



AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agenda Item Number: IP

Title:

Discussion to Review Results and Feedback Received Regarding the Temporary Outdoor Dining Program Implemented on May 29, 2020.

Presenter:

Mark Koenen, Rita Tungare, Jim Keegan

Meeting: City Council

Date: June 15, 2020

Proposed Cost: \$NA

Budgeted Amount: \$NA

Not Budgeted:

Executive Summary *(if not budgeted please explain):*

On May 20, 2020, the Governor announced that, with the anticipated advancement to Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan that on Friday, May 29, 2020, bars and restaurants will be allowed to serve customers in outdoor seating areas. The City of St Charles closely tracked the Governor’s Orders and guidance and advanced outdoor dining allowing the restaurant businesses in our community to re-open. The Mayor executed an Executive Order allowing for this action.

Bars and restaurants with outdoor seating areas were anxious to reopen. The City of St. Charles in conjunction with the St. Charles Business Alliance coordinated this effort to provide optimum business opportunity. The Chamber of Commerce also engaged in promoting the outdoor dining initiative.

The City’s program was released to the restaurant and bar community on the evening of Tuesday, May 26. On Wednesday, May 27, the Alliance and City staff received comments from the restaurant and bar community. This early feedback was valuable and the documents were modified slightly from the original plan. At the Special City Council Meeting on May 28 staff presented the Outdoor Dining Plan. After discussion with the City Council it was decided to extend the hours of food and alcohol service to Sunday – Wednesday, 7:00 am – 11:00 pm, and Thursday – Saturday, 7:00 am – 12:00 pm.

At this time staff would like to discuss the results and feedback received since the Temporary Outdoor Dining Plan was put into place.

This item was first presented at the May 28, 2020 Special City Council Meeting. This discussion is to review the results and feedback received regarding the Temporary Outdoor Dining Program.

Attachments *(please list):*

None

Recommendation/Suggested Action *(briefly explain):*

For your information and feedback.