

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
ALD. RON SILKAITIS, CHAIR
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021**

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. Video Gaming Statistics – Information only, no comments
- b. Fuel Tax - November, 2021 – Information only, no 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.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Weber to approve the Omnibus items.

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

5. Information Systems

- a. **Recommendation to approve an agreement with Gartner Consulting to provide information technology research and consulting services for \$43,300.**

Larry Gunderson, IS Director, shared with the Committee that the City has been working with Gartner Consulting for the last three years for technology research and consulting services. He expects them to continue to provide exceptional value and cost savings.

Motion by Ald. Weber, second by Ald. Bancroft to approve an agreement with Gartner Consulting to provide information technology research and consulting services for \$43,300.

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

6. Fire Department

a. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Extending the Residential Sprinkler Moratorium.

Chief Swanson asks to extend the sprinkler moratorium for one and two-family dwellings. The department is working to adopt the 2021 code and will come forward later for that approval, possibly in May 2022. Chief provided some background about the original adoption of the moratorium in 2012 and stated that it is the City Council's decision whether to continue the practice. Heather McGuire shared context about challenges other communities are having since one and two-family residences are at comparatively lower risk for fires.

Motion by Ald. Lencioni, second by Ald. Weber to approve an Ordinance Extending the Residential Sprinkler Moratorium.

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

7. City Administration

a. Recommendation to approve A Resolution Authorizing the City of St. Charles to Participate in the National Multistate Opioid Settlement and Authorizing the Execution of Related Settlement Agreements.

Heather McGuire introduced the item and explained that the State of Illinois Attorney General has initiated a lawsuit on behalf of all Illinois municipalities, rather than require each municipality to file separate suits. Costs and payouts will be distributed across all participating municipalities, and funds can be used to address any related issues in our community.

Chief Keegan explained the NARCAN program which has existed in St. Charles for approximately seven years. A nasal spray is used now instead of epi-pen. Leave-behind kits are also available.

This is an opt-in lawsuit, and staff and Attorney Peppers recommend the Committee to do so.

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve a Resolution Authorizing the City of St. Charles to Participate in the National Multistate Opioid Settlement and Authorizing the Execution of Related Settlement Agreements.

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

8. Public Works

a. Recommendation to Approve a Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract for Foundry Business Park Improvements.

Peter Suhr explained that this item is related to the Foundry Business Park TIF termination proposal raised in November by Colleen Lavery, Assistant Finance Director. After that meeting, Public Works evaluated the area for potential projects to utilize the remaining dollars in the TIF. The area roads would benefit from resurfacing and funding would come from the existing TIF. Geneva Construction has agreed to hold 2021 prices and do the work in the Spring 2022.

Motion by Ald. Bessner, second by Ald. Weber to approve a Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract for Foundry Business Park Improvements.

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

9. Finance Department

*a. Budget Revisions – November, 2021

The budget revisions were approved under the Omnibus vote.

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

Ald. Pietryla asked about anticipated timing for a staff presentation on the 1st Street Parking deck. Heather explained that staff wants to understand whether we will qualify for grant funding for cameras before proposing additional expenditures on the garage, so the timeframe will likely be in January. Other mechanisms are also being considered, depending on available funds.

11. Executive Session

There was no executive session.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Weber to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None; Chairman Silkaitis did not vote as Chair.
Motion Carried.

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