

MINUTES
THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
ALD. STEVE WEBER, CHAIR
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2 EAST MAIN STREET

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Weber at 7:19 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner. **Absent:** Ald. Bongard.

3. Administrative - None

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. Bessner, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus items.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Bongard.
Ald. Weber did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

5. Finance Department

- a. Recommendation to approve an **Ordinance** Deleting Chapter 3.46, "Lumber Tax," of Title 3, "Revenue and Finance," of the St. Charles Municipal Code.

Director Bill Hannah explained that the Lumber Tax was litigated and was found unconstitutional in year 2006; however, it was never formally removed from the City's code that was adopted in year 2004.

Motion by Ald. Muenz, second by Ald. Gehm to approve an Ordinance Deleting Chapter 3.46, "Lumber Tax," of Title 3, "Revenue and Finance," of the St. Charles Municipal Code.

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

- b. Recommendation to approve the Funding Allocation Requests of the 708 Mental Health Board for FY 2024-2025.

Director Hannah spoke regarding the 708 Mental Health Board that gets its funding through additional property tax assessment. The 708 Mental Health Board awards its funding to different organizations within the community that provide mental health services.

Mr. Richard Rivard, a 708 Mental Health Board member spoke regarding the board's history, vision and its mission as well as the funds they have distributed over the years. He further stated that a total of \$666,000 out of \$844,429 requested funds is being awarded to organizations that have applied. After carefully review of all submitted applications, seven (7) organizations were awarded over \$25,000 and are as follows:

- Association for Individual Development (AID) -\$44,010 (s/b \$35,996)
 - CASA Kane County - \$31,424
 - City of St. Charles Police Department - \$59,568
- Some funds are to be returned by Scene 2 and credited to the St. Charles Police Department in the amount of \$5,020.
- Ecker Center for Mental Health - \$103,534
 - Lazarus House - \$51,869 (s/b \$43,865)
 - Lighthouse Recovery - \$57,618
 - TriCity Family Services - \$189,591

Ald. Wirball asked Mr. Rivard about the Scene 2 reimbursement of funding and the circumstances of the refund.

Mr. Rivard explained that Scene 2 did not follow through with a program that was presented to the 708 Mental Health Board and for that reason they were asked to reimburse the \$5,020. He further reiterated that the 708 Mental Health Board is intending to allocate the returned funds to the St. Charles Police Department.

Ald. Pietryla inquired about the reason why some organizations were not awarded any funds.

Mr. Rivard stated that the organizations that were not awarded any funds did not clearly align with the mission and vision of the 708 Mental Health Board. He further

stated that another reason for not awarding the funds is that the said organizations did not have clear for-profit and not-for-profit margins.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Foulkes to approve the Funding Allocation Requests of the 708 Mental Health Board for FY 2024-2025.

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

*c. Budget Revisions May 2024

Motion by Ald. Bessner, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus items.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Bongard. Ald. Weber did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

6. Police Department

- a. Recommendation to approve a proposal for an A6 Liquor License Application for 7-11, located at 1705 W. Main St., St. Charles.

Chief Keegan presented this liquor license and explained that this business is transitioning from corporate to a franchise with the hours of sales being from 7am to midnight, as stipulated under the A6 liquor license class.

Ald. Foulkes asked if this liquor license is the same as the one for the 7-11 store on the east side of town to which Chief Keegan said yes.

Motion by Ald. Gehm, second by Ald. Foulkes to approve a proposal for an A6 Liquor License Application for 7-11, located at 1705 W. Main St., St. Charles.

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

- b. Proposal for a **Resolution** for Main St. closure for an Insomnia Productions movie production.

Chairman Weber introduced Mr. Nick Smith to the Council and stated that he is available to answer any questions via zoom.

Chief Keegan presented the proposal for a Resolution for Main St. closure requested by Insomnia Productions who is seeking permission to film Munger Rd 2 movie. The filming would take place on Tuesday, October 15th through Friday, October 18th, 2024 during the hours of 4pm to 5 am on Main St. between 7th St. to 5th Ave. Sidewalks, businesses and pedestrian walkways would remain open with periodic and/or intermittent closures. This closure will mirror the closure route required for the City parades. Chief Keegan further stated that the Illinois Department of Transportation requires a resolution adopted by the City before they can accept and review an application and issue the IDOT closure permit to the Insomnia Productions. Should this resolution be approved, the City would assume responsibility for traffic direction, street closures, detailed detour plan and any signs required by IDOT. Chief Keegan proceeded to give some historical details on the filming of the first Munger Rd movie, filmed 14 years ago, as well as The Killer movie that was filmed just last year. The Insomnia Productions would require between 22-27 uniformed police officers to be present at each intersection of the closure route for the Munger Rd 2 movie. The approval of mentioned resolution would only allow Insomnia Productions to initiate a process of obtaining the IDOT street closure permit and any additional items associated with the movie production would be brought forth to the City Council for further approvals.

Ald. Foulkes spoke regarding the resolution and clarified that even if this resolution gets the City Council's approval tonight, it does not mean that the City Council is in support of the project itself.

Ald. Silkaitis expressed his concern regarding the timing and urgency for the approval of this resolution. He also stated that he would like to have more details on the project and asked if the proposed cost of \$121,000 is a final figure. He further voiced that he is not comfortable with spending the quoted amount for a private movie production and was interested in knowing what the effected businesses thought about the street closure.

Chief Keegan stated that the costs are preliminary and more detail would come to the Council for further approvals at a later date.

City Administrator Heather McGuire clarified that the timing issues were due to the potential writers' strike and reiterated that more details are to come forth regarding this project that require further approvals from the City Council. Tonight's approval is for Insomnia Production to be able to move forward with the IDOT permits only.

Mr. Nick Smith confirmed the above reasons for the timing issues and further stated that the reason for the lack of details on the project are due to many unknowns. He addressed the concerns regarding the effected Main Street business owners and

assured the council that he received positive remarks from said businesses in regards to the street closure. He further expressed his understanding for the concerns of the council.

Ald. Lencioni asked the staff for details on the former movie productions and how the reimbursements of funds were handled in those cases.

Heather McGuire stated that The Killer movie reimbursed a 100% of the cost to the City. She further stated that the City, by council approval, waived the cost associated with the filming of Munger Road 1.

Ald. Lencioni asked Mr. Smith if he is looking for any fees being waived by the City for this project.

Mr. Smith stated that it is very hard for him to answer this question at this time considering that he does not have any concrete cost figures as of yet.

Ald. Wirball inquired about any cost reimbursement agreements that might be drafted between Insomnia Productions and the City. He further spoke on behalf of the citizens of the City and the fact that they might want to see their tax dollars spend on much more needed infrastructure projects rather than on a private for-profit movie production.

Mr. Smith stated that he is open to discussions regarding reimbursement agreements.

Ald. Wirball expressed his concern for the businesses and the impact this street closure might have on them. He asked if the production is looking to possibly reimburse businesses for any loss of business due to this project.

City Administrator McGuire stated that there were some reimbursements paid to the businesses by The Killer movie production but the amounts are unknown to the City.

Mr. Smith further explained that his goal is to bring more revenues to any food related businesses by having his rather large production crew dine at those businesses.

Ald. Wirball asked if the production would be utilizing any City facilities or vehicles for this movie and if so, would that also be reimbursed.

Mr. Smith spoke to the concern of reimbursements and the timing of the event. He

stated that figuring all the details out would be part of the future process.

Ald. Wirball asked Mr. Smith if any additional streets would be closed for the production of the movie.

Mr. Smith stated that additional streets may be closed; however, those closures would be very brief.

Ald. Muenz asked if the intersections will be fully closed or just partially and how that will impact the north and south traffic. She also inquired about the truck traffic and how the detour routes would handle the heavier vehicles.

Commander Tim Ocasek stated that the intersection of route 31 and route 64 would be closed. Route 25 would still remain open allowing the north and south traffic to come through. He further stated that more alternative truck routes would be explored as part of further planning.

Ald. Bessner expressed his full support for the approval of the resolution. He also asked Chief Keegan about the past data pertaining to the Munger Rd 1 and The Killer movies and how those compare to the new movie production from a financial and logistical stand point.

Ald. Pietryla expressed that as a council member, his primary responsibility is to look out for the citizens of the city and how the tax dollars are appropriated. He stated that he is in support of the production of the movie; however, he wants to make sure that the City is properly reimbursed for any costs associated with this project.

Chief Keegan stated that the City would work with its legal team on drafting necessary contracts assuring that appropriate cost reimbursements are made to the City associated with the movie filming.

Chairman Weber asked Mr. Smith what other details he could deliver to the City Council between tonight and the next City Council meeting scheduled on July 1, 2024.

Mr. Smith stated that he would have more details ready for the July 1st City Council meeting.

Motion by Ald. Lencioni, second by Ald. Gehm to move forward with the Proposal for a Resolution for Main St. closure for an Insomnia Productions movie production.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Bessner. Nays: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball. Absent: Ald. Bongard.
Ald. Weber did not vote as Chair. **Motion Failed.**

7. Information Systems

- *a. Recommendation to approve a **Resolution** authorizing the purchase of Okta software subscriptions and support from Carahsoft Technology Corporation for \$27,336.

Motion by Ald. Bessner, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus items.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Bongard.
Ald. Weber did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

8. Fire Department

- a. Recommendation to approve a **Resolution** Authorizing the Purchase of Fire Station Alerting Equipment for the Fire Department that is budgeted in this FY.

Deputy Chief Tony Cavallo presented this item and expressed the necessity for the purchase of the new Fire Station Alerting Equipment.

Motion by Ald. Wirball, second by Ald. Gehm to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Fire Station Alerting Equipment for the Fire Department that is budgeted in this FY.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Bongard.
Ald. Weber did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

9. Public Comment

Mr. Arthur Lemke spoke regarding the production of the Munger Rd 2 movie and expressed his support of filming the movie with full reimbursement of the cost to the City.

10. Additional Items from Mayor, Council or Staff

Ald. Muenz inquired about making Juneteenth a City holiday.

City Administrator McGuire stated that the City is working with the Equity & Inclusion Commission on some ideas to recognizing all holidays. She stated that one of the ways to recognize the Juneteenth holiday is to mirror the Martin Luther King holiday by

making it a non-meeting day while the City offices are still open.

11. 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)

12. Adjournment

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Lencioni to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm.

Voice Vote: Ayes: Ald. Silkaitis, Ald. Foulkes, Ald. Muenz, Ald. Lencioni, Ald. Gehm, Ald. Pietryla, Ald. Wirball, Ald. Bessner. Nays: None. Absent: Ald. Bongard. Ald. Weber did not vote as Chair. **Motion Carried.**

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