

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL  
GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
CHAIRMAN ED BESSNER  
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Silkaitis, Payleitner, Bongard, Lencioni, Pietryla, Wirball, Bessner, Weber

**Absent:** Stellato, Bancroft

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE**

**A.** Electric Reliability Report – Information Only

**B.** Natural Resources Commission Minutes – 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. Pietryla, second by Ald. Silkaitis to approve the Omnibus vote.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes; Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairman Bessner did not vote as chair.

**Motion Carried.**

**5. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**A. Recommendation to approve a Parking Lot Closure for the 2021 Fabric Art Installation.**

Motion by Ald. Lencioni to approve the parking lot closure as noted in the agenda including with that extending the previously allotted two weeks for the art to be up for an additional two weeks; second by Ald. Bongard to approve item 5.A.

Aldr. Weber asked if that included extending the parking lot closure and Aldr. Lencioni stated no. Aldr. Weber stated he was ok with that.

Aldr. Payleitner stated that if we have a storm and this starts to look like it's falling apart, that would be a reason it would have to come down early.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairman Bessner did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

## 6. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- A. First Street Plaza Project Update and Request to Approve Professional Services Agreement with Serena Sturm for Construction Document Phase.

**Alderman Bongard recused himself due to a potential conflict.**

Aldr. Weber asked if the \$182,000 was to design the whole project and Mr. Suhr stated it is for the construction document phase for the entire project. Mr. Suhr went on to explain that the design team chose to do it that way so that Phase 2 can wait and then be ready to go when we move to the next phase.

Aldr. Wirball asked if Serena Sturm handles the bidding process with a third party or if it's a collaboration; Mr. Suhr stated it is a collaboration and the City will hold the contract. Aldr. Wirball asked if the City will be present when the bids are opened and Mr. Suhr stated it is a public bid opening, and while we haven't decided yet if it will be a full public bid opening, all bid information will be available to the public and completely transparent.

Aldr. Pietryla and Aldr. Lencioni put on record that they support the plan and are in agreement of moving forward.

Aldr. Payleitner asked Mr. Suhr more about the budget and Mr. Suhr explained that the budget is roughly \$500,000 more than it was in 2020, and it needs to be decided whether we want to keep the project the same and raise more money or do we need to dig in and reduce the scope to get the project back on budget.

Aldr. Silkaitis asked if these are all estimates and Mr. Suhr stated yes.

Aldr. Payleitner asked if the construction will start after our Plaza Dining Season; Mr. Suhr stated that in December, the City Council approved a Resolution to close First Street temporarily for outdoor dining. This is in direct conflict with that Resolution, but we don't necessarily need to redo the Resolution because it gives an Out Clause that simply says the City Administrator has the right to open it at any point in time. Most likely we will have to open First Street at least intermittently for the construction.

Aldr. Payleitner stated she was more concerned about noise and dust for places like Alter Brewing and asked if Mr. Suhr saw that being an issue. Mr. Suhr stated he doesn't have a perspective on that, but stated that it is going to be a construction zone and that conflicts with public gatherings in that space.

Aldr. Weber asked if all the design decisions have been made and Mr. Suhr stated the design is done at this time; Aldr. Weber stated that a "Fishing Platform" makes him nervous that someone could get hit with a lure and Mr. Suhr stated that perhaps we

should call it the lower level platform because we don't know if people usually fish from it.

Aldr. Pietryla asked if we could put a "No Fishing Sign" there and Aldr. Payleitner stated it is not a thoroughfare. If you are there, it's to fish, you can't walk through there to accidentally get hit with a lure.

Aldr. Bessner asked if the schedule works out, construction will start after Labor Day and Mr. Suhr stated that is correct, and this will be done before winter sets in. Aldr. Bessner asked if the hole will be filled in, and Mr. Suhr stated yes, with seed and blanket for the winter and it will be spring before the seed will germinate. Aldr. Bessner asked if it would be usable for Holiday Homecoming and Mr. Suhr stated we would have to work through details in regard to getting the ground stabilized, but yes, we can do that.

Aldr. Wirball asked if power will be provided for shows, etc. and Mr. Suhr stated yes.

Aldr. Silkaitis asked if there will be a railing planned and Mr. Suhr stated yes.

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve item 6.A.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairman Bessner did not vote as chair and Aldr. Bongard did not vote because he recused himself due to a potential conflict.

**Motion Carried.**

**\*B. Recommendation to approve Construction Contract for Riverside Parking Lot Improvement.**

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Silkaitis to approve the Omnibus vote.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairman Bessner did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

**\*C. Recommendation to award the Bid for Liquid Sludge Dewatering.**

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Silkaitis to approve the Omnibus vote.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes; Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairman Bessner did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

**\*D. Recommendation to award the Bid for a 3-Year Contract for Brick Paver Maintenance and Restoration.**

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Silkaitis to approve the Omnibus vote.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairman Bessner did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

**\*E. Recommendation to award the Bid for a 3-Year Contract for Native Restoration Services.**

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Silkaitis to approve the Omnibus vote.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairman Bessner did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

**\*F. Recommendation to authorize a Budget Addition for the Purchase of Two Replacement Community Development Vehicles.**

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Silkaitis to approve the Omnibus vote.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairman Bessner did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

**G. Recommendation to award the Bid for Asphalt Grinding and Patching Program.**

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Ald. Lencioni to approve item 5.G.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairman Bessner did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**8. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, STAFF OR CITIZENS**

None.

**9. MOTION TO ADJOURN GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays; None: Chairman Bessner did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

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