

MINUTES
THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
ALD. RON SILKAITIS, CHAIR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Silkaitis at 7:07 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Ald. Kalamaris, Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber

Absent: Ald. Bancroft

3. Administrative

a. Video Gaming Statistics January 2023.

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. Wirball to approve the Omnibus items.

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

5. Police Department

a. Recommendation to approve a Proposal for an F2-BYOB liquor license application for Hunt House, LLC, located at 113 E Main Street.

Chief Keegan informed the Committee Members that the Liquor License Application for Hunt House was reviewed by the Liquor Control Commission earlier in the evening and advanced with a 3 – 0 recommendation. Hunt House is a music performance studio that would like to offer BYOB. Their Dram Shop insurance and BASSET training are in place.

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Ald. Wirball to recommend the approval of a Proposal for an F2-BYOB liquor license application for Hunt House, LLC, located at 113 E Main Street.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Kalamaris Ald. Payleitner, Ald. Bongard, Ald. Lencioni,

Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Bancroft. Ald. Silkaitis did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

b. Recommendation to approve a Proposal for a B1 liquor license application for Pho ly, Inc., located at 305 W Main Street.

Chief Keegan explained that this item was also presented to the Liquor Commission earlier in the evening and advanced with a 3 - 0 recommendation. The Dram Shop and BASSET training is in place. There was an issue with the Manager's background however, that issue was from 15 - 20 years ago. The Manager lives in St. Charles and has had no problems or contacts with the Police since his residency.

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Ald. Wirball to recommend approval of a Proposal for a B1 liquor license application for Pho ly, Inc., located at 305 W Main Street.

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

c. Recommendation to approve a Proposal for a Sound Amplification Permit, and an E1 temporary liquor license application for the "Hops for Hope 5k" to be held in Mt. Saint Mary's Park on October 14, 2023.

Chief Keegan noted that this liquor license application was presented to the Liquor Commission earlier in the evening and advanced with a 3 - 0 recommendation. This will be the 7th year this event takes place in St. Charles at Mount St. Mary's Park and Wheeler Park in Geneva. Project Mobility is a not-for-profit organization that partners with the Bike Rack to provide adaptive bicycles to disabled individuals. Along the route, there will be six stations where 3 oz tastings will be offered. Afterward, participants that purchased advanced tickets will be allowed six 2 oz samples in a fenced-off area. There is a credentialing system in place.

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Ald. Lencioni to recommend approval of a Proposal for a Sound Amplification Permit, and an E1 temporary liquor license application for the "Hops for Hope 5k" to be held in Mt. Saint Mary's Park on October 14, 2023.

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

- *d. Recommendation to approve Street Parking and Lot Closures for the 2023 Fine Arts Show taking place Friday, May 26, 2023 – Sunday, May 28, 2023.**

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus items.

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

6. Finance Department

- a. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 13 “Public Utilities,” chapter 13.16, “Water,” Section 13.16.050, “Connection Fees,” of the St. Charles Municipal Code.**

Bill Hannah explained that two ordinances are being presented, one governing the water connection fees and one governing the sewer connection fees. Staff presented the initial findings of a study that analyzed if the connection fees should be increased to the Council at the January 23, 2023, Budget Workshop. The last time there was an increase in 1998. It’s essential to keep the fees current to make sure new development/new connections are paying the appropriate share of the utility system cost. The water connection fees increased by 28%, and the sewer connection fees increased by 9% - 42% based on the East or West Main System. The fee increases are reasonable based on the length of time since the last increase.

Ald. Weber asked if the west side fees posed an issue for a development project and if they could be reviewed on a case-by-case basis or once their set it’s done. Bill explained that once the fees are in, it’s done, but if there were special circumstances, staff would address it at the time.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Lencioni to recommend approval of an Ordinance Amending Title 13 “Public Utilities,” chapter 13.16, “Water,” Section 13.16.050, “Connection Fees,” of the St. Charles Municipal Code.

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

- b. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 13 “Public Utilities,” chapter 13.16, “Water,” Section 13.16.050, “Connection Fees,” of the St. Charles Municipal Code.**

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Bongard to recommend approval of an Ordinance Amending Title 13 “Public Utilities,” chapter 13.16, “Water,” Section

13.16.050, "Connection Fees," of the St. Charles Municipal Code.

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

***c. Budget Revisions December 2022**

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus items.

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

7. Public Comment – None

8. Additional Items from Mayor, Council, or Staff

9. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Pietryla to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm.

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

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