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.secomo.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 TAMI 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/term expires 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 PASSAGE

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 BLVD., 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. 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
COVID-19 Orders

ST. CHARLES COUNTY
Existing St. Charles County Executive Orders

- **March 16** – Prohibiting gatherings of 50 or more in a single indoor space or enclosure for recreational, social or entertainment purposes.

- **March 17** – Prohibiting on-premises consumption of food or drink in all places of public accommodation and requiring appropriate health and safety protections, including social distancing techniques.

- **March 19** – Prohibiting gatherings of 10 or more in a single indoor space or enclosure for recreational, social or entertainment purposes and requiring appropriate health and safety protections, including social distancing techniques.

- **March 23** – Prohibiting county residents to leave their home or surrounding property except to engage in (a) employment or (b) activities they deem essential to their physical, mental and spiritual well-being, while ordering all businesses to enforce social distancing.
Existing **State of Missouri** Executive Orders

- **April 6** – Ordering non-essential businesses to close and placing limitations on how many customers can be in an essential business at one time and imposing the 10-person limit on all social gatherings.

- **April 16** – Extending state stay-at-home order through May 4, 2020.

- **April 27** – Adoption, effective May 4, 2020, of Show-Me Strong Recovery Plan: Phase I to reopen Missouri’s economy.
Summary of Show-Me Strong Recovery Plan: Phase I

- Social distancing enforcement will remain in effect – residents must stay 6 feet apart.
  - This provision does **not** apply to family members or individuals performing job duties that require contact with other people closer than 6 feet.
    - Individuals performing job duties that require contact with other people closer than 6 feet should take enhanced precautionary measures to mitigate the risks of contracting or spreading COVID-19.
- The social distancing requirement applies to barber and cosmetology shops, hair salons, and tattoo parlors.
- Gyms and hotel swimming pools are to adhere to strict sanitation protocols.
Restaurants

- May offer dining-in services, provided that the limitations on social distancing and other precautionary public health measures, including proper spacing of at least 6 feet between tables and lack of communal seating areas to parties that are not connected, are properly adhered to.
- Continued use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is encouraged.

Places of worship

- Social distancing required; places of worship are allowed to hold in-person services. Common practices that may occur, such as hand shaking should be avoided; also encouraged to continue use of alternative means of services through streaming services and other opportunities.

- Locations and events such as movie theaters, weddings, school graduations must adhere to social distancing requirements.
Groups and activities such as fraternal organizations and youth sports camps must adhere to social distancing, and are encouraged to make changes to their programs in response to the current environment.

Role of local public health authorities remains the same from the previous/current health order.

Guidance regarding retail stores, grocery stores, and childcare also are carried over from the previous/current health order.

Businesses/employers should encourage continued use of teleworking where feasible, encourage workers/citizens to do their part by living a healthy lifestyle.
Positive Case Counts by Date Reported to St. Charles County Department of Public Health

- **03/13/2020**: County declared State of Emergency
- **03/16/2020**: Prohibited gatherings of 50 or more
- **03/17/2020**: Closure of places of public accommodation; restaurants, bars, coffee places, etc.

- **3/24/20**: St. Charles County Stay-at-Home Order
- **4/7/20**: 14 days after St. Charles County Stay-at-Home Order.

The above is the number of cases reported to the DPH. The trendline is a 14-day moving average.
The above graph shows the number of close or household contacts to a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case. Only contacts that reside in St. Charles County are represented above, contacts to St. Charles County cases are sent to their respective jurisdiction for follow up and are not represented in the graph. Contacts that live in St. Charles County may have had an exposure with a case that lives in any county or state.
### St. Charles County Mobility Report – 4/11/2020

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**Change from 4/5**
- Workplace: -1%
- Retail & Recreation: -0%
- Workplace: +2%

**St. Louis County**

- Workplace: -39% compared to baseline
- Retail & recreation: -49% compared to baseline

**St. Charles County**

- Workplace: -39% compared to baseline
- Retail & recreation: -50% compared to baseline
RIVER CROSSING % REDUCTION IN TRAFFIC VOLUMES

-70%
-60%
-50%
-40%
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-20%
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- State of Emergency
- Executive Order 20-02
- Food & Beverage and Social Gatherings (50 or less) Restriction
- Executive Orders 20-03 and 20-04
- Voluntary Stay-at-Home
- Executive Order 20-06
- Missouri State-wide Stay-at-Home Order
- Missouri State-wide Stay-at-Home Order Extended to May 3

RIVER CROSSING % REDUCTION IN TRAFFIC VOLUMES
Contact Tracing and Quarantine Orders

- St. Charles County Department of Public Health has conducted contact tracing on COVID-19 positive individuals since March 18 when staff became aware of the first positive test.
  - Stay-at-Home orders apply to everyone.
  - Quarantine Orders apply to infected individuals or someone known to have been in close contact with infected individual.
  - Contacts could be from one or two to dozens and all are interviewed.
  - Until more testing is available, contact tracing is a critical component to reassure our citizens that everything possible is being done to make sure those who are infected continue to stay at home.
Thank You