St. Charles County Council Journal  
Special Meeting of the County Council – May 7, 2020

The St. Charles County Council met on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Council Chambers, 100 North Third Street, St. Charles, Missouri.

The following roll call was taken by the Clerk:

- Council Member Joe Cronin: absent
- Council Member Joe Brazil: absent at roll – arrived at 10:01 a.m.
- Council Member Mike Elam: absent
- 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
- Jennifer George, Assistant Director of Administration
- John Greifzu, Assistant Director of Administration

County Counselor’s Office:

- John Watson, County Counselor

IN THE MATTER OF

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council Chair Hollander opened public comments. He requested comments be limited to three minutes per speaker with three alternating pro and con positions on any particular topic. He also requested that anyone who addressed the Council fill out a speaker’s card for the record prior to the start of the meeting.

Arnie C. AC Dienoff, County resident shared his frustrations with the County buildings being closed to the public and public comments not being read out loud during Planning and Zoning Commission meetings. Dienoff opposed the spending of CARES Act money to update County buildings.

There being no additional speakers, Public Comments was closed.

Council Chair Hollander explained the reason for this meeting was to address two contracts relating to the Corrections Department and requested an overview from Asst. Director of Administration, John Greifzu. Greifzu explained DLR and Landmark Contract Management worked on the feasibility study that was approved in late 2019 and understands the complete layout of the Corrections Department. Greifzu also explained the urgency with these two contracts is because to be able to qualify for funding...
through the CARES Act, all funding requests must be submitted by December 30, 2020 otherwise the funding after that date becomes a loan with a 1% interest payback. Greifzu pointed out the need to update these areas and other County building areas in the future is to keep employees safe from the heavy public areas. Areas in the Corrections Department to be upgraded at this point is the Booking/In-Take area, Replacing Doors, updating the Medical area and the Kitchen/Storage area.

Council Member Brazil shared his concerns with both contracts. Brazil questioned DLR’s qualifications in working on correctional facilities. Chris Ramsdall, Facilities Management Director explained DLR had design several correctional facilities around the country and is very qualified. Brazil pointed out Landmark Contract Management has not worked on any correctional facilities. Brazil pointed out Landmark’s purpose would be to provide an independent construction manager to lookout for the County’s best interest due to the lack of personnel currently in the Facilities Management Department. Brazil stated his concerns regarding Landmark and was not in support of their contract and did not understand why there was such urgency with this particular contract.

Dan Keen, Director of the St. Charles County Corrections Department gave an overview of how important it is to have the upgrades to the jail especially now that the health of employees and inmates are at risk due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brazil made a motion to amend the Consent Agenda and remove the Professional Services with Landmark Contract Management for $305,000 until the Administration can bid it out with Council Member Schneider being available in the bid process. There was no second to Council Member Brazil’s motion. The motion dropped.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Chair Hollander requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Council Member White made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Schneider and approved by a vote of 4 yes and 1 no with 2 members absent. The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

**Miscellaneous**

**Corrections** – Professional Services - Adult Detention Center Construction Management Services/ Landmark Contract Management/$305,000.00
– Professional Services – Adult Detention Center Design Services/DLR Group, Inc./$305,720.00

*Editor’s Note: Council Member Brazil left the meeting at 11:07 a.m.*

Council Member White complimented the County Executive on his recent interviews with Donnybrook and others related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council Chair Hollander stated the next four Council Meetings beginning with May 11, 2020 will be held at the St. Peters Justice Center, 1020 Grand Teton Drive, St. Peters as their facility is larger and citizens can be better served.
There being no further discussion, Council Member Hollander made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Hammond and approved by all present. The meeting ended at 11:08 a.m.

Examined and Approved

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Terry Hollander, Council Chair
/djv St. Charles County, Missouri