

MINUTES
THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
ALD. RON SILKAITIS, CHAIR
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Silkaitis at 7:13 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 August 2022 – Information Only, no comments

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. Weber, second by Ald. Bessner to remove item 7a from Omnibus and to approve the remaining 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 new D-8 liquor license application for Vero Voce, LLC located at 3755 E Main Street, St. Charles.

Chief Keegan explained that this item advanced from today's Liquor Control Commission with a 3-0 vote in favor. The applicant is present to answer questions, and the license is for a studio/arts business.

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Ald. Bongard to recommend the approval of a new D-8 liquor license application for Vero Voce, LLC located at 3755 E Main Street,

St. Charles

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. City Administrator's Office

- a. Discussion of the Active River Project Vision from John Rabchuk of the River Corridor Foundation. – Information Only

City Administrator McGuire introduced Mr. Rabchuk and shared that the River Corridor Foundation would like to take on one component of the Active River Project at their own expense. They want to make sure the City Council support this project before spending any funds on it.

John Rabchuk shared that the River Corridor Foundation is a not-for-profit organization and its purpose is to promote economic development and recreational activities. He reminded the Committee about several improvement and clean-up projects which have been completed by this group. The Active River Project was adopted as part of the City Master Plan and Park District Master Plan, but has not made much progress so far. Concept plans were created and engineering and design details will be a significant expense. Grants can only be applied for when those steps are complete (estimated at \$2 million, 10 years ago.)

The current proposal is to focus on a section between Illinois Street and the pedestrian bridge, on the east side of the Fox River. There are several opportunities to improve the trail layout, add river access, and beautify that section of the river bank. A focus group would prioritize the changes and the River Corridor Foundation would hire an engineering firm to create plan options and corresponding costs. It's expected that this phase would be complete in early 2023.

Resident feedback will be a component of the process. The plan options would be brought to City Council for input, and then an engineering firm would be hired to create a detailed design. The Foundation expects to apply for (and receive) grants for the construction cost. Any project that is undertaken would consider the overall goals and tie into those.

Mr. Rabchuk asked for the Committee's blessing to proceed as described and the Committee members expressed support of the project. City staff will provide a few names for potential committee members to work on this project.

7. Information Systems

- a. Recommendation to approve a Resolution Authorizing Staff to Award a Contract to Dell Marketing LP for Desktop Computers for \$109,677.

This is a 5-year contract to procure hardware. There is a warranty that will cover break/fix efforts, and also covers licensing. These are standard desktop units that cover the needs of most City staff users and the contract does not include peripheral hardware, like monitors.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Pietryla to recommend approval of a Resolution Authorizing Staff to Award a Contract to Dell Marketing LP for Desktop Computers for \$109,677.

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

8. Community Development

- *a. Recommendation to approve a Final Plat for Charlestowne Lakes Subdivision.

Motion by Ald. Weber, second by Ald. Bessner to recommend approval of a Final Plat for Charlestowne Lakes Subdivision.

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 authorize the inclusion of the Frank Gorham Memorial Canoe Launch Access site in the Fabulous Fox Water Trail.

Russell Colby shared that this request came from the Kane County Development Department. The proposal involves a section of the Fox River to be included in a national water trail system, as part of the National Park Service. The goal is to increase non-motorized recreation on water bodies. The canoe launch is on City property, adjacent to the former police station building, and was installed in 2007. At this time there is no plan by the City to modify the dock and staff has no objection to the inclusion of the launch in this program, provided it does not impact future use. Since the river wall will need to be repaired or replaced at some point, staff is seeking clarification to understand how that would be done.

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Ald. Bongard to recommend a conditional approval to authorize the inclusion of the Frank Gorham Memorial Canoe Launch

Access site in the Fabulous Fox Water Trail, pending responses to the questions asked by staff.

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**

9. Public Comment - None

10. Additional Items from Mayor, Council, or Staff

Ald. Lencioni recognized Mary Kruse from the St. Charles Public Library Board attends today's meeting to understand the City's government process.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Kalamaris to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

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

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