

MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
ALD. RON SILKAITIS, CHAIR
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Silkaitis at 7:16 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Ald. Balla, Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber.

Absent: None

3. Administrative

- a. Fuel Tax Information, January 2022 – *Information Only*. No questions or comments.

4. Omnibus Vote

Items with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine matters and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a council member/citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in normal sequence on the agenda.

There was no Omnibus vote.

5. Finance Department

- a. Annual Funding Request Presentation from the Visitors Cultural Commission in the Amount of \$90,000 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

William Hannah introduced Ann Becker of the Visitor’s Cultural Commission, and mentioned that the funding request is the same as for the prior year.

Ann Becker explained to the committee the process for organizations to apply for funding. She talked about how the arts bring revenue to the city. The nine-person commission uses a matrix to determine funding, which includes four aspects; economic impact, enhancement of community culture, resident benefit, and enhancement of St. Charles’ reputation. The number of organizations which receive funding has changed over time.

Motion by Ald. Weber, second by Ald. Wirball to direct staff to include in the 2022-2023 City budget Annual Funding for the Visitors Cultural Commission in the Amount of \$90,000.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber, Ald. Balla, Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstain: Ald. Lencioni. Chairman Silkaitis did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

- b. Annual Funding Request Presentation from the St. Charles History Museum in the Amount of \$50,000 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Lindsay Judd shared information about the History Museum's board, mission, and values. She shared 2021 accomplishments, including grants and fundraising success. A sneak peak of 2022 plans was provided, as well as 2022 budget information.

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to direct staff to include in the 2022-2023 City budget Annual Funding for the St. Charles History Museum in the Amount of \$50,000.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber, Ald. Balla, Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None. Chairman Silkaitis did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

- c. Annual Funding Request Presentation from the St. Charles Business Alliance in the Amount of \$698,600 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Jenna Sawicki explained the role of the St. Charles Business Alliance in marketing the community and support businesses. She shared the mission, introduced the staff and board members, and volunteer-driven committees. Highlights of marketing and events were described and shown. She shared plans and goals for 2022. The funding request is the same as last year.

Several committee members provided positive feedback about the Business Alliance contribution to the community and ingenuity during the pandemic.

Motion by Ald. Lencioni, second by Ald. Bongard to direct staff to include in the 2022-2023 City budget Annual Funding for the St. Charles Business Alliance in the Amount of \$698,600.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber, Ald. Balla, Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None. Chairman Silkaitis did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

6. Additional Items from Mayor, Council, Staff, or Citizens - none

7. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion by Ald. Weber, second by Ald. Lencioni to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending litigation at 8:07 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber, Ald. Balla, Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None. Chairman Silkaitis did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

8. The meeting was reconvened at 8:36 pm.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Weber, second by Ald. Pietryla to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber, Ald. Balla, Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None. Chairman Silkaitis did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

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