

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, July 18, 2011**

Members Present: Chair. Martin, Ald. Stellato, Monken, Payleitner, Turner, Rogina, Krieger, and Bessner

Members Absent: Carrignan and Lewis

Others Present: Chris Aiston, Peggy Forster, Mark Koenen, Chief Mullen, Chris Minick, Kathy Livernois and Chief Lamkin

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was convened by Chair. Martin at 7:26 p.m.

2. Omnibus Vote

Budget Revisions – May 2011.

Motion by Krieger, second by Turner to approve the omnibus vote as presented.

Voice vote: unanimous; Nays: None. Chair. Martin did not vote as Chair. **Motion carried.**

3. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Recommendation to approve a Lease Agreement between the City of St. Charles and Veterans of Foreign Wars St. Charles Memorial Post #5036.

Mark Koenen: This is an update/renewal on the lease we have been joint with for years with the VFW for their parking facility over on the corner of Cedar and N 3rd Street. I would encourage you to endorse it again. The primary changes in the lease, that's a 5-year lease incidentally, and it better defines what our level of maintenance is in that particular lot. Additionally we have agreed that we would rebuild that alley access way that generally leads from the parking lot to State Street on the immediate west side of their building; and that is something we would do when the lease is executed. My understanding is that the VFW offices are considering the same lease tonight in their meeting. So hopefully with your positive recommendation and theirs, we will soon bring this back to City Council.

Motion by Stellato, second by Monken to approve a Lease Agreement between the City of St. Charles and Veterans of Foreign Wars St. Charles Memorial Post #5036.

Voice vote: unanimous; Nays: None. Chair. Martin did not vote as Chair. **Motion carried.**

- b. Recommendation to waive the bid procedure and award Asphalt Construction Projects Contract to Schroeder Asphalt Inc. in the amount of \$95,000.**

Peter Suhr: The Public Services Division is recommending asphalt repairs and reconstruction to the Heritage Parking lot which is on the northwest corner of Rt. 31 and Cedar, the Ambrose Parking lot which is on the southwest corner of Rt. 31 and Main Street, the Municipal parking lot, and also 9th Avenue between Washington and Adams. The project will consist of grinding down of the existing asphalt, resurfacing, and restriping. Damage from a recent water main break in the Municipal parking lot will also be repaired. Schroeder Construction was awarded the 2011 MFT contract and will honor the competitive pricing for all of these projects considering their low bid and existing mobilization within the City. The staff recommends the project to Schroeder Asphalt services in the amount not to exceed \$95,000.

Motion by Monken, second by Bessner to waive the bid procedure and award Asphalt Construction Projects Contract to Schroeder Asphalt Inc. in the amount of \$95,000.

Voice vote: unanimous; Nays: None. Chair. Martin did not vote as Chair. **Motion carried.**

- c. Recommendation to waive the bid procedure and award 7th Street Storm Sewer Contract to Schroeder Asphalt Inc. in the amount of \$90,000.**

Peter Suhr: We are recommending replacement of the storm sewer line on 7th Street from Oak to Indiana (one block). The replacement project will help to eliminate some problem flooding areas we have had in the past and also provide some point connections for the residents on 7th Street. Due to favorable results in this year's MFT bid we have remaining available dollars to move forward with this project in conjunction with the Indiana storm sewer project which is currently under construction. So similar to the asphalt project in the last agenda item Schroeder Construction will honor their competitive MFT dollars and pricing for this project as well. Staff recommends award to the 7th Street storm sewer contract to Schroeder Asphalt Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$90,000.

Motion by Stellato, second by Monken to waive the bid procedure and award 7th Street Storm Sewer Contract to Schroeder Asphalt Inc. in the amount of \$90,000.

Voice vote: unanimous; Nays: None. Chair. Martin did not vote as Chair. **Motion carried.**

- d. Recommendation to award proposal to Sewer Equipment Company of America for purchase of televising trailer equipment in the amount of \$134,999.**

John Lamb: This recommendation is to award a bid for a sanitary sewer televising equipment. The equipment stated here is used for our televising of our sanitary and storm sewers for deficiencies and failures. It is used extensively for maintenance of the sewer system to determine areas that have inflow infiltration contributing to flooding and it is also used to assess when we go out to bid for lining projects when we are lining our sanitary sewers. The current system is approximately 22 years old and failing. We requested two proposals and received two and we are recommending the proposal to Sewer Equipment Company of America for purchase of televising trailer equipment in the amount of \$134,999.

Motion by Stellato, second by Monken to award proposal to Sewer Equipment Company of America for purchase of televising trailer equipment in the amount of \$134,999.

Voice vote: unanimous; Nays: None. Chair. Martin did not vote as Chair. **Motion carried.**

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- a. Recommendation to approve a proposal from SB Friedman to complete TIF Eligibility Study and Redevelopment Plan and carry out full TIF designation process (former Applied Composites Property).**

Chris Aiston: Tonight we recommend for approval a proposal from SB Friedman Consulting firm to undertake the eligibility study for TIF designation as well as to prepare the redevelopment for the TIF district, and to go through the public process required by State to actually get the TIF district designated. The property in question is a 27-acre former Applied Composite site bounded on the north by the UPRR, on the south by Dean Street, west by 12th Street, and east by 6th Street. This property has been subject to redevelopment since 2005 when it was last sold. Much time has lapsed and we do have a redevelopment interest that has come to the table and they will want to undertake redevelopment of the site pursuant to a TIF designation. The proposal is for \$26,800 approximately and under the conditions of this TIF designation and the agreement that has been made with a development interest, all those expenses will be paid by the developer themselves. The contract will be between the City and the consultant, therefore we need your approval to execute the contract.

Ald. Rogina: As I understand it, is this the last step moving toward the establishment of the TIF?

Chris: Yes, but we are benefiting because some of the required work was done preliminarily a few years back in 2008 to determine the eligibility. We needed to do that before they tore down buildings because if you don't make that preliminary designation than you are looking at a vacant site as opposed to a blighted site. We are now ready to undertake a TIF designation. Be advised that expenses associated with some of the eligible activities relate to the project development itself, but in designating the TIF you are not necessarily approving the development plan. That will be done through the Development

department and the normal procedure related to a PUD. To get the TIF designation, thereby making funds eligible for reimbursement towards the project, this is the first required step.

Ald. Stellato: I want to clarify. I know this is a TIF eligible expense and the developer pays money and is reimbursed by the TIF as part of the deal. If the deal falls apart, I just want to make sure you state publically that the developer still has to pay for this amount whether or not the TIF is approved?

Chris: Yes, we have a procedure established in Community Development where a developer has to put money towards expenses similar to engineering studies, legal expenses; this will come out of that same kind of revolving fund. So yes they will be required to pay whether there is a designation or whether the development doesn't go through.

Motion by Stellato, second by Rogina to approve a proposal from SB Friedman to complete TIF Eligibility Study and Redevelopment Plan and carry out full TIF designation process (former Applied Composites Property).

Voice vote: unanimous; Nays: None. Chair. Martin did not vote as Chair. **Motion carried.**

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT

- a. Recommendation for approval of IDOT resolutions for closure of 2nd Street (Rt. 31) at Illinois Street for St. Charles High Schools' Homecoming Parades.**

Chief Lamkin: Outlined is the recommendation for the two homecoming parades this coming year. Notably they're both going to be on Illinois as opposed to Main Street. Largely because of the expected construction activity and the delays that would be associated with that. We did go through the Special Events process and have representatives from both schools present. We are in agreement for two years because of the construction. The only part we need at this point is approval of two separate resolutions one for each date for Rt. 31 and Illinois for IDOT.

Motion by Stellato, second Monken to approve IDOT resolutions for closure of 2nd Street (Rt. 31) at Illinois Street for St. Charles High Schools' Homecoming Parades.

Voice vote: unanimous; Nays: None. Chair. Martin did not vote as Chair. **Motion carried.**

6. FINANCE

- a. Recommendation to approve City Code ordinance amendments to sections of Titles 3, 8, and 13 to implement a disconnect notice fee on delinquent utility bills.**

Chris Minick: Enclosed in the packets are ordinances that provide for disconnection notice fees on delinquent utility billing accounts. This is an initiative that came out of the Strategic Sustainability Initiative process and it was identified as an opportunity for the City to recover some extraordinary costs related to the collections of those delinquent utility accounts. Typically what happens in the UB process is that the original bill is issued and the customer has approximately three weeks to pay that original bill. If that original bill goes unpaid, a second bill is then sent at the end of that 3-week process and there is a notice that is applied to the bill to notify the customer of the delinquent status of their billing account and it also indicates that their utility service could be targeted or slated for termination if that bill is not paid. A couple of days after the second bill goes out, the Finance Department prepares the disconnection notices and will mail them out to the customers. There is a process that goes along with that which is a manual analysis of each and every one of those disconnect notices is performed to make sure we are not sending out any of those notices erroneously. Also noted on the disconnect notice is the date that the account would be disconnected from services if that amount goes unpaid. We do ask on the disconnect notice that customer calls the UB office to make arrangements to satisfy the liability that they have. If they do not respond to the disconnect notice we will call the customer account if we have the phone and indicate that they do have a delinquency and ask to contact us to make arrangement for payment and indicate again the date they are slated for termination.

If we still don't get a response after all of those steps, we will send out folks from UB Services Department (Electric) and they will terminate service at the account location. If it gets to a point in time, a reconnection fee will apply to reinstate service to the account.

What we are targeting is the third step outlined in the disconnection notice. Currently the City does not have a fee related to the disconnection notice, but we do incur several costs related to preparing and mailing these on a monthly basis. We do prepare approximately 200 of these notices each month and that is out of a billing population of 16,000 which is a little more than 1% of our billing population on a monthly basis. There is a proportion of those customers who are repeat customers and we do have a very small portion of our utility billing base that consistently will not pay their bill until they get that disconnect notice. It is an extra step in the system and the analysis and time to process these notices is very time consuming and labor intensive.

The enclosed ordinances would amend the code sections for the City's utilities to impose a graduated fee schedule beginning at \$20 to offset these costs. If a customer was to receive a second notice within a 12-month period a \$35 fee would apply and a third and subsequent notice would bring the fee to \$50. The primary goal is to minimize the number of notices we have to send on a monthly basis, the phone calls made, ultimately to reduce the number of terminations that we experience on a monthly basis. The ordinances also contain a provision for forgiveness of the fee once during a 12-month period. We do anticipate that if this is recommended for Council approval and ultimately that approval is granted that the fees would go into effect November 1. We want some time to communicate these fees to our customer base so that they are aware of them.

Chrmn. Martin: On a rental unit, if someone defaults and moves out is the property owner responsible for that utility bill?

Chris: They are not responsible for the utility bill generally. However it does vary from case to case. If we have an application on file from the renter and the lease that the renter and tenant have entered into calls for the tenant to pay that bill, we do not hold the landlord currently responsible for that utility billing's portion but we will hold the landlord liable for the reconnection fee when they want to move a new tenant into the property.

Ald. Rogina: The customer receives their bill and has about three weeks to pay it. Going into delinquency, on average, how long a period of time before they actually go into delinquency and a disconnect notice goes out?

Chris: The disconnect notice would go out roughly 35 – 40 days old. And I failed to mention that typically there is a 10-day window they have before their services are disconnected. We don't mail out the disconnect notice and go out the next day.

Ald. Rogina: So there is almost a month after they are in default before there is ever any disconnect notice and application of this fee?

Chris: Typically they are at least 45 days old and sometimes they go out a little farther.

Ald. Stellato: Wrt the rentals, do you contact the landlord to let them know that there might be a disconnect, so they can opt out and maybe pay off the bill as opposed to the reconnection fee?

Chris: I can say that is done sometimes. It's not necessarily done all the time. I don't know that we have contact information on all of the landlords. If we do have that kind of indication we will try to work with the landlords, if we can.

Ald. Bessner: Wrt these levels of disconnect fees, are these all happening for the same month possibly, or are these for repeat offenders?

Chris: It would be for repeat offenders for different months out. You could not get two disconnect notices within the same month. You could get a \$20 fee in month #1 and then a \$35 fee in month #2, but you can't do that in month #1.

Motion by Turner, second by Rogina to approve City Code ordinance amendments to sections of Titles 3, 8, and 13 to implement a disconnect notice fee on delinquent utility bills.

Voice vote: unanimous; Nays: None. Chair. Martin did not vote as Chair. **Motion carried.**

7. CITY ADMINISTRATION

a. Consideration of application for a Class B3 liquor license for Alibi Bar & Grill to be located at 12 N 3rd Street.

Mayor DeWitte: This item was before you at the P&D Committee a week ago. There was some information missing in the presentation packet. All of you should of received a copy of the applicant's business plan, and in addition, he was given a list of specific questions that had come up in conversation a week ago Monday night. This is an application for a B3 liquor license. I thought it would be appropriate to have Mr. Simpson walk through that list of questions that he was given from administration and see if it answers some of the concerns you have and maybe generate some questions you may still be thinking about.

Rich Simpson, 236 E Vallett Street, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

Ald. Bessner: Can you talk about the environment during the day. Will this be a family place?

Rich: Yes, this will be a restaurant/sports bar with TVs. This building is 90 years old and I have gone and gutted it, spent \$500,000 thus far on this building and have brought it up to 2011 standards as far as building codes, fire codes, and made it ADA accessible with new entrances. It is becoming a very beautiful building at this point. It will be a higher end restaurant environment.

Ald. Stellato: Appreciate the business plan and understand the aggressive projections, but my concern is parking. This is really where this gets down to. It says in the summary that the existing use you have in the building that was for the market had 35 spaces per 1000, and now with this use with a liquor license you need to have 87 spaces to support that building. As it says in the staff report, and I agree that is a tough area to find parking spaces, give me some reason why I should change my mind on this?

Rich: When we had it at the market, we often had many events on the weekend. Maybe 80 to 100 people and there was never an issue of parking.

Ald. Stellato: The Market was during the day that you were open?

Rich: On Thursdays/Fridays we were open until 9:00 p.m.

Ald. Stellato: But on the weekends if this place is going with the traffic and parking problems as it is down there right now – that is my concern at that time of the evening.

Ald. Rogina: Looking at the diagram, am I reading it correctly that the proposed hours fall in line with the hours of the other bars in the area. You have a closing time of 1:00 – 2:00 a.m. on the weekends?

Rich: Yes, I have had meetings with all the other bar owners around me and I thought I would set the scale the same as theirs.

Ald. Rogina: So the rhetorical question is – is this a bar or a restaurant?

Rich: It's a restaurant type sports bar. The main focus will be a restaurant to serve lunch and dinner.

Ald. Rogina: I noticed in the diagram that there is a box office. You indicated in the plan that you were going to have bands and entertainment.

Rich: Yes, I am also planning to have plays and things like that as well.

Ald. Rogina: Okay, so is it a restaurant, a bar, a night club, a theatre, a combination of all these?

Rich: All these events will be taking place and there is also a banquet room in there for private events and things like that.

I would like to address the issues that were given to me if I may.

- Table and site plan are provided in the plan that was given to you.
- The theme is that it is going to be a restaurant/sports bar.
- The proposed hours are listed in the pamphlet.
- A copy of the menu has been provided.
- I will be managing the restaurant along with perhaps four other guys as well to keep all the hours covered.

Ald. Rogina: The hours between 10:00 pm to 2:00 a.m., are you anticipating serving much food?

Rich: I plan to serve food until 1:00 a.m.

Ald. Bessner: Will there be a cutoff when someone can come in there with their family and kids?

Rich: No.

Ald. Rogina: Would you consider adopting this concept to a restaurant –the other restaurants in town generally close at 11:00 p.m. – would you give any consideration to that?

Rich: No, I have not. I have had meetings with the other places around me and they are actually very excited because they think I will be the anchor to bring people back to town. Since The Office and McNallys have opened up the crowd has moved to the other side and they are actually trying to get the crowd back over to our side because they are suffering on

business. So with these conversations with my neighbors, I said okay these will be my hours.

Motion by Stellato, second by Rogina to **deny** this application for a Class B3 liquor license for Alibi Bar & Grill to be located at 12 N 3rd Street.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stellato, Monken, Payleitner, Rogina, Krieger, Bessner,
Nay: Turner Absent: Carrignan, Lewis. **Motion Carried** to deny the liquor license.

b. Presentation of St. Charles Mental Health Board agencies and recommendation to approve funding for:

- i. Ecker Center for Mental Health
- ii. ElderDay Center
- iii. Renz Addiction Counseling Center
- iv. TriCity Family Services

and recommend approval for St. Charles 708 Mental Health Board funding allocation for FY11/12 in the amount of 634,000.

Chris Minick: The City has had a long standing practice of allocating a portion of the property tax levy to fund mental health purposes and mental health agencies that provide services within the City of St. Charles. This goes back to a referendum that dates back many years and the City has had this policy in place for many years. Also as part of this policy, the City requests that any agency that receives over \$25K in city funding appear annually before the Committee to update the committee on how those funds were spent and what those funds are anticipated to be expended upon during the coming fiscal year. This is the second of the two-part series of presentations. The first series of presentations was made in mid-June and we are concluding the presentations this evening and at this conclusion we will ask for a recommendation of approval of the funding allocation enclosed in the packet. The agencies are Ecker Center for Mental Health, ElderDay Center, Renz Addiction Counseling Center, and TriCity Family Services. John Rabchuk, Chairman of the 708 Mental Health Board is also present this evening.

Ald. Stellato: I sit on the board and am a non-voting member of the Living Well Cancer Center. I don't want there to be any conflict. Would it be best that I just recused myself.

Ald. Stellato is recused from this discussion.

Ecker Center – Karen Beyer, Executive Director and have offices in Elgin and St. Charles. We are the state designated non-profit mental health center serving St. Charles. When individuals come to us for services, they receive an extensive diagnostic workup and we know a great deal about the people we are about to serve through this workup. We then create a treatment plan and provide individualize services that are tailored for that particular person's needs. The outpatient services we provide include adult psychiatry and nursing. A vast majority of the people we serve have the more severe kinds of mental illnesses and need psycho-tropic medication to control their symptoms which is a beginning point. We also provide case management which is assistance in establishing eligibility for entitlements

such as social security disability, Medicaid, Medicare, help people find housing, physical mental care, industry and do a lot of work with people so they can find a source of funding for the medications that they need. We have an adult psycho-social rehabilitation program and this is for our most challenge clients. We have therapy groups and educational modules that help them learn how to manage their symptoms. A lot of teaching of practical daily skills goes on there. We provide therapy to adults – individuals and group settings. On occasion we will work with family members of an individual. The programs I have described are for adults and these last ones are psychiatric emergency programs which operate at Sherman Hospital and goes out to Provena St. Joe's and Delnor to provide services to anyone of any age who is in a psychiatric crisis. Clearly some people come to us who are not in a psychiatric crisis but we will serve anybody who comes to us. Very frequently if it isn't a psychiatric emergency we are able to refer them to many of the agencies that the Mental Health Board funds and others.

We also have a wide array of residential programs. One is a crisis program which is a 2-week stay and in most cases we are working with people who are in crises and need medications to stabilize them. Our psychiatrists work very closely and have a nurse on most of the shifts. It is a 24-hour program supervised. Other programs include group homes that are supervised 24 hours a day for people who have the most severe mental illnesses and need that level of supervision. We also have apartments that are staffed on site from the time people take their psycho-tropic medications in the am to the pm medications. We also have some scatter site apartments (building her and there) where we help people rent apartments from private landlords and we have case managers who work with these people.

In our fiscal year that ended June 30th, we served 265 individuals and we provided 2,790 hours of service to St. Charles residents. A vast majority of the people that we serve have incomes at poverty levels or below. We would like to thank the City of St. Charles and the St. Charles Mental Health Board for the funding that made so many of those, often expensive, services available to St. Charles residents.

ElderDay Center – Traci Eggleston, 38W001 Clover Hills Ct., Batavia. We have the privilege of taking care of those who have taken care of us in our community for a large portion of our life. This is something we give back to the community to thank the elderly for what they have done for us. Last fiscal year 2010 we served 85 St. Charles residents. We provide a two-fold process which is a day program that allows older adults to take part in services between 7:30 am – 5:30 pm which provides their caregivers some respite or go to work or take care of their own children. We also provide caregiver support services with a full time social worker with 30 years of experience in geriatric mental health as well as caregiver support. We are also a resource for training and education as we work through the aging process of what to do with mom/dad as they age and be able to make the appropriate referrals. With any diagnosis there is just a plethora of knowledge waiting to be uncovered.

In our day program we run a creative fun program. We take people over the age of 55 who are generally not ready for long term care placement, but maybe not safe to stay at home or just looking for something to do. We take a baseline of depression and a mini mental exam

to get a baseline of cognizant skills and we monitor that every year. We have found that depression rates have actually decreased in our mental program and cognitive ability remains steadier for a longer period of time. We do modify bowling to work our growth motor skills and do crossword puzzles to engage fine motor skills and to use different parts of our brains. We also engage with local school children and do intergenerational activities which decreases the stigma of aging and allows the children to give back to the community. We have a nurse on staff that does medication monitoring, monthly blood pressures and weight checks which maintains the seniors' health.

In St. Charles we have 23 participants. Last year we had 85 participants which some are caregivers. In the caregivers counseling program we had 53 residents take part of that. We are very proud to receive the 708 funds and use these funds very carefully. 72% of our budget is salary expenses and we make sure we have enough well trained staff in order to provide this program for our senior adults. We also use the funds for specialized field trips.

Ald. Turner: I am glad an organization is out there for the caregivers. Old people seem to be forgotten and I know some situations and its very good that someone is giving caregivers a break and sounds like you are giving them some education on how to handle their own stresses at times. Thank you.

Renz Addiction Center, Jerry Skogma, Executive Director. Renz is celebrating its 50th year of operation in 2011. We were incorporated in 1961. We provide alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment programming in the St. Charles, Elgin, and Streamwood offices. In St. Charles it is primarily alcohol, drug and gambling addiction counseling both intensive outpatient and traditional outpatient programming. In FY2011 which ended a couple of weeks ago, we saw 101 treatment patients from the City of St. Charles. That doesn't include some programming for drug and alcohol prevention activities and programs that we have for students, nor does it include 20 HIV prevention services that we have for St. Charles residents as well.

One of the programs that we are most proud of is our community homeless integration project. We partner with five other agencies including Lazarus House and Ecker Center. This is a project for homeless, mentally ill, and/or substance abuse population. We are in the second year of a 5-year Federal grant with that program.

Some characteristics of the population that we see - about 50% are addicted to extreme abuse of alcohol problem, 30% abuse marijuana and 15% are addicted to heroin or cocaine. 40% of the population are over the age of 40. This has been going up gradually over the last couple of years and it is replacing the 20 - 30 age group which has been higher in the past.

Renz Center really appreciates the efforts and support of the City.

Ald. Rogina: You mentioned gambling addiction, while it is a source or revenue and your organization has been around for 50 years, did you see a spike at all in gambling addiction after the riverboats were put in?

Jerry: A big spike in the mid 90's and then another spike when the riverboats were open to 1:00 am, and then when it became a 24-hour situation. Then the boats went on the river and came back to dock side and another spike occurred. The more availability of gambling; the more problems.

TriCity Family Services – Jim Otepka, Director 1120 Randall Court, Geneva. We provide a range of counseling prevention, early intervention, youth crisis intervention services to residents of the TriCity area and surrounding communities. Services to residents of the City of St. Charles account for 1/3 of our total service delivery effort. Counseling is our primary service and represents half of our total service delivery effort and our services are family centered. Most of the issues coming through the door are child and adolescent related. We serve children adolescents with a range of mental health issues – some severe in nature and we also serve adults, unlike Ecker, our individuals do have major mental illnesses but are not considered severely or persistent mental illness. That distinction is important to keep in mind.

Last year we served 1,070 city residents of St. Charles across those programs. Despite the constraints on budget and staffing, I am happy to say we realize an increase of 8% in service delivery for the second consecutive year to St. Charles' residents. While the word may be that the recession is over that forecast has not changed significantly for the majority of the families that we serve. Over the past year we have seen a 30% increase in the numbers of clients seeking adjustments to their fees and our fees are set on a sliding scale set to incomes of families' fund. 80% of our clients now pay less than the full fee for their services and more than 40% of clients in the counseling programs pay a fee of \$25 or less per session. Thus you can appreciate the incredible importance of the funding you make available to us helping to insure those services remain affordable and available. Last year 32% of our clients reported incomes of \$30K or less. Last year the percent of agency clients receiving Medicaid/mental health services stood at 37%; this year it jumped to 52%. 75% of the families we served have also been impacted by abuse, sexual abuse, physical abuse and substance abuse; so many of our adolescents are reflecting pretty significant family dysfunction. We have a couple of consulting psychiatrists on board to help with evaluations. We have our clients obtain legal advocacy when needed and spend a lot of time with them out in the community which are non-billable hours. We continue to offer a wide range of prevention/early intervention programs. Over the past year we have packaged some of our programs with Lazarus House and School District 303. State funding is no better than it was last year. The waiting lists are getting longer.

In closing I want to say thank you to the folks who sit on the MHB. They do an incredible job as stewards of local tax dollars.

Ald. Rogina: I have a comment to all the presenters tonight and all the presenters from the last month, and to John – I am very proud to serve on a Council and live in a city that supports less fortunate, troubled, needy people and it's no surprise to me that when the

Family Circle designation came down, one of the components of that was a city that gives back. So I tip my hat to all of you and am very proud of your efforts.

John Rabchuk, 914 Ash Street, St. Charles. Your comments are very welcomed – this is a great community. When I first came on the board many years ago, I had no idea of the breadth of services that are available and supported by the wisdom of what the City of St. Charles set up so many years ago. Jim was part of this of making sure that dealing with these agencies individually that there was a mechanism to channel some money on a regular basis, to provide stability of funding, and to evaluate those services because the agencies changed over a period of time and we got new agencies today. It has been a great pleasure of mine to participate in that and get to know some of those people in these agencies. But it is really the wisdom and foresight of the City of St. Charles that made it all possible.

Chrmn. Martin: I would like to add my comments and heart-felt thanks to all the presenters and the agencies that provide these important services to our residents. Thank you.

Motion by Monken, second by Rogina to approve the recommendation for St. Charles 708 Mental Health Board funding allocation for FY11/12 in the amount of 634,000.

Voice vote: unanimous; Nays: None. Chair. Martin did not vote as Chair. **Motion carried.**

6. Additional Items

Brian Townsend: Reminder that we will be taking next Monday, July 25 off because there will be some people who will not be here, so there will not be a Government Services Committee meeting next Monday.

Ald. Monken: I have available some rows of very good condition lockers that I am renovating out at our facility – the Norris Center. If anyone would need those or could use those, I would like to give those to you. So anyone can stay after this meeting and I would be glad to talk with you.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Krieger second by Turner to adjourn meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Voice vote: unanimous; Nays: None. Chair. Martin did not vote as Chair. **Motion carried.**

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