



WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET

### **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on June 1, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Griffin, Council Members Duwe, Edman, Luetzow, Sears, Ward and Zimmer. Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Georgia Ragland, City Clerk Betty Montaño, Captain Brian Murphy and City Attorney John Hessel were also present.

### **APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Motion was made by Council Member Duwe and seconded by Council Member Zimmer to approve the meeting minutes of June 1, 2017. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### **PROPOSED DANGEROUS ANIMAL CODE AMENDMENTS**

Mrs. Montaño, Captain Murphy and Mr. Hessel have worked during the past few months to review the code provisions regarding dangerous animals. Some of the issues discussed were as follows:

- Staff was recently contacted by a resident requesting that the City Council strengthen the provisions regarding dangerous animals.
- The current provisions were reviewed by staff and some amendments were drafted for council consideration.
- The City no longer has Animal Control issues are addressed by the Kirkwood Police Department and St. Louis County Animal Control.
- St. Louis County Animal Control operates within the provisions of the City's code and their laws.
- Provisions that are being recommended include:
  - A dangerous animal may be taken off of the owner's property if it is muzzled, leashed and controlled by an adult.
  - A process if a dangerous animal is found off its property.
  - Requirement that the owner of a dangerous animal must have liability insurance in a single incident amount of at least \$100,000.
  - A process if a dangerous animal has on more than one occasion attacked or bitten without provocation; written notification to the owner; and a provision that the animal must be removed from the Kirkwood city limits within 72 hours or be euthanized.
- A review took place by the council.
- References to "dangerous dog" has been changed to "dangerous animal" throughout the proposed legislation.
- Add "without provocation" to Section 1 a. after domestic animal in the first line.
- Consider different word for "molest" in Section 1 a.
- Posting of signs on gates
- Consider the situation where an animal may bite once, but doesn't do it again.
- Include a time frame of how long an animal is considered dangerous if there have not been any additional issues with the animal.
- Third option of keeping the animal indoors instead of having the animal euthanized or removed from city limits

Staff will redraft the legislation with suggested amendments and bring back to the council at a work session.

### **MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING**

Motion was made by Council Member Luetzow and seconded by Council Member Zimmer to close the meeting pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.021 (1) (Legal).

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Council Member Zimmer

"Yes"

Council Member Duwe	"Yes"
Council Member Edman	"Yes"
Mayor Griffin	"Yes"
Council Member Luetzow	"Yes"
Council Member Sears	"Yes"
Council Member Ward	"Yes"

The meeting was closed.

**MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING**

Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Duwe to open the meeting.

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Council Member Zimmer	"Yes"
Council Member Duwe	"Yes"
Council Member Edman	"Yes"
Mayor Griffin	"Yes"
Council Member Luetzow	"Yes"
Council Member Sears	"Yes"
Council Member Ward	"Yes"

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

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Betty Montaña, MMC/MPCC  
City Clerk