

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ST. CHARLES  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was convened by Chairman Bancroft at 8:15 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Chair Bancroft, Stellato, Silkaitis, Payleitner, Lemke, Turner, Gaugel, Vitek, Bessner, Lewis

**3. Omnibus Vote - None**

**4. Administrative**

- a. Video Gaming Statistics – Information Only

**5. Finance Department**

- a. Recommendation to approve the Visitors Cultural Commission Funding Allocations Schedule FY 18/19 and the Related Funding Agreements.

**Chris Minick:** Each year the City allocates a portion of the hotel/motel tax revenue stream to fund and support the activities of the Visitors Cultural Commission (VCC). The VCC's mission is the promotion of arts, history and cultural programs, events and activities in the City. The Commission solicits funding proposals from various cultural and historic preservation groups. The commission meets, clears presentations and makes recommendations for allocation of funding.

This year the VCC had the amount of \$90,000 to allocate for the FY 2018/2019 funding process. This represents a 10% increase above the amount they had to allocate for FY 2017/2018 and reflects the City Council's direction to restore the 10% across the board funding cuts that were enacted a few years ago.

Dr. Anne Becker, Chair of the VCC is here this evening to discuss the allocation process that was followed for FY 2018/2019. The recommended funding allocations and service agreements for the various organizations are attached. Staff will recommend a formal motion to recommend approval of the allocations and service agreements as presented in the packet this evening.

**Dr. Anne Becker:** 1312 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Last year I gave you the matrix used for our evaluation and assessment of the groups. We have changed it a little bit this year to give a more detailed explanation of the ratings. If anyone would like to see those I can pass those along to you.

There are some wonderful things happening this year; the Preservation Partners added the Shoals School on to their caretaking of historic sights and the St. Charles Singers will be having a Mozart Festival at the Baker Hotel at the end of August. The Fine Line has some exciting things that will be happening in the next year. Lynn Caldwell is here to explain.

**Lynn Caldwell:** 6N158 Crane Road, St. Charles. Thank you for your support over the years. It means a lot. As your art center we offer visitors and residents the opportunity to expand their

knowledge and enjoy the work of artists exhibited in our galleries. We are in the process, currently going for permitting, to add a glass blowing studio. We are going to be the only ones with a glass blowing teaching studio in the western suburbs. It's a great perk for the community. All of the equipment is being donated by a private donor. We will be renovating an existing building. We just launched the public phase of our next capital campaign; that is to expand our glass and metal studio. Currently both share one studio and are very equipment intensive disciplines. With the expansion we will be able to split them, and offer more classes.

With the grant money we hopefully receive we will be able to go for marketing and let people know about the new programs and opportunities.

Dr. Anne Becker: I want to thank you for funding the arts in our city. It's a plus for our community and I appreciate you all taking the time to do that. I want to also thank Chris and his staff. Chris is golden at our meetings and helps us greatly.

Ald. Payleitner: You said you had information about the rating criteria. I'd like to receive that if you wouldn't mind.

**Dr. Anne Becker:** Yes, we'll see that everyone gets it.

Motion by Ald. Turner, second by Payleitner to recommend for approval the Visitors Cultural Commission Funding Allocations Schedule FY 18/19 and the Related Funding Agreements.

**Voice Vote:** Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None. Chairman Bancroft did not vote as Chair.

**Motion Carried.**

Motion by Ald. Lemke second by Ald. Bessner to move into executive session to discuss property acquisition under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), and for the review of executive session minutes 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) at 8:25pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Payleitner, Lemke, Turner, Gaugel, Vitek, Bessner, Lewis, And Silkaitis.

Nays:

None. Chair. Bancroft did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

## **6. Executive Session**

- Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Pending Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Probable or Imminent Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Property Acquisition – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- Collective Bargaining – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- Review of Executive Session Minutes – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)

Motion by Ald. Lemke second by Silkaitis to exit executive session at 9:21 pm.

## **7. Additional Items from Mayor, Council, Staff, or Citizens.**

## **8. Adjournment**

Motion by Ald. Lemke, second by Turner to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm.

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

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