

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2 EAST MAIN STREET**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Silkaitis at 7:11 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 – February, 2022. There were 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. Bessner, second by Ald. Bancroft to approve the Omnibus item.

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

**5. Police Department**

- a. **Recommendation to approve a Proposal for an A-6 Liquor License Application for Circle K Located at 2500 E. Main St., St. Charles.**

Chief Keegan shared that this application is recommended for approval by the Liquor Control Commission. Most local gas stations and convenience stores offer packaged alcohol for sale, and this is a new license for this business. Circle K has decided not to pursue a video gaming license. The opening of the reconstructed building is expected to happen in fall/winter 2022.

Motion by Ald. Weber, second by Ald. Bessner to approve a Proposal for an A-6 Liquor License Application for Circle K Located at 2500 E. Main St., St. Charles.

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

b. **Recommendation to approve the Late-Night Permits for the 2022/2023 Class B & C Liquor Licenses of the City of St. Charles.**

Chief Keegan stated that all late-night permit renewals are approved by City Council annually. He explained the process for reviewing the applications, including debts to City, and Police and Fire Department concerns. There are 29 late-night permit applications this year, two businesses have decided not to renew the permit, and one is a new application. Spotted Fox currently has a late-night permit and has not yet provided complete information for the renewal despite many follow-up efforts by Police and City Administration. That application is not included in this approval. There has been steady improvement in the number of police calls and warnings for the establishments with late-night permits, and they are encouraged to call the police when needed.

Motion by Ald. Weber, second by Ald. Bessner to approve the Late-Night Permits for the 2022/2023 Class B & C Liquor Licenses of the City of St. Charles.

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

c. **Presentation concerning parking garage safety and enhanced security options.**

Deputy Chief Pierce shared some history of the issues seen at the 1<sup>st</sup> Street parking garage. Some of those are noise, vandalism, reckless behavior, drag racing, and garbage. Cameras have been installed on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor, fencing and guardrails were installed, and patrols and enforcement action have been increased. Subsequently there are now more issues on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. There is no decision yet on the grant application for additional cameras.

A nearby resident has requested speed bumps be added to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, and DC Pierce shared several reasons why that would be difficult and costly to install, while possibly not solving the problem. He also explored the idea of hiring private security or a community service officer to monitor the garage. Installing and maintaining a paid-parking system is cost prohibitive. Therefore, security cameras are the recommendation, for the parking garage and also to look over Main Street. He suggests that cameras be added to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors of the 1<sup>st</sup> Street garage and also the Klinkhammer parking deck, for a total cost of approximately \$90,000. These would not be monitored 24/7, but would serve as deterrent, allow the police to be notified when people are on the deck, and help identify perpetrators of criminal acts.

Larry Gunderson confirmed that the City has storage capacity for 30-60 days of video recordings. Attorney Peppers will check into whether the parking SSA funds can be used for these cameras. A question was raised about any fines assessed by the court could be used to fund the cameras, and that falls under moving violation fines which are shared by multiple governmental entities.

Select aldermen spoke in favor of adding speed bumps and community service officer oversight to the cameras. It was also suggested to add "video surveillance" signage. Facial recognition software is not permitted in Illinois.

Chief Keegan asked if the Police Department can proceed with camera purchase ahead of the grant decision.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Weber to approve the purchase of security cameras and have staff provide more information on speed bumps for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors of the 1<sup>st</sup> Street parking garage.

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

## 6. City Administration

- a. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2021-M-45 with Regard to the Deferred Imposition of a Municipal Push Tax on Plays of Video Gaming Terminals Until October, 31, 2022.

City Administrator Heather McGuire asks to defer the imposition of the tax, pending the outcome of an ongoing lawsuit which affects the City's ability to collect the tax. Also, the State has not yet provided guidance on the mechanism to collect the tax. This may get pushed out again, depending on the time needed to resolve open issues. Voting against this Ordinance will cause the tax to be collected starting May 1, 2022.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Bancroft to approve an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2021-M-45 with Regard to the Deferred Imposition of a Municipal Push Tax on Plays of Video Gaming Terminals Until October, 31, 2022.

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

## 7. Finance Department

- \*a. Budget Revisions for February, 2022.

Motion by Motion by Ald. Bessner, second by Ald. Bancroft to approve Budget Revisions for February, 2022.

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

- b. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Reserving and Authorizing the Transfer of Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues and Related Matters.

Finance Director, Bill Hannah, explained private activity bonds, and recommends that the City reserve the volume cap allocation, as has been done in the past.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Pietryla to approve an Ordinance Reserving and Authorizing the Transfer of Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues and Related Matters.

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

- c. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget – Information Only.

Finance Director, Bill Hannah, reviewed the proposed 2022-2023 fiscal year budget and long-term financial projections.



The capital projects will be determined at a later date. Spring clean-up is proposed to happen in June 2022.

- 8. **Public Comment** – no comments
- 9. **Additional Items from Mayor, Council, Staff** - none
- 10. **Adjournment**

Motion by Ald. Lencioni, second by Ald. Pietryla to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 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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