St. Charles County Council Journal
Regular Meeting – May 11, 2020

The St. Charles County Council met on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Peters Justice Center, 1020 Grand Teton Drive, St. Peters, Missouri. The location has been changed for the meetings in May and June, 2020 to allow for social distancing requirements related to COVID-19. Jeremy Mount with First Assembly Church gave the invocation and Councilman Brazil 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
- 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

Arnie C. AC Dienoff, O’Fallon resident commented on how past Council meetings were closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was glad the meetings will now be open to the public. Dienoff shared concerns regarding public comments as it relates to Council meeting minutes.

IN THE MATTER OF

ORAL REPORT

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive Steve Ehlmann shared information regarding the opening of businesses in St. Charles County as restrictions are being lifted. Ehlmann explained approximately 40% - 50% of businesses in St. Charles County are now opening and receiving customers with everyone showing respect with social distancing. Ehlmann stated most of the COVID-19 deaths in St. Charles
County have been related to nursing homes and introduced St. Charles County Public Health Department Director Demetrius Cianci-Chapman to give more information. Cianci-Chapman reviewed the numbers of positive and negative tests and explained 75% of the deaths are from congregate care facilities. Cianci-Chapman displayed a chart of a downward trend and the focus of the Public Health Department will be to address the pandemic in the congregate care facilities. Cianci-Chapman relayed information regarding testing as all test results from the Public Health Department must go through the State Lab. All tests must meet the State’s criteria of the following: Close contact with someone already infected, health care and/or emergency workers, congregate care patient, hospitalized or high risk from negative health. Cianci-Chapman stated patients must have symptoms before any testing can be performed.

Council Member Cronin questioned why St. Charles County residents have to show signs of the virus when the State Health Director shared information that 7,000 tests can be performed every day. Discussion was held regarding the amount of testing state-wide and if the numbers previously given were accurate. County Executive Steve Ehlmann stated he was going to be speaking with Governor Parsons on Tuesday and will inquire about the testing and respond back to the Council. Cronin was thankful and noted he has receive a lot of inquiries from his constituents related to an infected individual at the Wentzville Post Office.

County Executive Steve Ehlmann stated he had recently spoken with St. Peters Mayor Len Pagano and thanked him for the use of the Justice Center for the County Council meetings. Ehlmann noted at this point with the COVID-19 pandemic, he would not want to turn people away from attending Council meetings held at the County Executive Building at 100 North Third Street. Council Chair Hollander also noted his appreciation for the use of the facility.

Council Member Hammond made a motion to amend the Agenda and bring up Resolution 20-03 for discussion. Council Member Elam seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

IN THE MATTER OF

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 20-03 – Sponsored Council as a Whole – A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING RETIRED POLICE SERGEANT JOHN BUSH FOR HIS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO ST. CHARLES COUNTY

Council Member Hammond invited Sergeant Bush’s two children up to receive the resolution. Hammond shared that Sergeant Bush was very kind and pleasant and wouldn’t want to make him angry as he was extremely good at his job. The Bush family thanked the Council for the support and relayed that the other two family members were watching the meeting live. Council Member Schneider shared a personal story regarding Sergeant Bush and congratulated the family on such a fine man.

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. Resolution No. 20-03 was unanimously approved.
IN THE MATTER OF

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Chair Hollander asked if anyone had any item to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Council Member White made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Elam and unanimously approved. The approved items are as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA
Approval of Journal of the previous meetings – 4-27-2020 Mtg. and 5-7-2020 Special Mtg.
Approval of Bids
Emergency Communications – Dispatch Service Plan, 5-yr Contract/Priority Dispatch $138,970.00
Assessor – Actifio Backup Solution Maintenance/Actifio/$77,190.84
Nominations and Appointments
Miscellaneous
Council - Change the dates of the regular mtg. of May 26, 2020 to May 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Highway - Change Order #4 – HR Green, Inc./David Hoekel Parkway #3/$43,585.11
- Change Order #2 – Spencer Contracting Co./S. River Rd. Sidewalk and Pavement/$13,864.34
Recorder of Deeds – Professional Services/Land and Vitals Software/Fidlar Technologies $529,600.00

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

Parks and Recreation – Prof. Services - Youth Activity Park Re-Design and Development/Vireo Landscape Architecture, Planning, Design/$652,737.00 (Removed 4-27-2020)

Council Member Brazil made a motion to discuss the Parks and Recreation Professional Services Contract for the Youth Activity Park, seconded by Council Member Elam. Council Member Cronin shared his concerns with the cost of the redesign and the various aquatic features being considered for this park and the cost to maintain all of this in the future. Cronin stated he would like to see this item stay tabled. Council Member Brazil questioned the Parks and Recreation Director Ryan Graham on the Park’s 5-year plan. Graham announced the 5 year plan will be presented to the Council soon and noted that both the redesign of the Youth Activity Park and the work being proposed for New Melle Lakes Park was within the 5 year plan presented to the Council in 2018. Graham noted the goal for the Youth Activity Park is to attract more families. Council Members Brazil, Elam and White stated they supported this item. Council Member Cronin noted that he is appreciative and proud of the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department, however does not feel this is a good use of taxpayer dollars and noted he would not be supporting it.

There being no further discussion and there was already a motion and a second, the item passed by a vote of 6-1.

IN THE MATTER OF

BILLS FOR FINAL PASSGE
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

There being no 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. 4842 was unanimously approved.


There being no 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. 4843 was unanimously approved.

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

There being no 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. 4844 was unanimously approved.

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
There being no 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. 4845 was unanimously approved.

IN THE MATTER OF

BILLS FOR INTRODUCTION

Bill No. 4846 – Sponsored by Nancy Schneider – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI, BY REZONING LAND FROM A, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, WITH FLOODWAY AND FLOODWAY FRINGE OVERLAY DISTRICTS, TO RIVERFRONT DISTRICT, WITH FLOODWAY AND FLOODWAY FRINGE OVERLAY DISTRICTS, AS PER APPLICATION RZ20-03

Council Member Schneider indicated this rezoning request is in her district and she had reviewed the minutes from the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Schneider pointed out the property sits on 55 acres which is currently zoned as agricultural. Schneider stated with the rezoning to Riverfront District, it would allow the property to have a marina, boat storage, camping and other miscellaneous things related to boating similar to neighboring properties. Schneider urged the Council to consider this request favorably.

Bill No. 4847 – Sponsored by Council as a Whole – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT, FEDERAL PROJECT STP-5410(631), WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO 80 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE COSTS UP TO A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF $1,130,000 FOR WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE OVERLAY AND SIDEWALK ADDITION ON ROUTE N BETWEEN MID RIVERS MALL DRIVE AND MOTHERHEAD ROAD

Bill No. 4848 – Sponsored by Council as a Whole – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT, FEDERAL PROJECT STP-5424(638), WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO 80 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE COSTS UP TO A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF $900,000 FOR ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION, SHOULDERS AND SIDEWALK ALONG INTERSTATE DRIVE FROM PROSPECT ROAD TO THE ENTRANCE OF QUAIL RIDGE PARK

Bill No. 4849 – Sponsored by Terry Hollander – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 19-108 FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE BUDGET OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MISSOURI RESEARCH PARK

Council Member Cronin thanked County Counselor John Watson for all of the work that went into the Missouri Research Park area projects. Cronin pointed out the businesses and citizens will now have good roadways and a wonderful golf course and park. Watson thanked the Councilman and noted the lease payments on the golf course have been promptly received each quarter.
Bill No. 4850 – Sponsored by Terry Hollander – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 760 “CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND”; ACCEPTING THE AWARD OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI IN THE AMOUNT OF $47,165,202; AND AMENDING THE 2020 BUDGET ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 19-108, AS AMENDED, TO REFLECT ACCEPTANCE OF SAID FUNDS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TO EXPEND SUCH

County Executive Steve Ehlmann stated the check from the CARES Act has been received and the numbers within the bill are their best estimate. Ehlmann pointed out as time moves on there will probably be a bill before the Council to move some of the money from one category to another. Council Member Cronin pointed out that St. Charles County Council and County Executive work together allocating these funds, unlike neighboring counties where it is the decision of the County Executive to allocate the funds. Cronin stated that some elected officials in cities within District 1 had inquired about the use of some of the CARES Act funds. Ehlmann responded by saying there is a $5,000,000-line item for reimbursements to St. Charles County municipalities as it relates to costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Director of Administration Joann Leykam noted the city administrators have been contacted and are aware the bill will not be final until the end of May, 2020.

IN THE MATTER OF

TABLED BILLS

There were no bills removed from the table.

IN THE MATTER OF
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
MISCELLANEOUS

Council Member Elam stated it was a pleasure to hold the Council meeting in the St. Peters Justice Center and thanked the City Mayor for allowing the County to us it.

Council Member Brazil stated the weather is getting better and the weekends in the Defiance area are packed with people going to the parks and the wineries and requested additional police presence. Brazil noted everyone has been respectful of social distancing.

Council Member Hammond also thanked the City of St. Peters for allowing the County Council to hold their meetings in the St. Peters Justice Center.

Council Chair Hollander reminded the audience that the next County Council meeting would be Monday, May 25th, however that being Memorial Day, the meeting is pushed to the following day which would be May 26th, however the St. Peters Justice Center is not available on that day so the next County Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further discussion, Council Chair Hollander requested a motion to adjourn. Councilman Elam motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Hammond and unanimously approved.
The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Examined and Approved

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Terry Hollander, Council Chair
St. Charles County, Missouri

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