

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
ALD. MAUREEN LEWIS, CHAIR
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2 EAST MAIN STREET**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis at 7:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner, Bancroft, Pietryla, Bessner

Absent: Vitek

3. Administrative

- a. Fuel Tax Receipts April, 2020 – Information Only

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.

Motion by Ald. Bancroft, second by Ald. Turner to Approve the Omnibus Vote.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairman Lewis did not vote as chair.

Motion Carried

5. Police Department

- a. **Recommendation to approve a Proposal for a F2 Liquor License Application for Ghoulish Mortals, located at 228 W Main Street, St. Charles.**

Chief Keegan explained that Ghoulish Mortals would like to receive a class F2 BYOB liquor license to allow beer and wine be brought in for parties. The parties in question would allow customer over 21 only. Chief Keegan noted that the application received a favorable vote of 3 – 0 at the Liquor Control Commission meeting earlier in the day.

Motion by Ald. Bessner, second by P to Recommend the approval of a Proposal for a F2 Liquor License Application for Ghoulish Mortals, located at 228 W Main Street, St. Charles.

Roll Call: Ayes: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner, Bancroft, Pietryla, Bessner; Nays: None. **Motion Carried**

- b. **Recommendation to approve a Proposal for a B1 Liquor License Application for Chilis,**

Located at 3795 E. Main St., St. Charles.

Chief Keegan stated that Chili's Restaurant has new ownership and has applied for a new class B1 Liquor License. There will be no change other than ownership. He went on to say that Chili's has been a good addition to the St. Charles Businesses and he looks forward to working with the new management. It was noted that the liquor license application received a favorable vote of 3 – 0 at the Liquor Control Commission meeting earlier in the day.

Motion by Ald. Stellato, second by Ald. Payleitner to recommend the approval of a Proposal for a B1 Liquor License Application for Chilis, Located at 3795 E Main Street, St. Charles.

Roll Call: Ayes: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner, Bancroft, Pietryla, Bessner; Nays: None. **Motion Carried**

c. Recommendation to approve the Closure of Parking Lot "B", Amplification for the North Parade, and IDOT Resolutions for the Closure of Main St. (Route 64) from 6th Street to 2nd Avenue for Two High School Homecoming Parades.

(Special events are being recommended for approval with the caveat that all approvals are contingent upon any governmental sanctions regarding public gatherings, social distancing, etc., pertaining to COVID-19.)

Chief Keegan explained that this is to approve an IDOT resolution for each of the High School Homecoming Parades in hopes that they will occur and not be cancelled due to COVID-19.

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Ald. Pietryla to recommend the approval of the Closure of Parking Lot "B", Amplification for the North Parade, and IDOT Resolutions for the Closure of Main St. (Route 64) from 6th Street to 2nd Avenue for Two High School Homecoming Parades.

Roll Call: Ayes: Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner, Bancroft, Pietryla, Bessner; Nays: None. **Motion Carried**

d. Scarecrow Festival 2020 – Information Only.

Jenna Sawicki, Executive Director for the St. Charles Business Alliance, explained scaled back plans for the 2020 Scarecrow Festival due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Focus will be on individual businesses and encouraging people to visit restaurants and shops. Scarecrows will be placed outside downtown business and a Scarecrow Fest Theme will be found on menus, part of promotions, and events. There is Scarecrow Stroll planned, several children's activities and entertainment including a possible drive-up concert. First Street Plaza will be decorated with festive décor, an information booth will be located at Lincoln Park, the lights on the Municipal Tower will be changed orange and a giant scarecrow will be placed in front of the Municipal Center as a focal point for visitors and residents. They would like to keep the feel and spirit of the Scarecrow Festival, more of a community event and highlight the St. Charles Businesses, while keeping with their mission.

Ald. Lemke asked if there are businesses that would like to sponsor a group to develop their scarecrow. Jenna answered that the businesses are interested and scarecrow participants from last year have been surveyed, 35 would like to build scarecrows. They will be partnered with local businesses.

Chairman Lewis asked if masks will be encouraged and what made them decide to not cancel the event. Jenna answered that mask wearing is going to be encouraged and social distancing signs will be posted. Their marketing of the event will also make sure people are aware of the guidelines in place. Jenna said that they feel they can stay within the guidelines of phase 4 and do this event safely with the program outlined. Chairman Lewis asked if the event could be cancelled easily should it have to be done. Jenna said that they would send a cancellation notice to quickly notify people and whatever happens will be able to comply.

6. Finance Department

***a. Budget Revisions June, 2020**

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

8. Executive Session

- Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Pending Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Probable or Imminent Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Property Acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- Collective Bargaining – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

9. Adjournment

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