

MINUTES
THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
ALD. RON SILKAITIS, CHAIR
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023

1. Call to Order

Chairman Silkaitis called the meeting to order at 7:51 pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: None

3. Administrative

- a. Video Gaming Statistics – Information Only

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.

5. Police Department

- a. **Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 5 “Business Licenses and Regulations,” Chapter 5.08 “Alcoholic Beverages,” Section 5.08.090 “License – Classifications,” of the St. Charles Municipal Code.**

This agenda item was presented at the Liquor Control Commission meeting and passed unanimously.

Chief Keegan explained that the amendment would modify the D5 license to allow Club Arcada, Inc. to change from a standard liquor license to a site license. The modifications are necessary because the entertainment center will be divided into two entities that will have site licenses, Onesti Entertainment, Inc., which incorporates the ground level and the theater, and Club Arcada, Inc, which will include Club Arcada, Studio 64, and the Arcadian Suites (11 hotel rooms).

Motion by Ald. Bancroft, second by Ald. Wirball to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 5 “Business Licenses and Regulations,” Chapter 5.08 “Alcoholic Beverages,” Section 5.08.090 “License – Classifications,” of the St. Charles Municipal Code.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner, Ald. Weber, Ald. Kalamaris, Ald. Payleitner. Nays: None.

Absent: None. Ald. Silkaitis did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

b. **Recommendation to approve a liquor license classification change from B-1 to D-5 for Club Arcada Inc., located at 105 E Main St., St. Charles.**

This agenda item was presented at the Liquor Control Commission meeting and passed unanimously.

This is a license classification change from a B1 to a D5 license to allow for future expansion of the site. The license does not require an additional late-night permit; it is included with the D5 license.

Motion by Ald. Lencioni, second by Ald. Bancroft to approve a liquor license classification change from B-1 to D-5 for Club Arcada Inc., located at 105 E Main St., St. Charles.

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

c. **Recommendation to approve Late Night Permits for Class B & C Licenses of the City of St. Charles for FY 2023/2024.**

Chief Keegan presented information for the businesses that applied for late-night permits. All departments reviewed the applicants to ensure they were current with any outstanding debts, code violations, etc. Four entities had violations brought to the Liquor Commission; three entities received warning letters. All are in good standing. One business must comply with having its fire alarm/suppression system tested annually. If this does not take place by the next Liquor Control Commission on April 17, it will be brought back for modification. Chief Keegan stated that it's never discouraged for entities to call 911 to report things to the police. Chief Keegan recommended the approval of the late-night permits.

Ald. Pietryla thanked Chief Keegan and his team and mentioned that Chief Keegan maintains an excellent report with the businesses. Ald. Payleitner thanked Chief Keegan and his team for all their work and emphasized that the reporting used is beneficial.

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Ald. Pietryla to approve Late Night Permits for Class B & C Licenses of the City of St. Charles for FY 2023/2024.

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

d. **Recommendation to approve a Resolution for a One-year Contract and Lease Agreement with the Association for Individual Development (A.I.D.).**

Chief Keegan explained that this program has been in place for nine years. It started with a part-time social worker and transitioned to full-time. The contract is with the Association for Individual Development (AID). It will allow for a social worker at the police department forty hours per week. All officers and the City departments are available to contact the Victim Services Unit twenty-four hours per day. Last year there were 588 client referrals. The contract is for \$70,000; an application has been submitted to St. Charles 708 Mental Health Board asking for total funding.

Ald. Payleitner asked if one social worker was adequate. Chief Keegan stated that part of the budget recommendations was for a full-time City employee, but it was decided to stay with AID this year. The numbers are increasing yearly, and we will need additional social services. There will be some discussions going forward.

Ald. Bancroft thanked Chief Keegan for being forward-thinking in terms of this program.

Ald. Pietryla asked if we could cost-share with neighboring communities. Chief Keegan stated that there are some communities sharing services. Geneva and Batavia use AID as we do. There are different programs. Larger communities have their own social workers. The need for social workers is going to grow. The Community Emergency Services and Support Act (CESSA) should help.

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Ald. Pietryla to approve a Resolution for a One-year Contract and Lease Agreement with the Association for Individual Development (A.I.D.).

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

e. **Recommendation to approve a Resolution Regarding Drones as First Responders.**

Chief Keegan stated that the Drone Surveillance Act Limits Police use of Drones to monitor surroundings. The Chief of Police Association, Metro West, and the St. Charles Police Department support the new legislation that would modify the Act and urged the City Council to do the same by passing this Resolution.

Motion by Ald. Bancroft, second by Ald. Lencioni to approve a Resolution Regarding Drones as First Responders.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Bongard, Ald. Bancroft, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Pietryla, Ald.

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

6. Finance Department

- *a. Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Reserving and Authorizing the Transfer of Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues and Related Matters.**

Motion by Ald. Weber, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the omnibus items.

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

- *b. Recommendation to Name Assurance Agency LLC as the City's Risk Insurance Consultant and Broker at a Cost of \$32,500 Annually for the Five Annual Renewal Periods Beginning May 1, 2023.**

Motion by Ald. Weber, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the omnibus items.

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

7. City Administration

- a. Recommendation to approve A Resolution in Support of Tax Increment Financing.**
–This item was removed from the Agenda to be presented at a future meeting.

Motion by Ald. Lencioni, second by Ald. Bessner to enter into executive session at 8:12 pm.

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

8. Executive Session

- Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Pending, 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)
- 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)

Motion by Ald. Weber, second by Ald. Lencioni to adjourn the executive session at 8:43 pm.

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

9. Information Systems

a. Recommendation to approve a Resolution to Execute an Agreement with Anthony Timbers LLC for Managed Security Services for a Three-Year Term for \$614,866.

It was asked that this item be postponed to a future meeting for the opportunity to bring the vendor in to answer questions. Specifically, the work they have done, their specialties, references, and more information about the company. It will also allow the Mayor and City Administrator to be present for the conversation.

Ald. Kalamaris encouraged Larry to build a larger strategic plan around this area. If the City employees will use consulting services to guide them, I want to make sure they have trained staff, security professionals, or whatever is needed to be able to act the things they come back with. I think there are more bases to cover on this topic other than what this firm is offering us today. We should also ensure we have the right folks on staff to follow through with whatever the plans end up being.

10. Public Comment

11. Additional Items from Mayor, Council or Staff

12. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Ald. Wirball to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm.

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

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