

**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda Item number: 5.j

Title:	Recommendation to Approve the Use of City Property at 1 st Street Plaza for the Installation of Decorative Hanging Lights
Presenter:	Chris Adesso

Meeting: Government Services Committee Date: May 22, 2017

Proposed Cost: \$0.00 Budgeted Amount: \$0.00 Not Budgeted: **Executive Summary** *(if not budgeted please explain):*

The Downtown St. Charles Partnership in cooperation with the St. Charles contingent of the America in Bloom Committee have been working with the local businesses in and around the existing 1st Street Plaza space to achieve the common goal of providing decorative lighting in the plaza year round.

The lighting will be paid for and installed entirely by private funds, utilizing the same low voltage lighting contractor that the City utilizes for the Holiday Lighting throughout the City. The lighting will be strung from the existing light poles and utilize the existing power receptacles to provided energy. Any associated maintenance or operating costs will be the responsibility of the private businesses and the Downtown St. Charles Partnership, with the exception of the energy to power the lights which the Partnership is asking the City to donate. Because the new lighting is LED, Public Works expects the cost of the energy for this project to be negligible and would compare it to the costs associated with other holiday decorations and special events.

The Partnership and America in Bloom Committee are in the process of raising the funds to pay for the lighting project and anticipate they will have the lights funded and installed prior to the arrival of the America in Bloom judges in July.

Attachments *(please list):*

None

Recommendation/Suggested Action *(briefly explain):*

Recommendation to approve the Use of City Property at 1st Street Plaza for the Installation of Decorative Hanging Lights.