



ST. CHARLES
SINCE 1834

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Recommendation for Street Closings for Annual Farmers Market June Through October

Presenter: Chief Lamkin
May 2011

Please check appropriate box:

X	Government Operations (5/16/11)		Government Services
	Planning & Development		City Council
	Public Hearing		

Estimated Cost: No cost to the City Budgeted: YES NO

If NO, please explain how item will be funded:

Executive Summary:

The Farmers Market organizers at the Baker Church are requesting the closure of north 4th Avenue between Main and Cedar on Fridays between June and the end of October from approximately 5 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The farmer's market has taken place at this location for several years with no problems.

Attachments: *(please list)*

E-Mail from Rob Murphy of the St. Charles Farmers Market

Recommendation / Suggested Action *(briefly explain):*

The Police Department recommends the use of Type III barricades at each end to accomplish the closure safely, and that event organizers encourage vendors to utilize parking south of Main Street to allow customer parking closer to the event.

For office use only: *Agenda Item Number:* #4



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05/04/2011 10:35 AM

To James Lamkin <jlamkin@stcharlesil.gov>

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Subject 2011 Farmers market

Dear Chief Lamkin,

The St. Charles Farmers Market once again requests the use of 4th Ave between Route 64 Main Street and Cedar Avenue for its 2011 Season. Again this year we are opening the Market on the first of October, every Friday from 7am to 1 pm.

The Farmers Market continues to be sponsored by Baker Memorial United Methodist Church. The Church will name insure the City of St. Charles for this project, as it has in the past.

Since this community program was moved to its current location, it has grown into a well known summer farmers market with a strong vendor participation. We support many local and regional family farms who count on this Market to offer a venue for their food stuffs. The 2009 Market season had a core of 20 - 24 regular vendors. Our Friday Market fits well into many of our Vendors market schedules and attracts a great customer base and food offerings.

I would like to request 4th Avenue be closed each Friday morning by 5 AM so that our early arriving vendors can commence setting up. We should have the street clear by 2:30 pm.

As always, we will continue to close early on the Homecoming Parade days if need be. If you would include those dates back to me, I would appreciate the information.

I would like to share that our vendors really appreciate St. Charles. The City does a fine job of assisting this Market. Our vendors and customers regularly let me know how welcome they feel and I am very proud of our City and its operational support.

Please let me know if you need further information.

Sincerely,

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