

**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda Item Number: 4c

Title: Recommendation to Extend the closure of First Street**Presenter:** Russell Colby**Meeting:** Planning & Development Committee**Date:** December 13, 2021

Proposed Cost: N/A

Budgeted Amount: N/A

Not Budgeted: **Executive Summary** (*if not budgeted please explain*):

In January, City Council approved Resolution 2021-1 which authorized the closure of First Street between Main Street and the Parking Deck entrance/Walnut St. extended. The closure was approved for Temporary Outdoor Dining, through December 31, 2021. The street has remained closed since Spring.

In September, the Temporary Outdoor Dining program was extended until April 15, 2022.

Construction activity is now underway on Phase 1 of the First Street Plaza expansion project, which is utilizing the closed street for construction access. If Phase 2 of the plaza project moves forward in 2022, the street would need to remain closed for the construction.

Given the extended length of the closure to date, and the future concept to convert this section of First Street to a pedestrian space, staff is recommending that First Street remain closed to vehicle traffic for the foreseeable future.

The closure has generally been well received by plaza-area businesses, and it would not make sense at this point for the City continually re-open and close the street, now that businesses and customers have adjusted to this access configuration.

Additionally, without pandemic-related restrictions on indoor restaurant dining, accommodating additional vehicular access for curbside pickup is less of a concern than in winter 2020.

Staff is proposing that the City Council authorize the street closure with no specific end date, but rather until a future Council action is taken to re-open the street.

Attachments (*please list*):

Resolution 2021-1, closing First Street through 2021

Resolution for extending the closure

Recommendation/Suggested Action (*briefly explain*):

Recommendation to Extend Closure of First Street

REFER TO:

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City of St. Charles, Illinois

Resolution No. 2021-1

A Resolution Authorizing the Closure of First Street for Expanded Outdoor Dining Opportunities in 2021.

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Raymond P. Rogina, as Mayor of the City of St. Charles ("City") issued a Declaration of a Local State of Emergency for the City to address the impact of COVID-19 on the City and its residents and businesses and property owners ("Emergency Declaration"); and,

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2020, the Mayor issued Executive Order No.3 effectively closing a portion of First Street for the purpose of setting up a public outdoor dining area; and,

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2020, the City Council approved a Resolution extending the closure of First Street for the purpose of public outdoor dining through October 31st; and,

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2020, the City Council approved a Resolution extending the closure of First Street for the purpose of public outdoor dining through November 20, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2020, following changes to the Region's COVID-19 mitigation measures, the barricades were removed and First Street was reopened to vehicle traffic; and,

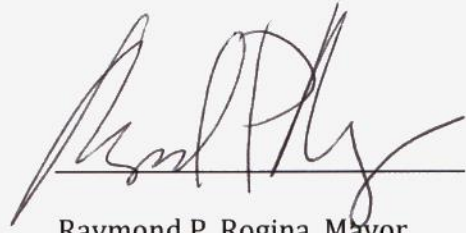
WHEREAS, the outdoor dining environment created by the street closure has been positively received by the business community and general public and it is in the best interest of the recovering restaurant community and the City to reinstate the street closure and public outdoor dining in 2021; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, that the City Administrator is authorized to close First Street from Main Street to the entrance of the parking garage, at his/her own discretion based on the projected weather conditions and COVID-19 mitigation measures, but to be implemented no later than May 1, 2021 and to be removed at first snowfall or earlier date determined necessary by the City Administrator.

PRESENTED to the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this 19th day of January 2021.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this 19th day of January 2021.

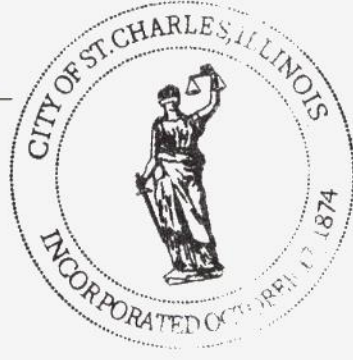
APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this 19th day of January 2021.



Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor

ATTEST: 

City Clerk



COUNCIL VOTE:

Ayes: 10
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

City of St. Charles, Illinois

Resolution No. 2021-___

A Resolution Authorizing the Continued Closure of First Street to Vehicular Traffic between Main Street and the parking garage entrance / Walnut Street extended

WHEREAS, First Street, from Main Street south to the parking garage entrance/Walnut Street, has remained closed to vehicular traffic since Spring 2021, pursuant to City Council Resolution 2021-1, for the purpose of providing Expanded Outdoor Dining Opportunities under the Temporary Outdoor Dining program, which was initially extended until December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2021, the City Council approved Ordinances 2021-M-38 and 2021-M-39, extending the Temporary Outdoor Dining Program through April 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City has initiated construction on Phase 1 of the First Street Plaza expansion project, utilizing this section of First Street for construction access and staging; and,

WHEREAS, the ultimate completion of First Street Plaza expansion project may result in the permanent closure of First Street; and

WHEREAS, the expanded outdoor dining and public plaza environment created by the street closure has been positively received by the business community and general public and it is in the best interest the City to continue until the permanent plaza expansion improvements are constructed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, that the City Administrator is authorized to continue the closure of First Street, from Main Street south to the entrance of the parking garage/Walnut Street extended, to vehicular traffic. City Council approval shall be required to authorize re-opening of the street to vehicular traffic.

PRESENTED to the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this 20th day of December 2021.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this 20th day of December 2021.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this 20th day of December 2021.

Lora A. Vitek, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: