

MINUTES
THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
ALD. STEVE WEBER, CHAIR
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

1. Call to Order

Chairman Weber called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner

Absent: Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bancroft

3. Administrative

a. Video Gaming Statistics April 2023 – Information Only, 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. Wirball, second by Ald. Pietryla to approve the Omnibus item.

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

5. Information Systems

*b. Recommendation to approve a **Resolution** authorizing staff to award Harris Computer Systems the annual contract for CityView software support and maintenance for \$35,081.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Pietryla to recommend approval of a Resolution to Execute an Agreement with Anthony Timbers LLC for Managed Security Services in the amount of \$614,866.

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

6. City Administration

a. Recommendation to Approve the Establishment of an Equity & Inclusion

Commission for the City of St. Charles.

Mayor Vitek shared that initiating this commission has been a goal for her, and the concept was also raised during the Strategic Plan Process. City Administrator McGuire explained that equity and inclusion were guiding principles and also a strategic goal of the 2023 Strategic Plan, and a focal point for both external and internal efforts. The City seeks to create a commission of residents that would represent the community. Heather introduced Lisa Stricker of GovHR.

Lisa explained the difference between equality and equity. Equality means doing the same things for everyone, and equity means assigning resources based on needs. Inclusion provides a safe place for all persons to land, and allows diverse people to be included and hopefully they will feel like they belong in the community. The commission is being created to allow people with different backgrounds and perspectives to collaborate to make meaningful change.

The next step is assignment of individuals to the commission, and nine members allows enough representation of diversity in age, race, religion, etc. The Mayor will participate as a non-voting member. Three members will be from outside the municipality yet in the near area, using the same criteria as the Youth Commission. St. Charles received a good response in terms of quantity of applicants, having broad range of backgrounds, and appearing to have a positive and constructive perspective in regards to Equity and Inclusion. Tentatively the prospective members would be introduced at the June 19 Government Operations Committee Meeting.

The Commission would meet at least four times per year, and a quarterly update will be provided to City Council. Training will be conducted in order to support the group's effectiveness. A plan will be created to help provide direction to the commission. Success could potentially be measured in annual surveys of the residents.

The City of Geneva has a similar group which is a task force, and other Illinois communities are in the initial phases of developing similar advisory groups. Established communities' results have been, for example, having high school students work with retired residents to reduce ageism, creating awareness around holidays celebrated by different groups, providing language that helps people communicate gender issues respectfully.

It was requested and agreed to edit the language of the Ordinance in section five.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Pietryla to recommend approval of the Establishment of an Equity & Inclusion Commission for the City of St. Charles.

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

7. Finance Department

***a. Budget Transfers April 2023**

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Pietryla to recommend approval of Budget Transfers April 2023.

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

8. Executive Session

Motion by Ald. Lencioni, second by Ald. Bessner to enter Executive Session at 7:09 pm to discuss security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8)

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

After the executive session, the regular meeting resumed at 7:37 pm.

9. Information Systems

a. Recommendation to approve a Resolution to Execute an Agreement with Anthony Timbers LLC for Managed Security Services in the amount of \$614,866.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Pietryla to recommend approval of a Resolution to Execute an Agreement with Anthony Timbers LLC for Managed Security Services in the amount of \$614,866.

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

10. Public Comment - None

11. Additional Items from Mayor, Council or Staff - None

12. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Lencioni to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner. Ald. Weber did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

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