

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was convened by Chairman Stellato at 7:42 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Chair. Stellato, Ald. Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner, Bancroft, Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, and Lewis

3. Omnibus Vote

Budget Transfers Revision – April 2015

Budget Transfers Revision – August 2015

Motion by Ald. Krieger, second by Bancroft to approve the omnibus items as presented.

Voice Vote: Unanimous; Nays: None. Chrmn. Stellato did not vote as Chairman. **Motion carried.**

Chrmn. Stellato: I know a lot of people are here tonight for item 7a. What I'd like to do is ask if it's okay with the Council if we move that up to the top and discuss that first? Does anyone have an objection to that?

Ald. Turner: I do.

Chrmn. Stellato: Anyone else? What's your preference, your concern?

Ald. Turner: I would like to make everybody aware of the money we're going to spend this evening on these vehicles in relation to a few other things that are coming up.

Chrmn. Stellato: I'll ask the other Council members and if there's an objection we'll go in the order of the agenda. Is that okay, or would you rather see it go to item 7a first?

Ald. Lewis: I'm fine with 7a first.

Ald. Payleitner: I second.

Chrmn. Stellato: Let's note it for the record so that Alderman Turner is satisfied that we're going to be spending a lot of money on vehicles. For anybody's edification you can go to the website and find out how much we're spending. What's the total dollar amount?

Ald. Turner: \$116,000.00 plus.

Chrmn. Stellato: So in order for the record, we will move item 7a to the top but we know that we're spending \$117,000.00 on vehicles.

Ald. Turner: Very good.

Chrmn. Stellato: Thank you Alderman Turner. Item 7a is now item 4a and we will begin our discussion from staff regarding a presentation of an Ordinance to permit video gaming.

7. Mayor's Office

a. Presentation of an Ordinance to Permit Video Gaming.

Mark Koenen: Good evening. As a follow-up from the last two Government Operations Committee meeting discussions on video gaming we were directed to prepare an ordinance for your consideration. That was included in the packet on Friday afternoon. I trust everyone has had the opportunity to look at it. I thought maybe as a precursor to any questions or comments that may be offered that we walk through and I will highlight some of the high points of the ordinance for your benefit.

First of all, under Section 2, the first section of the ordinance deals with repealing the prohibition on video gaming that the City Council passed a number of years ago in 2010. That would be the first action included in this ordinance. If you move forward to Section 3 there are some definitions. The first definition, under licensed establishments, deals with three different types of establishments:

1. Those that include the sale of alcohol. That does not include packaged goods it includes those that are poured and served in an establishment.
2. Licensed fraternal establishments.
3. Licensed Veterans establishments. When I say licensed that's under the State of Illinois definition of licensed as a national organization.

It's important and that's what we're including in the ordinance here in the City of St. Charles. All of this work is consistent with State Law that was passed in 2010 which allows for the establishment of video gaming in the City of St. Charles. If you move down to section 5.09.020 that deals with "Video Gaming Allowed", this gives more detail of the St. Charles Municipal Code in terms of liquor licenses which would need to be attached for a video gaming license to be obtained. These are what we call classes B, C and D liquor licenses. A better definition of that infers that the class B license is known as a restaurant as the primary purpose for which they exist. Class C, the primary purpose is for a bar/saloon, that's directly out of our Municipal Code. Class D, are some very specific licenses and go with some prime locations in St. Charles mainly Pheasant Run, hotels in general, country clubs, The Arcada, Q-Center and Steel Beam Theater.

If you go to the next page of the ordinance we talk about application requirements. This deals with what I'll call the process rules. If you are a video gaming establishment in the City of St. Charles and you'd like to get a license from the City; this defines what you need to submit to the City of St. Charles for consideration. Our Chief of Police is accepting those applications.

You have to have the classic information, such as, name, address, one key piece of information is you are required to have a State of Illinois Gaming License before you apply to the City of St. Charles. Evidence of that along with our application need to be included in your package.

In the next section which is referred to as 5.09.050 is the term of the license. As are all of our licenses in the City of St. Charles they have a term of 1 year. That term expires on April 30th. If you apply for and get your license on May 1 of the prior year that license automatically expires the following year on April 30th. If by chance you apply on March 1st that license expires on April 30th.

In the next section 5.09.060, we're dealing with annual license fees and how that's handled. The staff is proposing that it will be \$1,000.00 initial application fee and if you come back to the City as a renewal it would be half that amount, \$500.00. This is consistent with how we currently deal with liquor licensing. It's two times the renewal amount for your initial review by the City of St. Charles. Additionally, there is also a \$100.00 fee for each video gaming terminal that you choose to have in your facility. Please recall that any given establishment has a choice to have up to a maximum of five video gaming terminals in their facility. If you have five gaming terminals you pay the City \$500.00, if you have a lesser number than that you pay the corresponding fee at \$100.00 per unit rate.

Section 5.09.070, Conditions of the License, first of all you have to be twenty-one years old to use the adult activity. If you are visibly intoxicated you are not to be permitted in that particular area and there needs to be appropriate signage in the location for all users to see. In paragraph C, we talk a little bit about how the liquor license and the video gaming license are really connected. For example you find yourself as a restaurant in the City of St. Charles where your liquor license, for whatever reason, may be suspended. That also takes your video gaming license as well. Video gaming and alcohol licenses are linked at the hip. You can't have one without the other in this particular case.

Moving on to Section 5.09.080, Violations and Penalties, first of all we make reference to the code in a particular section which defines fees in terms of sanctions, if there is any discipline applied by the City of St. Charles, one remedy is a penalty in the range of \$100.00 - \$750.00 for each violation and for each day it is present. Additionally, the City of St. Charles has the opportunity to follow the adjudication process, which we have active in the City of St. Charles, and will also have the section of the code to refer this to the Liquor Commission to hear the problem and pass out discipline accordingly as well.

Section 4 of the proposed code, deals with conditions for receiving a license, what we have done and I should acknowledge what I call the Video Gaming Team, I've been working with Police Chief Jim Keegan, John McGuirk our City Attorney and Chris Minick our Finance Director as we put this together. In reviewing codes from other municipalities what we understood is that the City of St. Charles can put some conditions in place to limit how they operate. For example, we require you to hold a liquor license for a minimum of 1 year and be in full operation with regular hours before you can apply for a video gaming permit. As you recall, the motion that was approved was to direct staff to prepare this ordinance and indicated that you had to have a

liquor license and be in good standing with the City of St. Charles. It seemed appropriate that you could not apply for a video gaming license in the City of St. Charles until you at least have one year of experience and the City could consider whether you have satisfied that criteria.

Section 6 of the proposed ordinance deals with another condition that was in the motion from the last Government Operations Committee meeting. It deals with sunset clause on this ordinance. The suggestion was that the term of this sunset clause would be for 5 years. We've indicated that this ordinance would automatically be repealed on April 30, 2020 unless the City Council should choose to extend it. That consideration would take place prior to that April 30, 2020 date.

Those are the highlights as I see it but there are a couple of other things I'd like to address. One has to do with some conversation that came up last time. I think it was Alderman Lewis who brought it up, it had to do with Will County. There was an article in the newspaper, and I know I sent it to all of you, about how Will County is trying to get rid of video gaming. We had some contacts with Will County and we had the opportunity to have a telephone conversation with their Deputy Liquor Commissioner who is also the attorney for the Executor. We asked him what the circumstances were that dealt with trying to place a prohibition on video gaming? He said that when the State of Illinois passed video gaming, for municipalities, like us, or in this particular case like Will County, they had the choice to prohibit video gaming. Will County took no action. He said, quite frankly, that some of the people in Will County just got their State Video Gaming permit. More recently there was a proposal on the table to take video gaming out of Will County. To that effect the conversation with the County Board was to only deal with video gaming moving ahead. The conversation was never to get rid of video gaming that is here today. They were looking ahead. That was really helpful information.

We spoke with the Illinois Gaming Board with regard to the concept of the Sunset Clause; the ability to say we want to try video gaming in the City of St. Charles and if we don't like it; it automatically goes away in 2020. The information we received is that the City of St. Charles is a homerule community, if you choose to have the Sunset Clause, it's your choice and because you have acknowledged that date, with a potential approval of the ordinance, giving everyone very fair notice that it could go away, should give everyone, operators, establishments, lenders of the gaming equipment that knowledge today that it could go away in 2020, which gives a bit more latitude than if it was done after the fact.

The other thing I wanted to share was that House Bill 259, that's where the State legislature was looking to give more authority to local agencies like us, like Kane County who allow video gaming, and giving the control to the local party to determine what their fate is. There has been no legislative action taken on that. What I've learned from some of our representatives in Springfield is that they're so bogged down with the budget they're not dealing with anything else. No action. With that I will stop. If there are any questions either I or the team will try to answer.

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Krieger recommending denial of the video gaming ordinance that was prepared and advanced on to City Council with a caveat that if reversed at Council, it returns to this committee for further review and revision.

Chrmn. Stellato: To clarify the motion is to deny the ordinance as presented, it would then move up to Council, if it was successful as a negative motion, and if it were reversed it would come back to this committee for further discussion.

Ald. Payleitner: Correct.

Roll Call: Ayes: Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis, Silkaitis, Payleitner; Nays: Turner, Bancroft, Lemke. Chrmn. Stellato did not vote as Chair. **Motion carried.**

Chrmn. Stellato: Motion carries 6 to 3; it goes up to the City Council in a couple of weeks as a negative recommendation.

Thank you to staff and everyone in the audience that's been patient. Stay tuned, it will be up to the full City Council in a couple of weeks.

4. City Administrator's Office

- a. Presentation of a Resolution Accepting a Gift of the "If I Could But Fly" Sculpture from the River Corridor Foundation.
- b. Presentation of a Resolution Accepting a Gift of the "Reflections" Sculpture from the River Corridor Foundation, St. Charles Arts Council in cooperation with the Downtown St. Charles Partnership.

Mark Koenen: If the Committee will allow I'm going to put items a. and b. together. If I Could But Fly is the sculpture that was placed behind Brownstones about a year ago. We also have the sculpture here on the municipal campus, Reflections, that was dedicated about two weeks ago. Both are gifts to the City of St. Charles and I would request that we graciously accept them into our art collection and give great acclaim and thanks to everyone who participated in making it possible.

Motion by Ald. Krieger, second by Ald. Bessner to accept the Sculpture "If I Could But Fly" from the River Corridor Foundation and the Sculpture "Reflections" from the River Corridor Foundation and St. Charles Art Council in cooperation with the Downtown St. Charles Partnership as gifts to the City of St. Charles.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Chrmn. Stellato did not vote as Chairman. **Motion carried.**

5. Inventory Control

- a. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Items of Personal Property Owned by the City of St. Charles (Miscellaneous).

Mike Shortall: I'm seeking approval to sell the listed City owned property and equipment via Public Surplus Online Auction service. This would be sold to the highest bidder using Publicsurplus.com.

Motion by Ald. Krieger, second by Ald. Silkitis to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Items of Personal Property Owned by the City of St. Charles (Miscellaneous).

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Chrmn. Stellato did not vote as Chairman. **Motion carried.**

- b. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to Approve the Award of a 2016 Ford F250 Pickup Truck/7.5" Boss Superduty Snow Plow to Zimmerman Ford, and Awarding Sauber Mfg. Company to Remount and Recondition old Cap to New Truck, Approve Selling Replaced 2003 F-350 SD Vehicle #1960.

Mike Shortall: I'm seeking approval to purchase a 2016 F250 Ford Pickup Truck with Plow to the low bidder and local business Zimmerman Ford. Sauber Manufacturing a local retail company will work with Zimmerman to recondition and remount the old cap off of the old vehicle and mount it to the new vehicle. This vehicle has been approved through the City Fleet Committee and passed budget. Finally, I'm seeking approval to sell the replaced vehicle #1960 2003 F350 Ford Pickup via Public Surplus Online auction service.

Motion by Ald. Krieger, second by Ald. Gaugel to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to Approve the Award of a 2016 Ford F250 Pickup Truck/7.5" Boss Superduty Snow Plow to Zimmerman Ford, and Awarding Sauber Mfg. Company to Remount and Recondition old Cap to New Truck, Approve Selling Replaced 2003 F-350 SD Vehicle #1960.

Roll Call: Ayes: Turner, Bancroft, Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis, Payleitner, None. Abstain: Silkitis. Chrmn. Stellato did not vote as Chair. **Motion carried.**

- c. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to Approve the Award of a 2016 Ford F-350 Pick-Up Truck, With Knapheide Service Body Modifications and 8' Boss Superduty Snowplow, to Currie Motors Frankfort, Inc., and Sell Replaced 2003 Ford F-350 SD Vehicle #1940.

Mike Shortall: On behalf of the Public Works Department I'm seeking the approval to purchase a 2016 F350 Ford Pickup with kanpheide service body and plow from the low bidder the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Currie Motors. This vehicle has been approved through the Public Works Fleet Committee and also through budget. Finally, I'm seeking approval to sell the replaced vehicle #1940 2003 F350 Ford pickup via Publicsurplus.com.

Motion by Ald. Turner, second by Ald. Krieger to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to Approve the Award of a 2016 Ford F-350 Pick-Up Truck, With Knapheide Service Body Modifications and 8' Boss Superduty Snowplow, to Currie Motors Frankfort, Inc., and Sell Replaced 2003 Ford F-350 SD Vehicle #1940.

Roll Call: Ayes: Turner, Bancroft, Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis, Silkitis, Payleitner.

Nays: None. Chrmn. Stellato did not vote as Chair. **Motion carried.**

- d. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to Approve the Award of a 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe to Currie Motors Fleet and Approve Selling Replaced 2004 Ford Expedition Vehicle #1805.

Mike Shortall: On behalf of the St. Charles Fire Department I am seeking approval to purchase a 2016 Chevy Tahoe from the low bidder Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Currie Motors. This vehicle has been approved through the City Fleet Committee and approved through budget. I am also seeking approval to sell the replacement vehicle #1805 a 2004 Ford Expedition through Public Surplus.

Motion by Ald. Krieger, second by Ald. Gaugel to approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of St. Charles to Approve the Award of a 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe to Currie Motors Fleet and Approve Selling Replaced 2004 Ford Expedition Vehicle #1805.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Chrmn. Stellato did not vote as Chairman. **Motion carried.**

6. Police Department

- a. Recommendation to approve a massage establishment license for Still Waters Spa, LLC to be located at 2075 Prairie Street, St. Charles.

Chief Keegan: Before you this evening is a recommendation to approve a massage establishment license for Still Waters Spa, LLC to be located at 2075 Prairie Street, St. Charles. This is a masseuse that is currently employed at this establishment currently operating as Oriental Massage the masseuse wants to take ownership of the establishment. Currently the City licenses the establishments and the State licenses the Masseuse. A detective was assigned this background investigation and did a site visit. I'm happy to report that all the paperwork and the site was in compliance.

Motion by Ald. Turner, second by Ald. Bancroft to approve a massage establishment license for Still Waters Spa, LLC to be located at 2075 Prairie Street, St. Charles.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Chrmn. Stellato did not vote as Chairman. **Motion carried.**

- b. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 5 "Business Licenses and Regulations", Section 5.08.250 "Regulations Applicable Generally" of the St. Charles Municipal Code.

Chief Keegan: Recommendation to approve an Ordinance amending Title 5 "Business Licenses and Regulations", Section 5.08.250 "Regulations Applicable Generally" of the St. Charles Municipal Code. July 15, 2015 Public Act 9-0046 amended the happy hour laws in Illinois,

Illinois Statute 235ILCS5-628. What these laws do is govern beverage sales statewide. I took this document to the Liquor Commission last month and am trying to get our ordinance in line with the State Statute. What I've seen is, I'll use Rookies as an example they have four locations in four different suburbs, Huntly, Hoffman Estates, Elgin and St. Charles. By streamlining our code to coexist with State Statute it will alleviate confusion. It's easier not only for us to enforce as a Police Department but also the business, restaurant and bar owners will have more consistency. We have worked with our legal team, Mr. McGuirk, to clean up some of our ordinance language and it passed with unanimous vote at the Liquor Commission.

Ald. Lewis: I approved this at the liquor commission but regarding the first question with the answer stating discounted drinks 4 hours per day and not more than 15 hours per week; how do you monitor that? Are they just on an honor system?

Chief Keegan: They are allowed to have up to fifteen hours of discounted drinks. What I've typically seen is that most of the time it's done in nonpeak hours to draw customers in. Obviously there is a regulation in place that they must advertise seven days in advance. We are in constant communication with our bar and restaurant owners. We like to get out on foot and we have an open dialogue with those owners. We look at signage and windows, our detectives look at websites and social media. I'm pretty confident that we as a department can police that accordingly.

Ald. Lewis: I think our establishments are going to honor what they need to do but I would just think that it must be very difficult to do.

Chief Keegan: I know you've met Lee Rupus, not only do we have the onus to police this but also the State Liquor Commission as well. Obviously, the establishments are on the honor system. I'm confident moving forward that we'll do the best we can to make sure this is being followed and things are in order.

Ald. Krieger: I noted that Naperville has turned down this ordinance and also that Aurora is actually shortening the hours of their establishments.

Chief Keegan: As a Homegrown community we do have that option, but we talked as a Liquor Commission, looked at it at the staff level and did some research. I'd like to look at this from afar and make sure everything is in order. I think that what we've had as far as dialogue from our bar and restaurant owners and the steps we've taken as a City, not only with strengthening our ordinances but also the development of the Liquor Commission, I'm confident that we'll do a good job with policing that.

Ald. Lewis: Is this something that can be revisited if it doesn't work properly?

Ald. Silkaits: I'd like to see a report in a year just to see how things are going.

Chief Keegan: As part of the late night permit process I'll speak to May 1 with the renewals of the 1:00 am and 2:00 am, that's something that I can report back to Council not only on how the permit system is working but also the structure of happy hour.

Motion by Ald. Turner, second by Ald. Bancroft to approve Ordinance Amending Title 5 "Business Licenses and Regulations", Section 5.08.250 "Regulations Applicable Generally" of the St. Charles Municipal Code.

Roll Call: Ayes: Turner, Bancroft, Krieger, Gaugel, Bessner, Lewis, Silkitis, Payleitner.

Nays: None. Chrmn. Stellato did not vote as Chair. **Motion carried.**

7. Mayor's Office (moved to the front of the agenda)

8. Finance Department

- a. Seeking direction regarding a supplemental request for funding assistance from Riverfest for the 2015 event.

Chrmn. Stellato: Please let the record reflect that Ald. Bessner is recusing himself from this discussion.

Chris Minick: Enclosed in your packet tonight is a request from Riverfest seeking relief from the invoice that was issued by the City for city services that were rendered in support of the 2015 Riverfest event that took place in June, 2015. As the Committee is aware it is very common for city departments to provide services in support of various special events that occur within the City of St. Charles mainly related to Police services, Fire services, and Public Work services. If you will further recall for a non-for-profit organization such as Pride of the Fox Riverfest the City turns around and bills out our costs for these services in the amount of 50% of the amount to provide those services. Due to the inclement weather that we had during June for the 2015 Riverfest event, the organizers at Riverfest are seeking relief from the invoice that was issued in the amount of \$11,421.62. The relief they are requesting could come in one of two forms: Forgiveness of the invoice for the 2015 event or they have proposed that the \$11,000.00 be taken from the normally provided funding for the 2016 event reducing the amount of direct support the City would incur for the 2016 event. We do have representatives from Riverfest here to answer questions. We're seeking direction on how the Committee would like to dispose of this item.

Ald. Krieger: If we were to grant this would we not be setting a president for future groups and anybody else that has a rain shower during their event?

Vanessa Bell-Lasota: Actually there is precedent for that when the former event planner produced Riverfest.

Ald. Krieger: I think that was a big mistake.

Vanessa Bell-Lasota: It's just a fact.

Ald. Krieger: We just spent all that money on new trucks. I can't see that the City can afford to continue to support these activities. I will vote no.

Ald. Turner: We're assuming you're going to have Riverfest in 2016 which could be in question after the last go round.

Vanessa Bell-Lasota: I'm aware of that. We have things in place to reduce the footprint of it going forward.

Ald. Turner: I'm going to agree with Jo. I really don't want to forgive anything. It probably was a big mistake. I don't remember when we did it. You're a for profit company aren't you?

Vanessa Bell-Lasota: No. We are not. We're volunteer based.

Ald. Turner: You're not a 501c?

Vanessa Bell-Lasota: We have an application in process for that. We have been doing the paperwork through the course of the year. With a volunteer board some of the information hasn't been turned in. But we have the application in process.

Ald. Turner: You're not a 501c at this point.

Vanessa Bell-Lasota: No

Ald. Payleitner: Your director takes a salary, correct?

Vanessa Bell-Lasota: She hasn't taken a salary in three years. She's folded the money back in to pay the debts. It should be -\$25,000.00, that's the figure in the P&L. There is no income being taken. We've had three weather events not just this one. Each year we try to reduce the footprint and cut costs. We try to have the most productive event we can.

Mike Frasier: Resident, taxpayer, I have owned the Wine Exchange for about ten years. Rule number one in retail, I've been in business for 40 years, if souls don't come blame the weather. This is a business entity, Pride of the Fox, Inc. Whether they are non-for-profit or not, if you look at the financials, the Executive Director has made \$37,700.00. If you take that off and a couple other financial items, I really don't know what they are, FMG I have no idea what that means and vendor management, you're a breakeven company and you can afford to pay the City the money they owe. I don't know of any business that would go to the City, request to get a contract to run an event, get 50% off of all the services rendered, and then come back to the City and say forgive the other \$11,000.00. If the City decides to dismiss that fee and allows \$11,000.00 not to come into the City confers, in essence, you have spent the taxpayer's money. If there is a line forming for that, I'd like to be number two in line. I run a business. I could use \$11,000.00. It's my tax dollars. I own a home in the Brownstones. I own a business. There are many years where I didn't take a salary. Am I a non-for-profit, you bet, but I did pay my taxes. You billed me, I paid. If you forgive this, and I can't understand how you could, if you're not

legally obligated to do so and I don't know if you are. Here's an individual or company that comes to you and says: Please give me the Riverfest, give me \$30,000.00, help sponsor it, and by the way I'll pay half of all the public services. Oh, I didn't do so well because of the weather. Had she not assessed that risk before she took on the contract? You're a business person in the Midwest and you're going to hold an outdoor event. Did you not take weather as a risk? If you failed that's your loss. I assume she took on this contract because she thought there might be a reward. Had she made money, would she have come to the City and say I'm going to pay that other \$11,000.00 dollars? I don't think so. Thank you for listening.

Vanessa Bell-Lasota: Pride of the Fox is a non-for-profit. It is not a 501c non-for-profit but it is not a for profit business. I've been volunteering with it from the side of both companies. I take exception to using the word "she". I am a member of the executive board and no one person makes decisions. We make it by executive board. Regarding your allegation that it's a business asking for forgiveness, we are very timely in paying all our bills and paying our debts and we have an over \$40,383.60 deficit. We have a lot of debt to FMG, they're a small contractor that provides our signage and constructs the larger things that need assemble. These are all small businesses and we want to support small businesses. They can't afford for us not to pay them. We have been paying the bills as best we can. We're just looking for solutions and to be able to work with the City and keep a good working relationship with the City. That's of paramount importance. This is a community event not a for-profit event. It's purely volunteer fueled. If it has a future, we'll see, we're prepared and the Board has been meeting to try to look at different plans and what might happen in the future. Above all we want to keep a good working relationship with the community and with the City.

Chrmn. Stellato: Thank you Vanessa. Chris, going forward, if the Committee were to make a motion it would either be approve as presented whether the money is paid now or in the future, deny it, or table it. Are you looking for some direction or a motion?

Chris: A motion is certainly direction. If it's the Committee's pleasure to make a motion I think that would be appropriate. However, if there are more questions or additional information that staff or the applicant can provide it would be appropriate to so direct us.

Ald. Lewis: I was wondering if you've asked the Park District for any relief. I see you owe them almost \$10,000.00.

Vanessa Bell-Lasota: Any question I can't adequately answer I'll get a very swift answer for you. Because the rest of the board is out of town, I can't say where are we on that? I apologize.

Ald. Lewis: You don't know if they have been asked?

Vanessa Bell-Lasota: No, we have not asked. This is our first step. As a board we talked about some other things. We're trying to look for ways we can continue to keep our relationships, honor our commitments, and still bring the event to the community. I will get that answer for you Maureen and I'll copy all the Aldermen on that.

Ald. Turner: I'm going to make a motion to table this. I'd like to get some information on how you plan to handle this going forward. I'm not saying that you're not going to have it in 2016, but we're going to have some questions on that. Did I hear that you haven't broken even for the last three years?

Vanessa Bell-Lasota: Again, I can't speak to the P&L. That would be John Olson and our accounting company that does that support work for us. I don't want to make a miss-statement. I was addressing the idea of the Executive Director's income. That it was folded back in and no profit was taken from the event. Again, I'll get you whatever you need.

Ald. Turner: If they are going to do Riverfest in 2016, and it looks more reasonable, like it has a chance of breaking even then we can maybe take the money from next year. If we're going to go ahead on the path that they have been going on, and it seems to be thin-ice when it comes to breaking even, that's a different matter. That's why I'd like to see this tabled for more information.

Motion by Ald. Turner, second by Ald. Lemke to table the request for direction regarding a supplemental request for funding assistance from Riverfest for the 2015 event.

Roll Call: Ayes: Turner, Bancroft, Krieger, Gaugel, Lewis, Silkitis, Payleitner, Lemke. Nays: None. Chrmn. Stellato did not vote as Chair. **Motion carried.**

Chrmn. Stellato: The motion has been tabled. I'm assuming you'll have further discussions as the next couple weeks go along.

Chris Minick: Is there a particular timeframe you'd like us to bring this back?

Chrmn. Stellato: Thirty days.

Ald. Silkaitis: Have we been paying the vendors? Do we owe them money?

Chrmn. Stellato: I would ask Chris to look into that. He wants to make sure the vendors have been paid. I'm getting a yes. Yes, they have been paid.

Please let the record reflect Ald. Bessner has rejoined our meeting. Are there any other items or is there a motion to adjourn?

7. Executive Session

- Personnel
- Pending Litigation
- Probable or Imminent Litigation
- Property Acquisition
- Collective Bargaining
- Review of Minutes of Executive Sessions

8. Additional Items from Mayor, Council, Staff or Citizens.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Turner, second by Payleitner to adjourn meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Chrmn. Stellato did not vote as Chairman. **Motion carried.**

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