

JOURNAL OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Tuesday

September 8, 2020

6:30 P.M.

The County Council of St. Louis County, Missouri, met on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 6:30 P.M., by video conference, pursuant to adjournment with Chairwoman Clancy presiding.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following Council Members were present:

Rita Heard Days
Kelli Dunaway
Tim Fitch
Rochelle Walton Gray
Lisa D. Clancy
Ernie Trakas
Mark Harder

A quorum being present, Chairwoman Clancy declared the County Council in session for the transaction of Business.

Also present were the Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, Beth Orwick, County Counselor, and Diann L. Valenti, Acting Administrative Director.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Moved by Councilwoman Walton Gray, seconded by Councilman Harder and carried that the Journal of the Meeting of September 1, 2020, be approved.

COMMUNICATIONS**ZONING MATTERS****Item No. 1 – 4th District**

Report of the St. Louis County Planning Commission, Re: Response to communication dated *August 25, 2020* from Megan Flower, requesting amendments to C.U.P. 746, **P.C. 13-97 AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc., GRANTING APPROVAL**, as indicated, to increase the permitted height of the existing telecommunication tower to 146 feet in order to include the lightening rod and other appurtenances on the tower located on the north side of Krenski Lane, west of New Jamestown Road.

Action: Moved by Councilwoman Walton Gray and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received and filed.

Item No. 2 – 4th District

Report of the St. Louis County Planning Commission, RE: Request for a C.U.P. in C-2 Shopping District, **P.C. 12-20 Eduardo Reyes Sierra Vista, RECOMMENDING APPROVAL**, as indicated, to permit a freestanding automatic teller machine (ATM) for Chase Bank on the parking lot located on the southeast quadrant of Bellefontaine Road and Larimore Parkway Drive in the unincorporated community of Spanish Lake, containing 5.63 acres.

Action: Moved by Councilwoman Walton Gray and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received and filed.

Zoning Matters – Continued**Item No. 3 – 6th District**

Report of the St. Louis County Planning Commission, RE: Request for an Amended C.U.P. in C-2, **P.C. 13-20 Eduardo Reyes Gravois, RECOMMENDING APPROVAL**, as indicated, to permit a freestanding automatic teller machine (ATM) for Chase Bank on the site located on the southeast quadrant of Gravois Road and Tesson Ferry Road containing 0.56 acres.

Action: Moved by Councilman Trakas and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received and filed.

Item No. 4 – 6th District

Report of the St. Louis County Planning Commission, RE: Request for a C.U.P. in C-2 and FPC-2 Shopping District, **P.C. 11-20 Eduardo Reyes Telegraph, RECOMMENDING APPROVAL**, as indicated, to construct a freestanding Chase ATM along the western edge of the parking lot located on the east side of Telegraph Road, approximately 360 feet south of Golden Valley Drive, containing 6.56 acres.

Action: Moved by Councilman Trakas and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received and filed.

Item No. 5 – 6th District

Report of the St. Louis County Planning Commission, RE: Response to communication dated July 16, 2020 from Megan Flower, requesting amendments to C.U.P. 757, **P.C. 73-97 Southwestern Bell Wireless Systems, Inc., GRANTING APPROVAL**, as indicated, to increase

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the permitted height of the existing telecommunication tower to 158 feet in order to include the lightning rod and other appurtenances on the tower located south of Gravois Road, west of Emil Avenue.

Action: Moved by Councilman Trakas and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received and filed.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**Item No. 1**

Report from Paul Kreidler, Budget Director, stating Section 8.050 of the County Charter provides that "...the county executive may request transfer of appropriations within any department during any fiscal year. These transfers must be approved by the council. The council shall, by ordinance, establish procedures to efficiently manage budget transfers and council approvals", and forwarding the attached report detailing all appropriation transfers posted during the month of August 2020 that did not come before the Council per Ordinance No. 27,318, as described.

Action: There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received and filed.

Other Communications – Continued**Item No. 2**

Communication dated *September 1, 2020* from Jeannette Zinkgraf, Records Manager, and Tod A. Martin, Director of Administration, requesting authorization in accordance with Sections 101.010 through 101.030 SLCRO, to destroy records relating to the **Departments of Assessor - LIS and Police - Crime Lab and Criminal Investigation Divisions** identified as **2008 and 2012-2013 Assessor Subdivision Plats, 2013 – 2017 Police Digital Evidence Files, 1983 – 2008 Attorney General Assault Grant Files, and 2017 Fugitive Files In State and Out of State**, stating said records have been electronically scanned and processed in accordance with provisions set forth in 101.025 SLCRO and the papers are no longer needed.

Action: There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

Item No. 3

Communication with attachment dated *August 31, 2020* from Andrea Jackson-Jennings, Director of the Department of Human Services, requesting approval, as provided in Section 8.050 and Ordinance #27,318 and with the concurrence of the Budget Director, for the transfer of \$13,582 within the General Fund appropriation of the Department of Human Services, as indicated, stating this transfer is intended to cover the anticipated shortfall and align the appropriations within the budget accordingly.

Action: Moved by Councilwoman Clancy, seconded by Councilwoman Walton Gray and carried that the item be received, filed and the appropriation transfer be approved as requested.

Other Communications – Continued**Item No. 4**

Communication with attachment dated *August 28, 2020* from Gerald Smith, Recorder of Deeds, requesting approval, as provided in Section 8.050 and Ordinance #27,318 and with the concurrence of the Budget Director, for the transfer of \$3,852.10 within the Preservation Fund Fee appropriation of the Department of Revenue, as indicated, stating the transfer is needed to cover a shortage in the “Software Maintenance” category in the Recorder of Deed’s Office, as described.

Action: Moved by Councilwoman Clancy, seconded by Councilwoman Walton Gray and carried that the item be received, filed and the appropriation transfer be approved as requested.

Item No. 5

Submission by Bi-State Development entitled: **St. Louis County Transportation Commission – Report for the month ended July 31, 2020, dated September 14, 2020.**

Action: There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received and filed.

Item No. 6 – 5th District

Communication dated *September 4, 2020* from the Honorable Lisa Clancy, Council Chairwoman and Councilwoman for the 5th District, directed to Gen Frank, Associate County Counselor, requesting preparation of a Resolution for introduction during the *September 15, 2020* Council Meeting to honor University City Children’s Center as they celebrate their 50th anniversary, as indicated.

Other Communications – Continued**Item No. 6 – 5th District – Continued**

Action: There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

Item No. 7 – 5th District

Communication dated *September 4, 2020* from the Honorable Lisa Clancy, Council Chairwoman and Councilwoman for the 5th District, directed to Gen Frank, Associate County Counselor, requesting preparation of a Resolution for introduction during the *September 8, 2020* Council Meeting to honor CASA of St. Louis as they celebrate their 40th anniversary, as indicated.

Action: There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

Item No. 8

Communication with attachment from Ms. Juanita H. Hindshaw, Chair, St. Louis County Fund Investment Advisory Committee, submitting the Annual Report of the St. Louis County Fund Investment Advisory Committee for the year ended *December 31, 2019*, as indicated, stating the County's investment program again attained the objective to fully invest the Treasurer's funds, pursuant to the County's investment policy, on the basis of safety, liquidity and yield, as described, and further stating all minutes and monthly schedules are on file in the Department of Administration and are available for review.

Action: There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received and filed.

Other Communications – Continued**Item No. 9**

Communication with attachment dated *August 28, 2020* from Gerald Smith, Recorder of Deeds, requesting approval, as provided in Section 8.050 and Ordinance #27,318 and with the concurrence of the Budget Director, for the transfer of \$23,583 within the General (1010) Fund appropriation of the Department of Revenue, as indicated, stating this transfer is needed to cover salaries and parking for temporary employees hired within the Recorder of Deeds Office to assist with reducing a backlog of unrecorded electronically submitted documents and the resulting indexing of said documents, as described.

Action: Moved by Councilwoman Clancy, seconded by Councilwoman Walton Gray and carried that the item be received, filed and the appropriation transfer be approved as requested.

Item No. 10 – 5th and 4th Districts

Communication dated *September 4, 2020* from the Honorable Lisa Clancy, Council Chairwoman and Councilwoman for the 5th District, directed to Gen Frank, Associate County Counselor, requesting preparation of a Resolution to affirm recent recommendations that have been made by the Justice Services Advisory Board and the Council's Committee on Justice, Health and Welfare pertaining to matters discussed during the *September 1, 2020* meeting of the St. Louis County Council's Justice, Health and Welfare committee, as described, and further requesting Councilwoman Rochelle Walton Gray be added as a cosponsor.

Action: There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

Other Communications – Continued**Item No. 11 – 7th District**

Communication with attachment directed to Ms. Diann Valenti, St. Louis County Clerk, from Michelle Dougherty, Executive Director, Boundary Commission, St. Louis County, Missouri, forwarding the Notice of Proposal and Public Hearing with regard to **Proposal No. BC2003, a proposal from St. Louis County and the City of Valley Park for a SIMPLIFIED BOUNDARY CHANGE: TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION BETWEEN ST. LOUIS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF VALLEY PARK** received by the Boundary Commission on July 28, 2020, stating an ONLINE public hearing will be held on *Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.* via livestream to the Boundary Commission’s YouTube Channel, <https://bit.ly/2ATM2M4>, in this regard.

Action: Moved by Councilman Harder and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and referred to the County Counselor, the Department of Planning, the Department of Revenue, the Assessor’s office, and the Board of Election Commissioners.

Item No. 12

Communication with attachments from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, recommending the necessary legislative action, as requested by the Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS), to accept and appropriate \$49,798.40 in FY21 Veterans Service Officer Grant program funds from the Missouri Veterans Commission, stating the term of the grant runs

Other Communications – Continued**Item No. 12 – Continued**

from *July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021*, as indicated, and further stating these funds will be used to support various veterans' services provided by DHS, as described, and further requesting that the Director of DHS be authorized to execute documents necessary to effectuate and carry out the intent of the grant.

Action: There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

Item No. 13

Communication with attachment from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, recommending the necessary legislative action, as requested by the Chief of Police, to accept and appropriate \$135,016 in Early Warning Grant program funds from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments to support the position of Critical Infrastructure Coordinator (CIC) at the St. Louis Fusion Center, stating the term of the grant runs from *August 3, 2020 through July 30, 2021*, as indicated, and further stating the St. Louis Fusion Center is a regional intelligence center that provides a multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary approach to the collection, analysis and dissemination of information used to detect, defend against, and respond to acts of terrorism and threats to the region, as described, and further requesting that the Chief of Police be authorized to execute documents necessary to effectuate and carry out the intent of the grant.

Action: There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

Other Communications – Continued**Item No. 14**

Communication with attachment from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, recommending the necessary legislative action, as requested by the Chief of Police, to authorize the acceptance and appropriation of four (4) grants totaling \$731,350 from the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Division of Highway Safety, to support various enforcement units within the St. Louis County Police Department (PD), stating the term for each grant runs from *October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021*, as indicated, and further stating funds provided as part of the Dedicated Highway Motor Vehicle Enforcement grant program will be used to support the salaries and benefits of six County officers and one sergeant assigned to the PD's Highway Safety Unit, funds provided as part of the Dedicated DWI Enforcement Unit grant program will support salary and overtime pay for officers assigned to assist the Highway Safety Unit with DWI enforcement, and funds provided as part of the DWI Saturation Enforcement grant program and the Occupant Protection Enforcement grant program will support overtime pay of officers assigned to assist the Highway Safety Unit, as described, and further requesting that the Chief of Police be authorized to execute documents necessary to effectuate and carry out intents of the grant.

Action: There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

Other Communications – Continued**Item No. 15 – 2nd and 4th Districts**

Communication with attachments from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, recommending the necessary legislative action, as requested by the Acting Director of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, to authorize a cost-share agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, as indicated, stating the purpose of the project is to make improvements to Interstate 270 from Lindbergh Boulevard to Route 367, and further stating the proposed agreement will include the County's desired improvements to the project in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000, which includes \$633,632.30 in contingency items, and further stating that the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is willing to complete the County's desired improvements including lengthening of I-270 bridges over New Florissant Road and New Halls Ferry Road to add additional turn lanes; replacement of fiber optic connection impacted by the project; addition of sidewalk along various portions of road within the project area; enhanced safety at midblock crossings to bus stops on two-way outer roads; and resurfacing of Pershall Road from Lindbergh Boulevard to Hanley Road to restripe the road with bike lanes (**St. Louis County Project No. AR-1808**).

Action: Moved by Councilwoman Dunaway and there being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed and the County Counselor be directed to prepare the appropriate legislation.

Other Communications – Continued**Item No. 16**

Communication from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, stating pursuant to Article III, Section 3.050(1) of the St. Louis County Charter, Mr. Charles “Chuck” Henderson is hereby appointed as the Director of the Department of Information Technology, stating Mr. Henderson has been performing the duties of the position as Acting Director since *August 23, 2019*, as indicated, and further stating this appointment is referred to the St. Louis County Council for its information and confirmation.

Action: There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed, held on the Order of Business and referred to the Council as a Committee of the Whole.

Item No. 17

Communication from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, stating pursuant to Article III, Section 3.050(1) of the St. Louis County Charter and Section 105.020 SLCRO, and in accordance with Section 66.010 RSMo, Ms. Courtney Whiteside is hereby appointed as the Director of the St. Louis County Municipal Court and County Municipal Court Administrator, stating Ms. Whiteside has performed the duties of this position as Acting Director since July 2019, as indicated, and further stating this appointment is referred to the St. Louis County Council for its information and confirmation.

Action: There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be received, filed, held on the Order of Business and referred to the Council as a Committee of the Whole.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, returned to the Acting Administrative Director, endorsed with his approval, the following bills, said bills being duly adopted by the County Council on September 1, 2020 and approved by the County Executive on September 2, 2020:

BILL NO. 189, 2020 became Ordinance No. 27,855, 2020

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At this time, County Executive Page made the following statement: “Thank you, Lisa, and good evening everyone. I hope everyone had a good Labor Day weekend. While the weekend is often thought of as the end of summer, more importantly, Monday was the federal Labor Day holiday, a time to honor those who have fought, and continue to fight, for fair wages, fair working conditions and opportunities for all in the workplace. Early in my tenure as County Executive, I began meeting with County employees who were rightfully jolted by the controversies that sent my predecessor to prison. They were concerned about the future of County government and how the welfare of employees had been neglected for years. Out of those discussions, along with recommendations from a Women in the Workplace working group I convened, we have made a series of changes to ensure that St. Louis County government is a better place to work. I implemented the County’s first paid parental and caregiver leave policy. This act provides two weeks of paid time off to all employees to care for a new child or a sick family member. My administration took steps to improve pay for low-wage St. Louis County employees. This process

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will increase wages for these workers by implementing a new minimum wage for all non-seasonal, full-time employees and contracted employees. The new minimum wage rate is scheduled to reach \$15 an hour by 2022, with incremental changes each year until then. My first executive order banned inquiries into and reliance on salary history when it comes to setting pay rates for newly hired employees. It's critical that everyone who seeks employment with the County should have the opportunity to compete for a job at a fair and equitable rate of pay, regardless of sex, gender or race. The hard work from our Women in the Workplace working group led to St. Louis County being named one of 17 area employers honored for our policies and outcomes around gender, equity and diversity. The Women's Foundation of Greater St. Louis scored the County on 27 questions related to leadership, compensation, flexible work policies, and retention and recruitment. The baseline criteria for consideration included a starting wage above the state minimum of \$8.60 an hour, women in at least 27% of top leadership positions, and at least six policies that promote a flexible work environment, such as paid sick leave. We will continue to build on this recognition in making St. Louis County one of the region's best places to work. I asked the Council to enact an ordinance requiring contractors to pay a prevailing wage on projects where St. Louis County extends tax incentives. Our workforce deserves to earn competitive wages for their work. Requiring contractors to pay a prevailing wage will prevent companies from low-balling proposals at the expense of their workers. I signed an executive order establishing a prevailing wage enforcement coordinator. This role is to ensure that the County's

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prevailing wage ordinance is executed and enforced. Janson Thomas is the prevailing wage enforcement coordinator and will conduct systematic reviews to ensure compliance and consistency. My administration obtained almost \$5 million in additional funding for local workforce development programs aimed at providing training services to youth, adults and dislocated workers to increase meaningful employment. The Department of Human Services provides these services in partnership with the Family and Workforce Centers of America, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, and the International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis. We also obtained funds for the SkillUp project, which is an important part of a comprehensive workforce development system serving the needs of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients. We all know that this pandemic has created an economic crisis on top of a public health and humanitarian crisis. We are getting small business loans out into the community and we have an Economic Rescue Team headed by Rick Stevens, president of Christian Hospital. The team is working in four areas: minority- and immigrant-owned businesses; small businesses and industry; community development; and workforce development. We are also working with our municipalities to provide relief for them during this pandemic and hope to have that process worked out very soon. That's all for now. Thank you, Lisa."

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Justice, Health and Welfare Committee

1. Report of the Justice, Health and Welfare Committee meeting held on ***Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.*** to discuss the Justice Services Department, and to discuss various concerns received from Justice Services' employees and Correctional Officers.

Action: Moved by Councilwoman Walton Gray, seconded by Councilwoman Days and carried that the report dated September 1, 2020 be received, filed and adopted as submitted.

Committee of the Whole

2. Report of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on ***Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.*** to consider the following appointments: Hon. Vaughn M. Rooks to the required position of *elected fire protection district director* on the ***St. Louis County Fire Standards Commission***, for a term of three (3) years; Hon. Laura M. Arnold to the required, vacant position of *elected municipal official* on the ***St. Louis County Fire Standards Commission***, for a term of three (3) years; and Ms. Raven J. Akram to fill a vacant position on the ***St. Louis County Civil Service Commission***, for a term of four (4) years.

Action: Moved by Councilwoman Clancy, seconded by Councilwoman Walton Gray and carried that the report dated September 1, 2020 be received, filed and adopted as submitted.

Special Committee for Oversight of COVID-19 Funding and Expenditures

At this time, Councilwoman Dunaway made the following statement: "Thank you, Madam Chair. In our meeting this morning, we were reminded that Missouri's first case of COVID-19 was six months ago yesterday here in St. Louis County. Since then, we have had over

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20,000 positive cases and we've lost 760 lives in the County. As we enter our seventh month in the pandemic, and I'd really like to get my kids back in school, I will continue to ask everyone to wash your hands, maintain social distancing, and please wear a mask. In our Public Health update this morning, we learned that 24 agencies and 26 projects have been awarded community and mental health grants. That the procurement and distribution of PPE, including finding smaller masks for children, continues to be a priority along with education about masking and social distancing, and the accessibility and turnaround time of testing. To that end, St. Louis County is expanding our own lab capabilities in order to perform more COVID testing, as well as seeking opportunities to lab partner with other jurisdictions who may have additional capacity for testing. When asked about the possibility of a November vaccine, we were advised that the state will most likely lead the charge and that the delivery of a vaccine will be a collaborative process across federal, state, and local agencies, and that demand will probably outweigh supply for quite some time. In the Humanitarian update, we learned that 50% of the funds have gone out for housing stabilization, seniors and homebound services, social and emotional well-being of children, childcare, domestic violence grants, and the digital equity initiative, much of which the latter bit, much of which is running through the St. Louis County Library. In Economic Rescue, local businesses are still being surveyed to determine how best to support our local rescue, and the Economic Rescue Team is planning to provide final results and recommendations the week of

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September 21st. The Small Business Relief Program is continuing to fund small business grants. A total of 1,147 grants have been approved, totaling just under \$13 million, with 36% of applications still pending. The County CARES Team covered some of the lessons they've learned in administering a grant program of this magnitude, which in turn should offer a smoother funding road when it comes to supporting our municipalities, toward which we are inching closer. Our budget does still have \$47 million set aside for our municipalities, and the CARES Team is looking at a grant program whereby a 'per capita plus' model is used to repay eligible COVID-related expenses incurred by our municipalities. More details to come in our next meeting, either next Tuesday or again in two weeks at 10 a.m. by Webex; we're still figuring that one out. Thank you, Madam Chair. That's it for this week."

PUBLIC FORUM

Before starting the Public Forum, Chairwoman Clancy stated: "We will move on with our Public Forum portion of our meeting tonight. As I like to remind everyone, week to week, this forum is a source of pride for all of us here on the St. Louis County Council and it can also serve as a positive example to other policymaking bodies throughout our region. We encourage everyone who participates in this forum to speak with tolerance and respect towards the Council, towards other leaders in County government, and towards each other."

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Chairwoman Clancy asked for the public comments that were submitted to be read by the Acting Administrative Director or her designee. The following persons addressed the County Council and stated the following:

Ms. Mary Mays: “This request is for you to end the county wide mandate to wear masks, to lift capacity limits, and end social distancing orders. We as rational, logical, adult citizens can decide for ourselves appropriate actions to take to keep ourselves and our community healthy. This virus has caused the death of 0.07% of people in our county. While each person lost is a tragedy, this number simply does not justify the type of mandates in place. We do not need mandates restricting our freedoms when our hospitals are not overrun and we have “flattened” the curve as you originally asked. Lift all mandates today and allow St. Louis county to heal from the hardships the mandates have caused. Thank you.”

Ms. Shannon McCollough, 9948 Litzsinger Rd., St. Louis, MO, 63124: “Dear St. Louis County Council and County Executive Sam Page, I am done asking nicely. I am done being polite. YOU MUST OPEN THE SCHOOLS. The damage that is being done to our children socially, emotionally AND academically is going to take YEARS to undo. And to the Special Needs children? You are DESTROYING YEARS of work that has helped these children to adapt and succeed in spite of their challenges. I dropped off something at one of my closest friend’s home last night. When I walked inside her home, her teenage autistic daughter was in the middle of one of her “episodes.” The screaming was audible EVERYWHERE in their home. The looks on my friend’s and her husband’s faces (and their younger son’s) said it all. The last 6 months have been a NIGHTMARE for families with special needs children. Their routine has been disrupted. There is no access to PT’s or OT’s. (Video and Zoom calls do NOT count and do absolutely NOTHING for children/families in this situation.) Twelve years ago, my husband and

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I received a phone call when my sister-in-law (in another state) reached a breaking point after caring for her 4-year old autistic son (and his “typical” twin sister) 24/7 and required psychiatric intervention. My sister-in-law was mentally, physically and emotionally exhausted and just needed some help. Fortunately, my now 16-year old nephew is mainstreamed into a public school and all of the interventions that he has received over the years have helped him to be able to control his emotions a bit better than some on the spectrum. My friends are at a breaking point. And they have RESOURCES to be able to get at least some help for their child in spite of YOUR pulling the rug out from beneath them in regards to school and PT’s and OT’s. I can’t imagine what special needs families are going through that DON’T have these resources. Dr. Page, put on your doctor hat for a minute. You MUST allow at LEAST the Special Needs kids to go back to school. I IMPLORE you to act before something terrible happens to one of these children or a family member.”

Ms. Emilie Hayes, 9441 Firebush Dr., St Louis, MO, 63126: “PLEASE LIFT ALL MANDATES: *NO mask Mandates, *NO more “Phases” for Sports-let ALL children participate in volunteer sports if they want, *NO building capacity limits...let places of businesses go back to full capacity, *NO more billing school superintendents-announce that CDC has been saying for months that ALL schools should be open. ***Special Needs children especially need to be having IN person leaning. Our children who are recommended to only have a couple of hours of screen time per day by pediatric specialists are now glued to screens for hours a day. This is causing behavior issues, depression and will lead to more childhood obesity. Open our schools up! Open our businesses up! You are destroying St Louis County. *CANCEL Recommendation to Authorize amendment to a contract, originally authorized by Ordinance No. 27,592, for outside counsel with Lewis Rice, LLC (Lewis Rice) ***What is this???? We need an Answer! *EXPLAIN The proposed amendment to the St. Louis County Charter on the election ballot of

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November 2020, as indicated, stating the proposed amendment to Article II will create and add a new section, Section 2.300, titled “Council Attorney”, and further stating the proposed amendment shall create the positions of one (1) Assistant Council Attorney and one (1) administrative/clerical staff member (OC-10)?? ***Why are we receiving more grant money for contract tracers???? \$71,150 in grant funds from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to support the Department of Public Health’s (DPH) “Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity CARES” project, stating the grant will commence upon contract execution and continue through March 31, 2022! ***Is all the money we received from the Cares Act Spent??? Where is the accountability?”

Ms. Tabbi Backues: “This letter stands as a request for you to end the county wide mask mandate as well as the social distancing orders and capacity limits. With the current death rate the mandates are no longer necessary. It’s time to give freedom back to the residents of St. Louis county. We have successfully flattened the curve as you asked, now we politely ask you to flatten the mandate. Thank you.”

Ms. Theresa Oswald: “This request is for you to end the county wide mandate to wear masks, to lift capacity limits, and end social distancing orders. We as rational, logical, adult citizens can decide for ourselves appropriate actions to take to keep ourselves and our community healthy. This virus has caused the death of 0.07% of people in our county. While each person lost is a tragedy, this number simply does not justify the type of mandates in place. We do not need mandates restricting our freedoms when our hospitals are not overrun and we have “flattened” the curve as you originally asked. Lift all mandates today and allow St. Louis county to heal from the hardships the mandates have caused. Thank you.”

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Ms. Heather Brown, 404 Hill Trail, Ballwin, MO, 63011: “For six plus months now the St. Louis County Council, and particularly Sam Page as the Sole arbiter of emergency funds, have put themselves and their special interests above protecting the citizens of St. Louis County. Where did the CARES ACT money go? Where is the accountability for the CARES Act funds? Why is this supposed “emergency” still an emergency with no evidence to support it? It’s awfully suspicious that amid increasing pressure for accountability, more than 70 old unaccounted for COVID deaths materialize from the Health Department to bolster fear. Nefarious deeds always come to light. Ask the other county council officials before you who have had to answer criminally for their actions. Let me remind you that you all, except Sam Page who waltzed into his lush position, are ELECTED OFFICIALS who are PUBLIC SERVANTS elected to represent the St. Louis County people. It is not your responsibility nor is it constitutional to impose restrictions on businesses or people, particularly when literally no data supports the fear mongering and actions of this council. And because this “pandemic” is done, hold yourselves accountable as you SHOULD HAVE THIS WHOLE TIME. Bring back IN PERSON county Council meetings so you all can answer directly to your constituents about these rogue actions you’re taking. It’s awfully easy to disregard a piece of paper. You should have to look all of your constituents in their eyes as you vote against the people. And if you do truly care to be a representative of the people rather than a power hungry agent of the government, show it by holding yourselves Accountable and vote in favor of bills 175 and 176. Again I reiterate, END THIS TYRANNICAL OVERREACH AND LET FREE ST. LOUIS COUNTY ADULTS MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS OVER THEIR LIVES. Uphold the oath to protect the Constitution and the rights of the people. If we wanted to live in Nanny states we most certainly would not have chosen Missouri. End these mask mandates, restrictions on sports, building capacity limits, and pressure placed in schools to stay closed NOW. Vote in favor of bills 175 and 176. WE THE PEOPLE are watching the actions you are taking closer than ever, and we will not forget.”

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Ms. Jennifer Rieser: “It is now beyond past time to lift all "mandates" and allow St. Louis County to heal from the hardships these "mandates" have caused. The St. Louis County wide "mandate" to wear masks needs to end. Children should absolutely not be masked. The capacity limits inside and outside need to end. Bar curfews need to end. Can someone explain the reasoning behind a curfew? Are you saying COVID-19 can't infect you at 10:59PM, but can at and after 11:01PM? The social distancing orders need to end. ALL children should be able to go to school and participate in sports if they want. Parents are more than capable to make the decision to whether or not they want their child to go to school and/or participate in sports. Special needs children especially need to be having IN person leaning. The CDC has been saying for months that ALL schools should be open. We as rational, logical, educated adult citizens can decide for ourselves appropriate actions to take to keep ourselves, our children, and our community healthy. This virus has caused the death of 0.07% of people in our county. While each person lost is a tragedy, this number simply does not justify the type of "mandates" in place. We do not need "mandates" restricting our freedoms when our hospitals are not overrun and we have "flattened" the curve as originally asked of us. Do the right thing for the people of St. Louis County; lift these "mandates". I am also requesting the council vote FOR bills 175 and 176. In the event of a (real) pandemic, no state of emergency and/or public health order declared by the county executive and/or director of the department of public health should extend for a duration beyond the 15th day following the effective day of such declaration(s) unless the county council by a 2/3 majority vote adopts a resolution approving the extension of such order(s) and setting forth the duration that the state of emergency shall remain effective. It is time to do what is right, logical, and ethical in the County of St. Louis.”

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Ms. Izora Liggins, 5320 Bermuda Rd., St. Louis, MO, 63121: “LEGAL EXHAUSTION RESULTS IN ONE WINNING BY DEFAULT INSTEAD OF DEFEAT. Good Afternoon County Executive Page and the entire County Council, For the last several years I have come before this Governing body not seeking special treatment, but, seeking due process, equal protection and fair treatment. These are fundamental rights due to all citizens. County Executive Page, in a recent discrimination court matter that awarded the plaintiff a 20-million-dollar judgement said, he does not normally get involved in judicial matters but he made an exception in that discrimination matter. Executive Page has ignored all my request that he get involved or make a recommendation in the matter of The Boeing Company vs Izora Liggins. I am openly being targeted and this county has a duty to protect me. Yet, Executive Page has gone silent. Beth Orwick, lead counselor for this county, said, she was committed to a St. Louis County that nobody was discriminated against. That has not held true regarding the matters of Boeing vs Liggins; Liggins vs Magee; Liggins vs Harris or Liggins vs Lemley. It appears that this county has two sets of laws and rules. I would like to request the following: 1. Executive Page provide the name of the source that sent you the fraudulent workers’ compensation documents regarding Izora Liggins and ensure that I receive due process, equal protection and fair treatment while resolving the cases mentioned here. 2. The County Council take a serious look at (a) posing a resolution supporting fairness and openness; (b) introduce legislation improving public access; and (c) encourage training of government employees to ensure compliance with existing rules and laws. As the elected officials of this County, please understand that if these fundamental rights are not provided, myself and all others similarly situated will continue to pay taxes to support county employees who infringe upon our rights and openly demoralize certain citizens. I also ask that addressing the racial divide here in St. Louis County become an issue to be placed on the weekly agenda until it is secured for all. Thank you.”

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Mr. Paul Wesley, 728 Henry Ave., Ballwin, MO, 63011: “This request is for you to end the county wide mask mandate, to lift capacity limits, and end social distancing orders NOW. We as rational, logical, adult citizens must decide for ourselves appropriate actions to take, keeping ourselves and our community healthy. This virus has caused the death of 0.07% of people in our county. While each person lost is a tragedy, this number simply does not justify the type of mandates in place. The mask and business killing mandates are not warranted. They are a direct violation of our constitutional rights. And we the people have had ENOUGH. We will not consent. We are not in a pandemic. In fact, there never was one. You continue to push a false narrative and it needs to stop now. We do not need mandates restricting our freedoms when our hospitals are not overrun and we have “flattened” the curve as you originally asked. Lift all mandates today and allow St. Louis county to heal from the hardships the mandates have caused. A true patriot that loves America not tyranny.”

Mr. Josh Sher, 716 Barham Down Dr., Ballwin, MO, 63011: “Dear County Council Members, On August 1, 2020 the Director of the CDC said 'It is in the Public Health Interest' to reopen schools for K-12 students. A recent study from UCLA and Stanford University found the chances of dying from COVID-19 are 1 in 19.1 Million. To put that into perspective, the chances of dying from a car accident are 1 in 114. Last week the CDC admitted that only 6% of recorded COVID deaths actually died as a result of COVID. It is time to lift ALL mandates, get our kids back in school and let us all get back to normal. There is nothing you can say to justify any of your mandates. Thank you.”

Ms. Samantha Maggard, Ms. Jennifer Dunlap, Trisha Smith: “This request is for you to end the county wide mandate to wear masks, to lift capacity limits, and end social distancing orders. We as rational, logical, adult citizens can decide for ourselves appropriate actions to take to keep ourselves and our community healthy. This virus has caused the death of 0.07% of people

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in our county. While each person lost is a tragedy, this number simply does not justify the type of mandates in place. We do not need mandates restricting our freedoms when our hospitals are not overrun and we have “flattened” the curve as you originally asked. Lift all mandates today and allow St. Louis county to heal from the hardships the mandates have caused. It is time to lift the restriction and let people go back to work, go back to school, and regain the lives and freedoms that were taken from them. A concerned citizen, women and parent.”

Ms. Nina Hickerson: “Hello, This request is for you to end the county wide mandate to wear masks, to lift capacity limits, and end social distancing orders. I would also like to see high school sports resume in St Louis County. My son is on a cross country team at a private school in StL county and is currently unable to compete with his team. He has been working so hard, running 3-7 miles a day preparing for a race day. All precautions are being taken and his team has been able to practice and is very safe. Please let them compete. I understand that rules such as social distancing, masks, and limiting spectators could all be part of this to start with but at least let them compete. There is no harm in letting these teenagers run against their peers in other schools. We can do so safely! I feel as though we as adults should make the choice to go out, participate, wear masks or not, etc. People are already afraid and I think the mandates make it worse. People can still get sick with masks and if a mask mandate is in order people may believe social distancing is not necessary. Let people that want to stay home, stay home, and let people who want to wear masks, wear them. But for many masks are not safe such as children wearing them and constantly touching their face, an allergy sufferer dealing with a runny nose with the mask making it worse, or a person with anxiety who cant deal with going anywhere where a mask is required. It is unlikely for someone to catch this virus from visiting a grocery store, more likely to get it from prolonged exposure. We do not need mandates for masks! Thank you.”

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Ms. Ed Golterman, 542 Wooddell Court, Kirkwood, MO, 63122: “Honorable members of The Council and Honorable Executive Page: in the most difficult times, music-professional-presented in great places, for admission, raised up St Louis. It is the catalyst now. Please Engage in freeing the regional, national music assets-Kiel opera House and Muny, and jump ahead of all the rest.”

Ms. Mary Ann Harter, 827 S. Sappington, St. Louis, MO, 63126: “When will Czar Page declare we are no longer in a state of emergency? Under what definition of emergency are we living that goes on interminably? Our wise governor, Mike Parson, has allowed Missourians to resume their lives. The fascist Democrats apparently want us to be miserable until at least the election. Emperor Page's order mandating face masks was overbroad. On what facts did he suddenly decide we needed masks? What are the limits of this man's power? My disabled child was humiliated when she tried to go vote without a mask. I believe I was called some bad names because I advocated for her right to vote. People do not recognize valid medical exceptions to the mask requirement. There are harms of mask mandates (see the advice issued on June 5th from WHO) that need to be weighed against benefits. Masks do nothing except serve as a talisman in the religion of Leftism. Every civilized person knows to cover your face when you sneeze or cough. I object to a public servant, a County Executive, treating me like a three-year old. Also, it is criminal how the COVID money was just put in King Page's pocket. There needs to be an accounting of every single penny and before November. Your unloyal servant.”

Ms. Cary Peel, Arnold, MO: “St. Louis County Council, I am writing regarding youth sports in your county. Stop the “phases” and allow sports, all ages!!! Baseball tournaments have gone on all over the state since May, except in St. Louis without any issues. I live in Jeffco but my kids play sports in St. Louis. I have a senior that because his school is in St. Louis, probably won't get to play soccer thanks to Page! The sports task force has proved youth sports are safe. This is a

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virus!!! There are always viruses and always will be viruses. Stop the madness of shut downs!!! Stop being an evil dictator! Kids should be in school full time and playing sports if they so choose. Also, the mask mandate needs to stop! It's about control and compliance. If it was truly about health, you wouldn't have fast food restaurants in St. Louis. It's not your job to protect our health, it's your job to protect our freedom. Which St. Louis has NOT done!"

Ms. Paula Coughlin, 14 Granada Way, Ladue, MO, 63124: "To Interim and Part-Time County Executive Page and the St. Louis County Council; I write again this week to demand that you cease your unauthorized pressure and bullying of St. Louis County schools and allow them to open without your overreaching interference. This morning, the Board of Education for Ladue School District voted and passed a resolution giving the superintendent authority to allow in-person classes and announced a planned start date of 9-28 for grades K-2. Rockwood is planning something similar. These superintendents are waking up to the reality that virtual learning plans do not work at all for the very young and are poor substitutes for all grades. They are listening to their community—why don't you try that? I'll make it easy for you: go to [ipetitions.com](https://www.ipetitions.com) and search "St. Louis County Children have a Constitutional Right to Return Safely to School". This petition has been circulating for only 1 week and, as I write this, has been signed 4,488 times by county residents. Individual comments—789 of them from all over the county-- follow the Petition. My favorites are "Sam Page is a tyrant!" and "Impeach Page!", but most of the comments are constructive and explain why virtual learning plans do not work and provide a myriad of suggested fixes. Listen to the residents and let the schools move forward! Your handling of this pandemic has been a power-grab motivated by a goal of creating chaos and fear and making you somehow important and essential in the every day lives of county residents. Your unchecked mandates and spending with no oversight are only allowable due Governor Parsons' State of Emergency Declaration. We are no longer dealing with an emergency, and the Governor has heard

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the tremendous outcry from St. Louis County residents demanding that he lift the order and reign in your authority. For the sake of the children of St. Louis County, I hope he acts today.”

Ms. Crystal Marina: “To Whom it may concern, I am writing in regards to the tyrannical overreach of the county. Please remove the mask mandates. My son goes to private school and has to wear a mask ALL DAY LONG. The psychological damage to children, let alone adults, will be far worse, by leaps and bounds, then getting a virus with a 99% survival rate. The CDC has been saying that schools need to reopen. So reopen them! Please remove any phases on kids sports. Kids need physical activity and they need to breath without being restricted of oxygen. Please remove any business mask mandates. It is dangerous for certain professions to allow people in their stores with masks on. Please remove building capacity limits. This is hurting businesses beyond repair. Also, why are we receiving grant money for contact tracers? Where is all the money from the CARES ACT being spent?”

Jeff and Julee Wilson, 1618 Dover Trace Dr., Fenton, MO, 63026: “Dear Dr. Page, Council Chair Clancy And St. Louis County Council, This request for the removal of mask mandates and capacity limits in our communities. We ask that you lift the unnecessary restrictions on our businesses, youth sports, and citizens. We ask you to stop pressuring our superintendents, sports leagues, and businesses to “require” masks or they cannot open, participate, or serve their customers. Our superintendents are pressured to close in person learning and the students and families in YOUR communities are suffering. These things we are asking because there has been NO SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE provided to support these mandates and restrictions. The two weeks to flatten the curve has long passed and the virus is showing to have little to no spread from children or asymptomatic individuals from replicable sources such as the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics. It is far past the time for this overreach to end! If individuals who have health risks want to wear masks in public, then they have that right but those of us who do not should be not

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forced to do so. Nor should we be fined, shunned, or outcast because of our decision. We are asking for the passing of bills 175 and 176! These “checks and balances” need to be in place to keep from ONE person making decisions without any accountability to others who represent our communities. Council, we ask that these two bills be a priority and they be passed. This is not just for the existing officials but the future as well, regardless of which political side one may fall. It’s time for our county to be opened up fully and masks mandates be removed. Our economy, small businesses, and children are catching the brunt of these restrictions and are paying dearly. Dr. Page, we implore you to lift these restrictions immediately. Other surrounding counties are moving on with very little to no negative impacts and St. Louis County should too. Thank you for your time. Thank you.”

Ms. Patricia Cornell, 11160 Village N Dr., St. Louis, MO, 63136: “Council members..please do whatever will work to get the correct place for the COVID money now in the hands of Sam Page. I have emailed Senator Josh Hawley suggesting a good lawyer to correct the channeling of this money. Now, not in several years!!!! I am serving vulnerable people in their homes so as to avoid moving to a nursing home. So I am unable to attend your meetings. I sincerely appreciate sharing my thoughts with you all.”

Ms. Johanna Beaudean, Wildwood, MO: “County Executive Page & Council Members, You can clearly see that St. Louis County has done the necessary to flatten the curve. Yes there are measures not met entirely but it is clear that the mandates & emergency order set forth in March have been effective in achieving the goal. My husband & I are currently living separately In different countries in Missouri so we are able to maintain our home near employment & allow our children their right to a free & appropriate education. We have the ability to do this but it should not be necessary. Your mandates are meaningless. PLEASE LIFT ALL MANDATES: *NO mask Mandates, *NO more “Phases” for Sports-let ALL children participate in volunteer sports if

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they want, *NO building capacity limits...let places of businesses go back to full capacity, *NO more bullying school superintendents-announce what CDC has been saying for months that ALL schools should be open. ***Special Needs children especially need to be having IN person leaning. *Bring Back IN PERSON County Council Meetings! WE the people deserve to be able to sit in on OUR elected officials. EXPLAIN The proposed amendment to the St. Louis County Charter on the election ballot of November 2020, as indicated, stating the proposed amendment to Article II will create and add a new section, Section 2.300, titled "Council Attorney", and further stating the proposed amendment shall create the positions of one (1) Assistant Council Attorney and one (1) administrative/clerical staff member (OC-10)?? Please vote for bills 175 and 176. See photo below. Please provide transparency & oversight for all money St. Louis County received from the Cares Act. What has been requested and not yet fulfilled? Thank you."

Ms. Deb Matush, 1455 Cragwold Rd., St. Louis, MO, 63122: "Executive Page and Council Members, In this age of arrogance and non-transparency it is appalling you need to hire an attorney with an assistant with St. Louis County monies while businesses in St. Louis County are dying on the vine. Why do you need legal representation? If you do, pay for it yourself like the rest of us, not with our money! Unless you have the mentality of Marie Antoinette; you get what you want on the people's monies but "Let them eat cake!" Let me ask you these questions: Do you have a job? Can you pay your rent or mortgage? Can you pay your utilities? Can you buy your food without having to negotiate putting something back on the shelf? Do you have a lease on a business space but are not allowed to bring in business and still have to pay your lease and other associated costs? Do you feel powerful by making business owners who do decide to try to open, police their customers and refuse service if a person doesn't or can't wear a mask when the very thing the proprietor needs is that person to spend their money in their business? But what you can do is: Open a new unused morgue to accommodate the big death numbers that never happened. Close

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businesses and peoples livelihoods while you still have a place to work. We flattened the curve months ago. You changed the rules Sam. Renovate the jail. Is that why you let the inmates out? Close schools (twice) and try to make a negative example of those that make the conscious choice to open. Shame on you! Have no regard for children with special needs and IEP's. There's a reason a child needs an IEP. You get to answer for that. Keep fear alive and well for political reasons and hire professional tattlers and make businesses police their customers to make you feel powerful- you get to explain that. Force masks on all including those with health issues without regard for those with health issues. Ignore mental health, suicide hotline numbers and increase in domestic violence. Make sure you have NO accountability for Cares Act Monies. Is it more fun to dupe the people that way? Spend \$2 million on an offensive with Washington University by bribing people with a \$50 gift card if they get tested - really?! Numbers must not be what you had hoped for Sam! Are they helping to fund your campaign? I ask every week, HEY COUNCIL MEMBERS WHERE ARE YOU? You have egg on your face by not being an example of, or demanding accountability for the antics of your County Exec and yourselves. Yes, in this age of arrogance you are the example of just that!"

Ms. Christy Bond: "This request is for you to end the county wide mandate to wear masks, to lift capacity limits, and end social distancing orders. We as rational, logical, adult citizens can decide for ourselves appropriate actions to take to keep ourselves and our community healthy. This virus has caused the death of 0.07% of people in our county. While each person lost is a tragedy, this number simply does not justify the type of mandates in place. Meantime, our kids are suffering, so many are having mental and emotional issues such as depression because of lack of interaction with humans. Our society is becoming inhumane. We longer see smiles! We have comradore because everyone complains together about the ridiculous restrictions in light of the rarity of complication with this virus. We do not need mandates restricting our freedoms when our hospitals

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are not overrun and we have “flattened” the curve as you originally asked. Lift all mandates today and allow St. Louis county to heal from the hardships the mandates have caused. Businesses are suffering. Fear is ruling families. People are making UNWISE decisions based on FEAR! This is not healthy or even reasonable considering the incredible recovery rate of this sickness. Not to mention our bodies are designed to need others' germs to gain a stronger immune system. This is no historical precedent even with more serious disease outbreaks. We ask you to act in reasonableness - let our kids play sports and let the parents be there to watch! I can't even imagine what is happening with little to no parent involvement in some situations. Let schools be schools. Let teachers teach! Let us ALL go to church! That benefits the entire community. Thank you.”

Mr. Derek Watson: “Sam Page and the members of the St. Louis County Council, On August 19th the St. Louis Sports Medicine COVID-19 Task Force, a collaboration of sports medicine and pediatric infectious disease professionals representing all the major health systems in the St. Louis Metro area, delivered an 18 page “Youth Return to Sports Recommendations” report to you. The document provided an organized, clear, and safe approach for the return of youth and high school sports for our region. The recommendation of the Task Force on August 19th was the immediate return to “Phase 3” with the expectation that this Council would adopt this recommendation to move to Phase 3 no later than August 24th, yet here we are two weeks later with no change. Can you please share any data (and sources) that you are using to completely ignore the health care specialists and professionals from BJC, SSM, and Mercy in the Task Force? We have seen the data, broken down by age group, and athletes aged 6 to 15 are NOT creating any meaningful spike in COVID cases. County youth sports organizations are beginning to fold (Fenton) and some are on the verge (Ballwin), so why must you continue to punish the children of the County not just now but for the foreseeable future? How is it that our children are returning to the classroom, which have far less controls in place, however they cannot return to a soccer

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field? In closing, Mr. Page, I encourage you to glance up from your phone for just one moment and consider the tens of thousands of children and young adults that, by your inaction, are continuing to suffer every single day. I implore you and the Council to follow the recommendations provided by the Task Force and get our kids back into sports again. Thank you.”

Mr. Chris Davis, 2071 Exchange Dr., St. Charles, MO, 63303: “County Executive Page, Chairwoman Clancy, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council, My name is Chris Davis, Government Affairs Director of SITE Improvement Association, 2071 Exchange Dr., St. Charles, MO, representing over 120 Construction Contractors in the St. Louis Region, enthusiastically supports Bill Number 198, amending the “Cone of Silence”. Approximately 1 year ago, upon initial introduction, SITE respectfully requested reasonable changes to the Cone of Silence Ordinance based on standard construction industry bidding practices at MODOT and other large public works owners. Many of the issues raised by SITE then, are now reflected in the legislation presented today in Bill Number 198. We are thankful that those issues have been recognized and are being rectified. Please VOTE “YES” on Bill Number 198.”

Mr. Tom Sullivan, 751 Syracuse, University City, MO, 63130: “Listening to the Covid Oversight Committee meetings is usually confusing but this morning's meeting topped them all. No one knows for sure what is going on, or who is doing what, or when things are going to get done, or by whom. What a great idea it was to allow Sam Page to have sole control over how the \$173.5 million federal COVID grant would be spent. As a Post-Dispatch editorial asked -- What could possibly go wrong? Now we are finding out -- just about everything. * * * Some other things to mention: The Council needs to look into what all is going on with the Animal Shelter. Same as the Jail, things have festered for years and no one seems able to solve the problems. Many still believe the County wants to privatize the shelter and that will only make things worse. * * * On July 15, 2019 at a town hall meeting in North County attended by County Executive Sam Page,

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there were a lot of concerns expressed about nothing being done about the old Jamestown Mall. There still is nothing being done. Concerns were also expressed at the meeting about a lack of grocery stores. Rodney Crim said they were working on it. What's going on with that? * * * The City of St. Louis recently sold some of its bonds for the expanded convention center. At the same time it was revealed that St. Louis is the fastest shrinking city in the country. The two are definitely connected. Foolishly spending hundreds of millions of dollars on stadiums and convention centers, by a city unable to even protect its citizens, is a really good way to lose population. St. Louis County has already started down the same path. Thank you for listening to my comments.”

Ms. Chris Struckhoff: “My name is Chris Struckhoff and I live in South St. Louis County. We have had rioting in St. Louis County and St. Louis City over the last 3 or 4 months. I did not hear County Executive Sam Page acknowledge there was rioting in St. Louis as he spoke at the beginning of St. Louis County Council meetings. I believe he referred to them as protests. His reaction to the violent protests was to say he was going to change the name of some streets and remove statues that were offensive to some. He also said he was going to have a study done of St. Louis County Police for needed improvement. There was no criticism of the violent protesters. Their violence was not even acknowledged. He never mentioned the danger they put our County in by not social distancing. He did not mention the violent protesters destruction of businesses, government and private property, places of worship, injury or death to victims of their violence. It appeared he did not think the actions of these violent protesters was important or that consequences for their actions were needed. Have you heard of the planned siege of Washington, D.C. to start 50 days before the November election? This information was on the news a few days ago. Last night there was a program on about this planned siege. A radical organization has called for all radical organizations to come to Washington, D.C. and participate. Their purpose is to attack those they consider Fascists. Antifa was mentioned quite a bit. Antifa consists of

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anti-fascist militant groups in the United States that aim to achieve their objectives through the use of both nonviolent and violent direct action rather than through policy reform. Antifa is domestic terrorism. They are tribal but organized. Their leadership keeps changing every 24 hours making it hard to pin down the leadership. Antifa has learned a lot through the summer about Federal tactics. They have been practicing in Portland. They may try to take over the White House. When they are not successful, they will go on to the next best thing, and so forth. That is their aim – destruction and ultimately overthrowing our Government. In conclusion, let me tell you that we citizens will not stand for our elected officials shirking their duties and not doing what they should do to protect our Country and its citizens. Do not try to pacify these radicals or play politics. Put our Country first. God Bless America.”

Ms. Kate Stratton: “Dear Interim County Executive Page, Council Chair Clancy, and St. Louis County Council: It's nice to see talks starting in Rockwood School district to begin reopening the schools but it is ridiculous that no one is talking about children with special needs starting school. Why are businesses not fully open? Why are you still trying to destroy St. Louis County? Either mask work or they don't. Which is it? Give people the choice to wear them or not, and open up St. Louis County fully. How much money is still being wasted on bribing people to test for the virus to keep numbers look they are still up? Oh yeah, \$2.2 Million dollars. Studies are showing, if you don't have symptoms, don't test!!!! When is the council going to face the people that you are suppose to be working for? Is it about coronavirus or isn't it? You don't want to be accountable and face the county residents because our county is being destroyed before the election. Can't wait till November 3rd!”

103 Employees from the Justice Services Department, Clayton, MO, 63105: “The members of Department of Justice Services have recently viewed the completely fabricated statements presented to the County council. There have been no discussion of a “blue flu” and we

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are deeply offended by the notion that the jail is in complete chaos. We have continued to perform our job to the best of our ability throughout this tumultuous time. Much of which has been created by former director Banasco and his “clique”. While change is necessary we as a department were not willing to sacrifice our dignity and pride to an individual who practiced the same behavior he claimed to condemn. Acts of favoritism, bullying, shaming and personal attacks were blatant and were allowed to go unchecked. Reporting of this behavior fell on deaf ears and were met with instant retaliation. While Mr. Banasco has gone we are now dealing with his faction that are still attempting to tear this department apart. We need to focus on communication and cooperation. Through all the criticism being published in the press and in the council meeting there have been no solution presented. Only grandstanding and inflammatory remarks that are completely unfounded and unsubstantiated. More importantly that are being presented by individuals who have not communicated with anyone other than those who support their personal agendas. Our current administration has dealt with years of staffing issues, budget issues, cultural change and of course the problems of any major jail in the country. When major change was needed they recognized and embraced it, but when it began to jeopardize the safety and the integrity of the facility they banded together to lead us through it. With a renewed sense of purpose and with an obvious sense of urgency they have begun the rebuilding process. Already emphasizing communication among staff and outside influences to help lead this facility to a safer, secure and certain future. We as a department have recognized that change is necessary and will embrace all those changes that benefit the facility. After enduring the troubles of the last few months we are now, more than ever, committed to that change. We, along with the help and cooperation of all interested parties, can lead us into a better future not only for the individuals we are charged with caring for but for staff and the community.”

There being no other comments to be read for the Public Forum, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the Public Forum closed.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 205, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY, ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF UP TO \$333,718 FROM THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES SUBJECT TO A LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT; APPROPRIATING THE SAME FOR SUPPORT OF THE FAMILY COURT'S JUVENILE COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS OF THE FAMILY COURT TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

BILL READ.

BILL NO. 206, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY, ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 803, TITLE VIII SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, "AMUSEMENTS," BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTIONS 803.010 AND 803.020 PERTAINING TO LICENSE TAXES IMPOSED UPON CERTAIN AMUSEMENT FACILITIES, SHOWS AND PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCES.

BILL READ.

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BILL NO. 207, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY, ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF UP TO \$71,150 FROM THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES; APPROPRIATING THE SAME FOR SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY (ELC) CARES PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

BILL READ.

BILL NO. 208, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HARDER, ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING TITLE XII SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, "TRAFFIC CODE," BY ENACTING AND ADDING ONE PROVISION TO SCHEDULE IX.

BILL READ.

PERFECTION OF BILLS

BILL NO. 20, 2019, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HARDER, ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 104, TITLE I SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, "OFFICES AND OFFICERS," BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTIONS 104.020, 104.030, 104.040 AND 104.050, EACH PERTAINING TO FILLING VACANCIES IN VARIOUS OFFICES.

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN HARDER AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 20, 2019, HELD ON THE PERFECTION ORDER OF BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 32, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRAKAS, ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 716 SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, "PETTY OFFENSES CODE" BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTIONS 716.080 AND 716.090, PERTAINING TO PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN ACTS OF SOLICITATION.

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN TRAKAS AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 32, 2020, HELD ON THE PERFECTION ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Perfection of Bills – Continued

BILL NO. 175, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS FITCH AND HARDER ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY ON THE THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY A PROPOSITION TO AMEND THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY CHARTER TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE EVENT OF A PANDEMIC, NO STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE PERTAINING THERETO SHALL EXTEND FOR A DURATION BEYOND THE FIFTEENTH DAY FOLLOWING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH DECLARATION UNLESS THE COUNTY COUNCIL BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE ADOPTS A RESOLUTION APPROVING EXTENSION OF SUCH ORDER AND SETTING FORTH THE DURATION THAT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY SHALL REMAIN EFFECTIVE.

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN FITCH AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 175, 2020, HELD ON THE PERFECTION ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Perfection of Bills – Continued

BILL NO. 176, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS FITCH AND HARDER ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY ON THE THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY A PROPOSITION TO AMEND THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY CHARTER TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE EVENT OF A PANDEMIC, NO PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PERTAINING THERETO SHALL EXTEND FOR A DURATION BEYOND THE FIFTEENTH DAY FOLLOWING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH ORDER UNLESS THE COUNTY COUNCIL BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE ADOPTS A RESOLUTION APPROVING EXTENSION OF SUCH ORDER AND SETTING FORTH THE DURATION THAT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY OR ORDER SHALL REMAIN EFFECTIVE.

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN FITCH AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 176, 2020, HELD ON THE PERFECTION ORDER OF BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 196, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAYS ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A FUEL SALES CONTRACT AND UP TO THREE SUBSEQUENT RENEWALS WITH THE CITY OF MOLINE ACRES, MISSOURI.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN DAYS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FITCH, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 196, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 196, 2020, PERFECTED.

Perfection of Bills – Continued

BILL NO. 197, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAYS ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN AUTOMOTIVE AND EQUIPMENT REPAIR CONTRACT, AND UP TO THREE SUBSEQUENT RENEWALS, WITH THE CITY OF MOLINE ACRES, MISSOURI.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN DAYS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FITCH, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 197, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 197, 2020, PERFECTED.

BILL NO. 198, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 107, TITLE I SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, "PURCHASING," BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 107.401 PERTAINING TO APPLICATION OF CONE OF SILENCE.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 198, 2020, HELD ON THE PERFECTION ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Prior to making her motion, Councilwoman Clancy stated: "We will hold this bill. There will be a hearing on this bill at the end of the month."

Perfection of Bills – Continued

BILL NO. 199, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRAKAS ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

DECLARING THE PUBLIC NECESSITY OF AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 419; WIDENING AND ESTABLISHING OF A SECTION OF PUBLIC ROAD DESIGNATED AS BAYLESS AVENUE, LYING WHOLLY WITHIN UNINCORPORATED ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI; DIRECTING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS (AR-1686).

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN TRAKAS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HARDER, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 199, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 199, 2020, PERFECTED.

BILL NO. 200, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HARDER ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

DECLARING THE PUBLIC NECESSITY OF AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE NEW BALLWIN ROAD BRIDGE NUMBER 349, LYING WHOLLY WITHIN UNINCORPORATED SAINT LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI; DIRECTING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS (CR-1773).

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN HARDER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FITCH, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 200, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 200, 2020, PERFECTED.

Perfection of Bills – Continued

BILL NO. 201, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BRENTWOOD DEER CREEK GREENWAY CONNECTOR PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BRENTWOOD BOULEVARD.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLANCY, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN WALTON GRAY, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 201, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 201, 2020, PERFECTED.

BILL NO. 202, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 1105 SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED “DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,” BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 1105.060 PERTAINING TO SPECIAL USE FEES.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLANCY, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN WALTON GRAY, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 202, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 202, 2020, PERFECTED.

Perfection of Bills – Continued

BILL NO. 203, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN FIBER COMM LLC D/B/A ARCH FIBER FOR PLACEMENT OF NETWORK RESOURCE INFRASTRUCTURE FIBER OPTIC LINES IN COUNTYWIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLANCY, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN WALTON GRAY, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 203, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMAN HARDER VOTED “NO” ON THE MOTION TO PERFECT BILL NO. 203, 2020.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 203, 2020, PERFECTED.

BILL NO. 204, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AND ONE RENEWAL WITH METROPOLITAN TICKETS, INC. D/B/A METROTIX FOR TICKET SALE SERVICES FOR THE WINTER WONDERLAND EVENT.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLANCY, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN WALTON GRAY, FOR PERFECTION OF BILL NO. 204, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 204, 2020, PERFECTED.

FINAL PASSAGE OF BILLS

BILL NO. 320, 2019, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY, ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 716, TITLE VII SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, "PETTY OFFENSES CODE," BY REPEALING SECTIONS 716.080 AND 716.090, PERTAINING TO VAGRANCY.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 320, 2019, HELD ON THE FINAL PASSAGE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SUBSTITUTE BILL NO. 2 FOR BILL NO. 385, 2019, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DUNAWAY, ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 1202 OF TITLE XII SLCRO 1974, AS AMENDED, "TRAFFIC CODE," BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 1202.010 PERTAINING TO DEFINITIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 1210, TITLE XII SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, "REGULATIONS FOR BICYCLISTS, BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 1210.050 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 1210.055, PERTAINING TO RIDING BICYCLES ON ROADWAYS; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 1212, TITLE XII SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED BY ADDING AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 1212.175 AND A NEW SECTION 1212.200, PERTAINING, RESPECTIVELY, TO DRIVERS PASSING BICYCLISTS AND TO VULNERABLE ROAD USERS.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN DUNAWAY AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED SUBSTITUTE BILL NO 2 FOR BILL NO. 385, 2019, HELD ON THE FINAL PASSAGE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Final Passage of Bills – Continued

BILL NO. 14, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS TRAKAS, DAYS, DUNAWAY, FITCH, WALTON GRAY, CLANCY AND HARDER, ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 1008 SLCRO 1974 AS AMENDED, “FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS” BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTIONS 1008.020 AND 1008.050, PERTAINING TO REGULATORY FLOODWAYS.

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN TRAKAS AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 14, 2020, HELD ON THE FINAL PASSAGE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 76, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS DUNAWAY AND HARDER, ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON BEHALF OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO JOIN THE MISSOURI CLEAN ENERGY DISTRICT.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN DUNAWAY AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY ORDERED BILL NO. 76, 2020, HELD ON THE FINAL PASSAGE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Final Passage of Bills – Continued

BILL NO. 191, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF UP TO \$500,000 FROM THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; APPROPRIATING THE SAME FOR SUPPORT OF VARIOUS EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (“ECC”) NEXT GENERATION 911 PROJECTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE ECC TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLANCY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FITCH, FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF BILL NO. 191, 2020. UPON ROLL CALL, THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: DAYS, DUNAWAY, FITCH, WALTON GRAY, CLANCY, TRAKAS, HARDER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 191, 2020, FINALLY PASSED.

Final Passage of Bills – Continued

SUBSTITUTE BILL NO. 1 FOR BILL NO. 192, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLANCY ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF UP TO \$83,850 FROM THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES; APPROPRIATING THE SAME FOR SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S PERINATAL HEPATITIS B CASE MANAGEMENT PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN CLANCY, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN WALTON GRAY, FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF SUBSTITUTE BILL NO. 1 FOR BILL NO. 192, 2020. UPON ROLL CALL, THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: DAYS, DUNAWAY, FITCH, WALTON GRAY, CLANCY, TRAKAS, HARDER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED SUBSTITUTE BILL NO. 1 FOR BILL NO. 192, 2020, FINALLY PASSED.

Final Passage of Bills – Continued

BILL NO. 193, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAYS ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 26,976 BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 1 RELATING TO A CONTRACT WITH SECURITAS SECURITY SERVICES USA, INC. FOR SECURITY SERVICES AT THE MET CENTER.

MOVED BY COUNCILWOMAN DAYS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HARDER, FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF BILL NO. 193, 2020. UPON ROLL CALL, THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: DAYS, DUNAWAY, FITCH, WALTON GRAY, CLANCY, TRAKAS, HARDER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 193, 2020, FINALLY PASSED.

BILL NO. 194, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRAKAS FOR COUNCIL MEMBER HARDER ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE FIVE CONTRACTS WITH TRUMAN ARNOLD COMPANIES d/b/a TAC AIR (“TAC AIR”) FOR LEASE OF FIVE PARCELS OF LAND AT SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS AIRPORT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO TERMINATE EXISTING LEASES FOR THE SAME PARCELS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NOS. 24,489 AND 27,218.

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN HARDER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FITCH, FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF BILL NO. 194, 2020. UPON ROLL CALL, THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: DAYS, DUNAWAY, FITCH, WALTON GRAY, CLANCY, TRAKAS, HARDER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 194, 2020, FINALLY PASSED.

Final Passage of Bills – Continued

BILL NO. 195, 2020, INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TRAKAS FOR COUNCIL MEMBER HARDER ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH GOLDEN EAGLE AVIATION, LLC FOR LEASE OF TWO PARCELS OF LAND AT SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS AIRPORT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO TERMINATE EXISTING LEASES FOR THE SAME PARCELS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 24,905.

MOVED BY COUNCILMAN HARDER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FITCH, FOR FINAL PASSAGE OF BILL NO. 195, 2020. UPON ROLL CALL, THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: DAYS, DUNAWAY, FITCH, WALTON GRAY, CLANCY, TRAKAS, HARDER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

CHAIRWOMAN CLANCY DECLARED BILL NO. 195, 2020, FINALLY PASSED.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1 – September 8, 2020

Introduced by Council Member Clancy

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 1979 Court Appointed Special Advocate (“CASA”) programs were a new concept, as the first program to provide advocacy services to abused and neglected children in foster care custody proceedings had been established in Seattle, Washington just three years earlier; and

WHEREAS, that same year the National Council of Jewish Women received a two-year \$300,000 grant to train CASA volunteers and chose three affiliated organizations to develop CASA programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Jewish Women - St. Louis (“NCJW-St. Louis”), was one of the organizations chosen, and received funding to develop a CASA program in the St. Louis area; and

WHEREAS, two NCJW-St. Louis volunteers, Judy Milton and Judy Putzel, were charged with creating the St. Louis CASA program and spent countless nights and weekends developing an advocacy program for children in foster care custody proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the “Judys” found support from key stakeholders, including the St. Louis County Juvenile Court judges, Chief Juvenile Officer Ken Hensick, and St. Louis County, which provided an office for CASA; and

WHEREAS, the “Judys” hired a part-time social worker, and with input and support from court officials and attorneys who served as guardians ad litem, they developed a volunteer recruitment and training program; and

WHEREAS, in June, 1980 the Honorable William M. Corrigan administered the oath of office to the first group of fifteen St. Louis CASA volunteers; and

Resolutions – Continued

Resolution No. 1 – September 8, 2020 – Continued

WHEREAS, in 1985 St. Louis County entered into a contract with NCJW-St. Louis to fund CASA and eventually CASA of St. Louis County formed an independent nonprofit organization supported by the County and donors, and in 2011 CASA of St. Louis County merged with the City of St. Louis' CASA program, Voices for Children, and the two organization formed CASA of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, during the last several decades, CASA has worked to fulfill their mission of engaging highly trained volunteers to provide court and community based advocacy for children in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, through this work, CASA is hopeful the St. Louis community will be a place where our most vulnerable children have the tools needed to develop the resilience necessary to survive and thrive in and beyond foster care; and

WHEREAS, as CASA of St. Louis celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2020, it has more than 225 volunteers who serve 550 children involved in foster care custody proceedings in St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis; has won numerous awards; and has amassed an impressive track record of helping children develop greater resiliency, achieve or maintain a permanent home placement more quickly and more often, and avoid contact with the criminal justice system as adults;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The County Council congratulates CASA of St. Louis on the occasion of the organization's 40th anniversary and expresses its deepest gratitude for four decades of achieving positive outcomes for at-risk children in St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis.

SECTION 2. The Acting Administrative Director shall send certified copies of this Resolution to Ms. Jennifer Howard, Chief Executive Officer of CASA of St. Louis and Ms. Ellen Alper, Chief Executive Officer of National Council of Jewish Women-St. Louis.

Resolutions – Continued

Resolution No. 1 – September 8, 2020 – Continued

It was moved by Councilwoman Clancy and seconded by Councilwoman Days, that the Resolution be adopted.

Upon Roll Call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: DAYS, DUNAWAY, FITCH, WALTON GRAY, CLANCY, TRAKAS, HARDER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

SAID RESOLUTION BEING DULY ADOPTED BECAME KNOWN AS RESOLUTION NO. 6572, 2020.

Resolution No. 2 – September 8, 2020

Introduced by Council Member Fitch

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Jack Martorelli was born on March 23, 1942; and

WHEREAS, Jack grew up to marry Margaret, also known as Madge, and together they lovingly raised three children; and

WHEREAS, Jack proudly and honorably served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Jack was a successful entrepreneur as owner of Martorelli Consulting Services, served as an executive board member for multiple labor organizations, and was a former President and Business Manager of Operating Engineers Local #513; and

WHEREAS, as successful as Jack was professionally, his greatest contributions to his community were as a philanthropist and community volunteer; and

Resolutions – Continued

Resolution No. 2 – September 8, 2020 – Continued

WHEREAS, Jack served his community as President of the St. Louis Port Council, Board Member of Paralyzed Veterans of American, Board Member of Backstoppers, and, perhaps most notably, as one of the founders of the extremely successful annual Guns ‘N Hoses event, which raises funds to support Backstoppers’ mission to provide financial assistance to the families of first responders who suffer a catastrophic injury performing their duty; and

WHEREAS, Jack, a member of St. Cletus Catholic Church, was above all else a man of faith greatly devoted to his family; and

WHEREAS, Jack passed away at the age of 78 on August 27, 2020, preceded in death by his parents Dominick Martorelli and Patricia Curtis; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Council and all St. Louis Countians to pause to honor a man so devoted to the service of others;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The County Council offers its deepest condolences to Jack’s wife; his children Dennis, Gina and Angela; his grandchildren; his siblings; his extended family; and his many friends.

SECTION 2. The Acting Administrative Director shall send a certified copy of this Resolution to Mrs. Martorelli as a permanent token of the Council’s condolences and appreciation of a life well-lived.

It was moved by Councilman Fitch and seconded by Councilman Harder, that the Resolution be adopted.

Resolutions – Continued**Resolution No. 2 – September 8, 2020 – Continued**

Upon Roll Call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: DAYS, DUNAWAY, FITCH, WALTON GRAY, CLANCY, TRAKAS, HARDER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

SAID RESOLUTION BEING DULY ADOPTED BECAME KNOWN AS RESOLUTION NO. 6573, 2020.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**Item No. 1**

Communication dated *June 29, 2020* from Hazel Erby, Director of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI Office), directed to The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, and to the St. Louis County Council, **Subject: An Equitable St. Louis County**, stating the DEI Office has received several reports over the past few weeks that highlight a troubling pattern of systemic discrimination and intolerance, as indicated, and requesting funding for an equity audit to be conducted in order to internally examine how each department can improve the racial disparities that continue to exist, as described.

Action: There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be held on the Order of Business.

Unfinished Business – Continued**Item No. 2**

Communication from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, stating pursuant to Section 7.020 of the St. Louis County Charter, as of **August 21, 2020**, **Raven J. Akram** is appointed to the *St. Louis County Civil Service Commission* for a term of **four (4) years** to fill a vacant position, as indicated, and further stating this appointment is referred to the St. Louis County Council for its information and approval.

Action: Moved by Councilwoman Clancy, seconded by Councilman Trakas and carried that the Appointment be approved as recommended.

Councilwoman Days voted “no” on the motion to approve the Appointment as recommended.

Item No. 3 – 4th District

Report of the Director of the Department of Revenue requesting County Council approval as requested by Michael Mullooly, Managing Officer, Family Dollar Stores of Missouri, LLC/DBA Family Dollar Store #31514, 1605 Humes Ln., St. Louis County, MO 63031, relative to the request for permission to obtain an Original Package & Sunday Original Package Liquor License (**New Liquor License**).

Action: Moved by Councilwoman Walton Gray, seconded by Councilwoman Days and carried that the New Liquor License be approved as requested.

Unfinished Business – Continued**Item No. 4**

Communication with attachment from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, recommending the necessary legislative action, as requested by the County Counselor, to authorize an amendment to a contract originally authorized by Ordinance No. 27,592 for outside counsel with Lewis Rice, LLC (Lewis Rice), as indicated, stating the purpose of the amendment is to expand the scope of services provided by Lewis Rice to include representation of St. Louis County in all aspects of administrative and judicial proceedings related to a claim alleging discrimination and retaliation by Troy Doyle, as described, and further stating the requested amendment will provide that the cost for services rendered in the matter will not exceed the amount reasonably necessary to appropriately represent the County and County parties in the matter as provided under the County's self-insurance program and as approved by the County Counselor.

Action: There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be held on the Order of Business.

(Scrivener's Note: Councilwoman Clancy initially moved the amendment to the contract be approved as requested, then withdrew her initial motion and held the matter on Unfinished Business.)

Prior to making her initial motion, Chairwoman Clancy made the following statement: "This first came onto our Agenda last week. I gave it another week because I know that there were some questions that Council members wanted to have the opportunity to inquire with our County Counselor's office about. So, here we are now."

Then the following discussion occurred:

Unfinished Business – Continued**Item No. 4 – Continued**

Councilman Harder: “A couple of questions have come up in the last week or so about extending this contract. It kind of looks like a, almost a blank check to do whatever, to spend on this and I guess I’m not very happy with that. Also, it’s not very specific on how much is going to be spent on this defense. And then the third thing is why don’t we have someone within our County legal department that can defend the County properly that we have to go outside for this defense? So, three questions there that haven’t been able to be answered to my satisfaction. Maybe others have similar questions.”

Councilman Fitch: “This is the request by the County Counselor’s office, for those out there that don’t have an Agenda, to amend the contract with Lewis Rice. And this one, in particular, is to defend the County and the County Executive for the alleged discrimination and retaliation by Troy Doyle, a lieutenant colonel from the Police Department. I have the same concerns as Councilman Harder. It is a blank check. We have not been told any estimation of what the costs would be. And quite honestly, we, you know, when we pass these things and approve these things, they’re for the sole purpose of never bringing it back to the public light again. And in this particular case where Lieutenant Colonel Troy Doyle’s made some serious allegations, at least publicly, against, in particular, the County Executive, there’s every incentive for the County Counselor’s office to keep this as quiet as possible. So I think it would behoove us to ask the County Counselor’s office to give us an estimation on price, cost for this, and if they need to exceed that, to come back to the Council to ask us to exceed that. So that’s my statement on this. Thank you, Madam Chair.”

Councilman Trakas: “I share completely both Councilman Fitch’s and Councilman Harder’s concern. They raise legitimate questions. That said, the simple fact of the matter is the County cannot afford another multi-million dollar verdict or settlement based on allegations of discrimination. It needs, in fact, it demands competent and assertive counsel to mount vigorous defense of these allegations. And rightly, wrongly, sadly or not, the County Counselor’s office is ill-equipped to do that. And so, as difficult as it is, we have a hard choice in front of us because the last thing the County needs, as I said, is another multi-million dollar verdict or settlement based on these types of allegations. That’s all I have. Thank you, Madam Chair.”

Chairwoman Clancy: “Yes. I completely agree with Councilman Trakas’ comments on this. Did I see a hand from you, Councilwoman Gray?”

Unfinished Business – Continued**Item No. 4 – Continued**

Councilwoman Gray: “Yes. I was one of the Council people who had a concern last week and needed more time. I have to agree with Councilman Trakas about this matter, and actually everyone who spoke prior to that. But, like he said, with those concerns, we do need to defend this lawsuit.”

Councilman Harder: “I guess my other concern here is we seem to send a lot of business to Lewis Rice. I’m sure there’s other firms out there that could competitively bid on this, as well as being competent in defending the County. That’s something else I’d like to see if there’s more input we could get to find out if there’s maybe a different person, but we’ve sent millions of dollars, it seems like, to Lewis Rice in the last couple years and I would think that there’s other law firms out there that could do just as well.”

Councilwoman Gray: “I have to agree with that as well. That was something else that I mentioned to the Counselor earlier.”

Councilman Harder: “Another issue that could come up is when we ask for a cap and at least get some control over the spending in that they would have to come back to us to extend that cap, whatever that cap may be.”

Councilman Trakas: “Madam Chair, I also agree with Councilman Harder’s comment regarding Lewis Rice. That’s all I have to say. Thank you.”

Councilwoman Days: “Yes, and to, I don’t want to pile on here, but I have been consistent in my views that we go to outside counsel for seemingly everything. We have a bevy of lawyers that we are paying. We have consistently used the same firm. I don’t see RFPs going out for legal services, if you will. The thought that we don’t have competent, assertive people in that office, to me, would be offensive that we have hired these people, we have hired these lawyers. They are our lawyers working for St. Louis County and yet, they can’t seem to gather enough to defend these kind of situations. And it’s not just this situation. There have been many others that we have sought outside counsel. So I’m going to be consistent in my rejecting this and I will be voting ‘no.’”

Chairwoman Clancy: “Beth, would you like the opportunity to respond? I know that you’ve made yourself available and have had extensive conversations with many of us on an individual basis, but for the purposes of the public that is tuning into this conversation, I wanted to give you the opportunity to respond to the questions and concerns that have been raised.”

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County Counselor Orwick: “Thank you, Madam Chair. I appreciate that. And as with anytime that I ask for funding for outside counsel and for authority to hire outside counsel from the County Council, I always make myself available to speak with the different Council members, and I thank those that have taken me up on that opportunity to do so. But all of these things that were brought up today, I have addressed with the various Council members, but I will first say that, and I’ve said this before at a meeting before, our office is small compared to other county counsel offices, or even the city counselor’s office in St. Louis City compared to the size of our population. In addition, our office is very involved with the COVID-19 response and the CARES response. Yes, we do have outside counsel with that, but there is still a very heavy lift of the people who are in our office. I assure you that the attorneys working in my office are not just sitting around doing nothing. Many of them work 50 to 70, or even 80 hours a week, believe it or not, to keep up with the load that we have in St. Louis County for our legal needs. Litigation like this comes up and it’s important to recognize that sometimes it is important to seek outside counsel. Lewis Rice, in this case, is uniquely situated in that they have worked with my office on a prior litigation matter, they’re familiar with the County, they’re familiar with the Police Department and the Police Board, and they know how it works. So to get them up to speed on that will actually be a savings to the County when they are representing the County. In addition, they’ll work closely with my office and they’ll be working with an attorney in my office and myself in this case in order to help with costs. They’ve given us a competitive rate in this case as well. In addition, I know that in the past, Lewis Rice, they do not nickel and dime the County. They see, and I know this because I’ve talked to them about this, as very much a public service and they do give us a good rate, and they don’t charge us for every bit of work that they do. They do indeed cut their bills at a savings of thousands, (inaudible) tens of thousands of dollars to St. Louis County. With regards to litigation, something that’s important to understand with regard to litigation is you don’t know what the next step is going to be. So if the Council would put a cap on the litigation, it would be difficult if, for example, we were heading into a crucial stage of litigation and the money ran out. That would put us, it’s just not possible in a lot of situations to go to the Council and say we need to have more money expended onto this. That is why I don’t ask for a cap. I’ve done this before in other litigation. It’s worked out well. And I assure the Council that I do put caps in the contracts so when the contract comes from my office, we do monitor the spending with that contract, and we do amended contracts if we need more money. I am very conservative with the way we spend that money and making sure that we are good for the citizens of St. Louis County, people who live in St. Louis County. To the allegation that we would, there’s the allegation that we’ve spent millions with the law firm of Lewis Rice. I do not believe that to be the case and I want to make that clear. I also would like to say that if we were trying to keep something quiet inside my office, we would not have come to the Council and ask for this outside counsel. If we were trying to keep it quiet,

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we wouldn't be here. So I take, I take issue with that and I assure that's not what is happening in this situation. That said, Madam Chair, thank you for giving me this opportunity to express my thoughts on this. Again, I'm always happy to discuss with any of the Council members what's happening with our request for any type of funding for litigation and the authority to hire outside counsel. Thank you."

Councilwoman Days: "Madam Chair, let me just say one other thing...." And I do appreciate that. I did not, it was not necessary for me to talk to Beth on this because I already knew what I was gonna do. But I want to also say that as while this County contends to be open for everyone, it's diverse, you will never have, as long as you continue to keep and serve these same people that we do, you will never have a predominantly African American law firm to come into this County and do anything because we're going to continue to utilize the same people over and over. Yes, Lewis Rice may have a few Black attorneys there. They may do that, and I'm sure they do. But the opportunity for others to learn the County, the opportunity for others to figure out how this works will never happen as long as we continue down this road. So I do appreciate that Beth, I do appreciate you reaching out to me, but I'm just, that's it. Thank you."

Chairwoman Clancy: "You know, this isn't a matter that I take lightly. I don't think any of us are taking this lightly even if we might come down on different sides of opinion on the matter moving forward. But some of the concerns and questions that have been raised I think are important, however I don't know how much it makes sense to actually resolve those issues as part of this specific matter given the urgency of some of this matter, but perhaps are bigger picture questions down the road for some policies that the Council might wish to take on and consider, especially, you know, pertaining to RFPs for legal counsel. I don't believe that we have a lot of policies that specify that we need to use RFPs for legal counsel. And perhaps that's for good reason, but that might be something for the Council to take a look at if that's something that you all are interested in changing moving forward. So that's just one example that comes to mind. Any other questions or comments from the Council?"

Councilman Trakas: "Returning to, basically Councilwoman Days' point, Councilman Harder's point regarding this idea of caps or ceilings. With all due respect to County Counselor, I fail to see the impediment placed by a ceiling or a cap that when reached or when approaching, would inhibit the Counselor's Office from returning to this body, explaining why additional latitude or sums or funds need to be made available. And that way it gives the Council some bit of transparency, some bit of access to information and oversight with regard to the amount of legal fees expended. As I understand, this matter is still at the administrative stage. It's not as if you're

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in a full-on court proceeding yet. So I would suggest that the matter be held for a week. Let the County Counselor consider the idea of somehow addressing the idea of a cap or limitation on how much we authorize right now. And then let's see if it doesn't garner more support and vote for it next week. I don't see how a week would matter one way or the other at this particular stage. Thank you, Madam Chair."

Chairwoman Clancy: "Anyone have any comments in response to Councilman Trakas' proposal to wait for a week and explore the idea of putting a cap?"

Councilman Harder: "Madam Chair, I would agree with Councilman Trakas on a cap. I think without a cap, this will be the last discussion that we have about this if it passes. And by having a cap, it forces the conversation to come back to this body in the future, it might be a month, it might be six months from now, so there'll be another discussion. If we don't do that, we will never see this again and our money will be gone as well. I would at least like to see that and a hold on this at least another week."

Chairwoman Clancy: "I think that's a reasonable compromise. Did I just see a hand from Councilman Fitch?"

Councilman Fitch: "Yes, ma'am. Thank you. I would also agree with Councilman Trakas', and this is exactly what I asked of Ms. Orwick when we had our telephone conversation. It's a very easy way just to say we never have to deal with this again. And how many times have you come back to us and asked for additional funds for the Northwest Plaza situation, and we've never turned you down. So I don't see this as any different than that particular situation. Because the Counselor's office has gotten away with that in the past doesn't mean it will always be that way in the future. And I also don't see a sense of urgency in this particular case because there's been no lawsuit filed.. As far as I know, nothing like that's been filed. It's all been administrative with the EEOC office. So that's how I see it. So thank you, Madam Chair."

Chairwoman Clancy: "Alright. I'm hearing that there appears to be some, I guess, I don't know if I can fully call it a consensus, but there appears to be good interest in some sort of a compromise in which we at least take the week to explore the pros and cons with putting a cap on this request. So with that, I am willing to hold it. I do think that this matter does have some urgency though as I've heard the County Counselor relay to us. And so I think as soon as we can get a team in place to handle this matter to best represent the interests of St. Louis County taxpayers, the better. So, I would ask that we all take the time that we need this week to focus on getting this to a resolution by next week's meeting."

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Communication from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, stating pursuant to Article III, Section 3.050(1) of the St. Louis County Charter, Dr. Gerard W. Hollins, Jr., DPPD, is hereby appointed as the Director of the Department of Revenue and will begin performing the duties of the position as Acting Director of the Department of Revenue on **August 31, 2020**, as indicated, and further stating this appointment is referred to the St. Louis County Council for its information and confirmation.

Action: There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be held on the Order of Business.

Item No. 6

Communication from The Honorable Sam Page, County Executive, recommending the necessary legislative action to confirm Dr. Gerard W. Hollins, Jr. as the St. Louis County Trustee for the benefit of all taxing authorities entitled to participate in real estate sales for delinquent taxes, as indicated, stating the Trustee will have the discretionary authority to bid all sales of land that have been offered for sale for delinquent taxes, interest, penalty and costs for two (2) successive years with the receipt of no bid for a sum equal to the delinquent taxes thereon, interest,

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penalties and cost provide by law, and further stating the Trustee will also have the authority to purchase at such sales all lands or lots necessary to protect all taxes due and owing, and prevent their loss to the taxing authorities involved from inadequate bids.

Action: There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the item be held on the Order of Business.

NEW BUSINESS**Prepared Order No. 1 – September 8, 2020**

There being no objection, Chairwoman Clancy ordered the Prepared Order, entitled: In the Matter of Appointment of Dr. Gerard W. Hollins, Jr., Director of Revenue, as Trustee for the Benefit of all Taxing Authorities Entitled to Participate in Real Estate Sales for Delinquent Taxes, be held on the Order of Business.

At this time, Chairwoman Clancy asked for any final comments:

Councilman Harder: “Madam Chair. Yes, a couple weeks ago we talked about returning to the Council Chambers and at that time we were going to have a Committee of the Whole to talk about the logistics of that happening. And I don’t remember seeing any booking or scheduling of that Committee of the Whole to talk about how we would get back in person, which is what the residents of the community want. So, I would like to encourage you to come up with a schedule for that in the next week or so.”

Chairwoman Clancy: “Councilman Harder, you may recall that as a result of that conversation, well when we had that conversation, I as well as several other Council members noted that there’s also a legal component to this discussion. And as such, I requested a legal opinion from the County Counselor’s office pertaining to some of the recommendations made by the Department of Public Health, and also more so to make some recommendations so that we can be in a place that we can safely admit the public while also keeping in mind some unique modifications we might need to make in regards to limiting the number of the public in attendance. Again, public health and safety is the priority here, and I am aware that there are differing opinions in the community because I’ve heard them every week at Council about the seriousness of this pandemic. And, you know, I, as the Chairwoman, continue to be very concerned about the seriousness of this pandemic and am still prioritizing public health and safety because we need to make sure that the Council Chambers and the offices are safe for everybody. So with that, I did request a formal opinion from our County Counselor’s office and they are still working on that. Until we get that opinion, I believe it would be premature to go ahead and schedule a Committee of the Whole. But, as soon as I get that, which I expect it imminently, we will go ahead and get that Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled. I am still committed to that.”

Councilman Harder: “Okay, thank you and we’ll look for that legal opinion soon.”

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There being no further business, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.