



WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET®

WORK SESSION MINUTES

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on November 17, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri. Present were Mayor Griffin, Council Members Duwe, Gibbons, Luetzow, Sears, Ward and Zimmer. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer David Weidler, City Clerk Laurie Asche, Deputy City Clerk Kim Sansegraw, Planning and Development Services Director Jonathan Raiche and City Attorney John Hessel.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 10th WORK SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Duwe and seconded by Council Member Ward to approve the November 10th, 2022 Work Session minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

ALCOHOL LICENSE DISCUSSION

Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes and Planning and Development Services Director Jonathan Raiche reported the City has been approached by various businesses interested in supplementing their offerings by selling wine, beer and/or alcohol by the drink. The different categories of businesses include a coffee shop (restaurant by zoning code), specialty shops (retail business) and craft brewery/distillery. There are several different types of liquor permits by state statute available to be issued. Currently, the City prohibits bar/taverns that sell liquor by the drink.

Staff is looking for direction from council regarding changing the zoning code regarding issuance of alcohol licenses in restaurants. A discussion took place.

- It was the consensus of council to continue to prohibit bar/tavern establishments selling liquor by the drink without food
- Mention was made there was room for expansion from the change which started during the pandemic
- Question was raised if the proposed revision is going to improve the quality of life for residents and what the positive impact might be
- Mention was made these businesses are expanding their offerings to drive sales and is in favor of amending the zoning code to accommodate for them

It was the consensus for staff to draft legislation for council consideration with proposed zoning code changes for restaurants selling alcohol.

A discussion took place regarding craft breweries.

- Suggestion was made for no food requirement regarding breweries
- Concern was raised that a craft brewery is considered a bar environment
- Suggestion was made requiring 10% food sales for breweries would be a compromise
- Mention was made that food should be required at craft breweries

Staff will draft legislation for council consideration regarding craft breweries and retail (specialty store) businesses including consumables.

AMENDMENT 3 TAX DISCUSSION

Chief Administrative Officer Hawes and City Attorney Hessel presented information regarding the state legalization of recreational marijuana sales which goes into effect December 8, 2022 with product sales beginning February 2023. Taxing is permitted in recreational marijuana with the state having a 6% tax and the City having a 3% tax, if

authorized by the voters. It is unclear exactly what sales the 3% tax would cover. Some cities are putting the proposition on the April 2023 ballot. City Clerk Asche stated the deadline to file the certified ballot language to St. Louis County is January 24, 2023. The Missouri Municipal League is producing language for cities to use on the ballot and is expected to be available within the next two weeks. Recreational marijuana sales can be prohibited in the City by voter approval. This topic will be placed on a future work session agenda.

There being no further matters to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned.

Laurie Asche
City Clerk