reviewed the history of Executive Orders issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ehlmann stated the stay at home order had a positive impact on COVID-19 case numbers. Ehlmann stressed that letting business owners and the market determine who was an essential or non-essential business had a slightly better result in keeping people home than St. Louis County who mandated the issue. Ehlmann stated Governor Parson revealed today his Show-Me Strong Recovery Plan which will go into effect on May 4th and gives guidance for re-opening Missouri businesses. Ehlmann said that plan will apply to St. Charles County and he would amend any orders that are stricter than the Governor’s. Ehlmann encouraged social distancing and tele-commuting as a continued response to controlling spread of the virus.

Ehlmann clarified he is relaxing the Stay at Home order, not the quarantine order. Those infected with the virus should not leave home until they are well. He encouraged people to be responsible for protecting themselves and their families. The general good health of St. Charles County residents influenced his decision to re-open the County on May 4th.

Discussion was held concerning the low percentage of COVID testing in St. Charles County proportionate to our size, Councilman Cronin is concerned that we get our fair share of available tests. It was stated that 71,000 people have been tested in the state with nearly 11% testing positive. Councilman Brazil encouraged letting the true case/death rate numbers dictate reopening procedures. The County will post suggestions for re-opening businesses and other inquiries could be directed to the state’s website. It was agreed that social media will monitor restaurants and their safety procedures.

Director of Health, Demetrius Cianci-Chapman, reported that he couldn’t speculate on the asymptomatic population or likelihood of re-infection. Cianci-Chapman said some coronavirus can recur, but most you only get once. Chapman suspected the number of asymptomatic cases is quite high. Cianci-Chapman explained the antibody test indicates exposure and antibodies equip someone to better fight that virus in the future. The medical community is unsure how long the antibodies last in the body which will affect our ability to determine how many people had it.
IN THE MATTER OF       

CONSENT AGENDA       

Council Chair Hollander asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Cronin motioned to remove the following item, seconded by Councilman Elam and unanimously approved:

Parks and Recreation – Prof. Services - Youth Activity Park Re-Design and Development/Vireo Landscape Architecture, Planning, Design/$652,737.00

Discussion was held concerning cost and ability of our parks planners to contribute to this project. Councilmembers requested further explanation from John Greifzu and time to gather more information. Councilman Brazil motioned to table the item seconded by Councilman Cronin and unanimously approved.

Councilman Elam motioned to approve the consent agenda as modified, seconded by Councilman Hammond and unanimously approved. The following items were approved:

Approval of Journal of the previous meetings – 4-13-2020 meeting

Approval of Bids
Information Systems – Tyler Technologies Inc./Amendment 5 - Continuation of Software and Support through 2026/$1,280,123.73

Information Systems – Wide Area Network Connectivity/Spectrum/$168,660.00

Nominations and Appointments
Board of Zoning Adjustment – David Bauer and Vicki Larose/Uninc. St. Charles County/re-appointments/terms expire 4/30/2024

Merit System Commission - Delores Wetzel, City of St. Charles/re-appointment/term expires 4-30-2024

- Fred Henke, Uninc. St. Charles County/re-appointment/term expires 4-30-2024

Shared Leave Bank Committee - Captain Greg Ostermeyer - Police Department/re-appointment/term expires 2-8-2023

Miscellaneous
Finance – 2020 Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal
Highway – Change Order #1/Asphalt Overlay/E. Meier Contracting/$60,461.17
Registrar - Records Destruction Request/Registrar
- Records Destruction Request/Finance

IN THE MATTER OF       

BILLS FOR FINAL PASSGE       

Bill No. 4837 - Sponsored by: Joe Cronin - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI, BY REZONING LAND FROM A, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, TO RR, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AS PER APPLICATION RZ20-01
Councilman Cronin explained that because of the recently passed legislation regarding minor subdivisions and the resulting savings in cost, the applicant has requested this bill be withdrawn in favor of a redesigned 5+ acre lot subdivision that would result in less development, run-off, and congestion.

Councilman Cronin motioned to withdraw the bill with concurrence from Councilmembers Brazil, Elam, Hammond and White. Bill No. 4837 was withdrawn.

**Bill No. 4838** – Sponsored by Craig Tajkowski - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION’S STATE BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT, AMENDMENT #3, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT – PROJECT 16-111A-2, TO EXTEND THE PROJECT TIME PERIOD TO ALLOW FOR COMPLETION OF THE WORK FOR DESIGN RUNWAY ELECTRICAL LIGHTING SYSTEM REHABILITATION AND NEW VAULT AT ST. CHARLES COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT - SMARTT FIELD

There being no further discussion, Council Chair Hollander 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 – yes, and Council Member White – yes. Bill No. 4838 was unanimously approved.

**Bill No. 4839** – 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 FROM CAVE SPRINGS BOULEVARD TO FAIRGROUNDS ROAD

There being no further discussion, Council Chair Hollander 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 – yes, and Council Member White – yes. Bill No. 4839 was unanimously approved.

**Bill No. 4840** - Sponsored by Council as a Whole - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE FORM INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO USE THE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AT 1400 T R HUGHES BLV., O’FALLON, AS A CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS SITE

There being no further discussion, Council Chair Hollander 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 – yes, and Council Member White – yes. Bill No. 4840 was unanimously approved.

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**BILLS FOR INTRODUCTION**

**Bill No. 4842** - Sponsored by: Joe Cronin - AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE AND (1) APPROVING THE 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR
ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, IN ITS CAPACITY AS AN URBAN COUNTY FOR FY
2017-2019 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 2020
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Bill No. 4843 - Sponsored by: Terry Hollander - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 115.710
OF THE ORDINANCES OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI (“OSCCMo”) CONCERNING
THE PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION PLAN AND AMENDING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR A
POSITION WITHIN THE ST. CHARLES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS

Bill No. 4844 - Sponsored by: Terry Hollander - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION
OF THE PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM LANDOWNER AGREEMENT
AND ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS UP TO THE AMOUNT OF $6,686.07 FROM THE U.S. FISH
AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN A WILDLIFE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM ON LAND OWNED BY ST. CHARLES COUNTY AND MANAGED BY THE PARKS
AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Councilman White and Cronin noted the benefits of this program and were glad to see our Parks
Department find these funds.

Bill No. 4845 - Sponsored by: Terry Hollander - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY
EXECUTIVE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN ST. CHARLES COUNTY AND THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND READING OF TUBERCULOSIS SKIN TESTS (“TST”) AND
FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SPECIFIED VACCINATIONS TO DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

IN THE MATTER OF

TABLED BILLS

There were no bills removed from the table.

IN THE MATTER OF
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Hammond discussed employee turnover rate in the Highway Department/Maintenance
Division and requested the Executive’s Office address the issue. Director of Administration, Joann
Leykam, stated she would gather more information and discuss with the Director of Human Resources.
Leykam noted recent increased capabilities of the HR Department to find competitive salaries.

Councilman Brazil requested additional police enforcement along Hwy 94 in Defiance due to heavy crowds on the weekends.

Councilman Cronin recognized Officer Bush, an Air Force veteran who recently passed away, and served 50 years with the STC Police Department. Cronin also recognized Orville “Ozzie” Maher a WWII veteran of the Air Corps, O’Fallon City Treasurer, officer for Bank of O’Fallon and an active member of the to the O’Fallon community who also recently passed away.

Councilman Elam recommended personal responsibility and good judgement with regards to safety when businesses re-open and cautioned the public put the COVID-19 numbers in perspective to average mortality rates.

There being no further discussion, Council Chair Hollander requested a motion to adjourn. Councilman Elam motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman White and unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Examined and Approved

Terry Hollander, Council Chair
St. Charles County, Missouri