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WORK SESSION MINUTES

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on May 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri. Present Mayor Gibbons, Council Members Luetzow, McLean, Rheinnecker, Schaefer, and Zimmer. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer David Weidler, City Clerk Laurie Asche, Director of Public Services Chris Krueger, and City Attorney John Hessel. Council Member Jaksetic was absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 9, 2024 WORK SESSION MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Schaefer to approve the May 9, 2024 Work Session minutes.

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (TDD) DISCUSSION

Mayor Gibbons provided background on the TDD topic. City Attorney John Hessel discussed with Council some of that discussion as follows:

- The City has met all the State statutes requirements in filing the TDD
- The next step is to ask the Court to request a public hearing
- The City is scheduled before Judge Stewart in Court Division 2 on May 29th
- The sole issue that will go before the judge is determining if the purpose TDD's creation and funding meets the State statute requirements.
- Then the City will file a Declaratory Judgement Motion and ask the court to have a hearing on the Declaratory Judgement Motion.
- The City of Kirkwood has partnered with the Special Business Districts
- The City has \$1.5 to \$1.8 million in budgeted funds and the \$3 million would be added
- 147 miles of street need to be maintained regularly
- Asphalt streets can last between 10-15 years
- Concrete streets can last up to 30 years

Director of Public Services Chris Krueger discussed the TDD funding:

- Projected to add revenues of approximately \$3 million to the typical \$1.8 million street restoration budget for the of \$4.8 million each year
- TDD would generate a total Kirkwood Street Budget of \$72 million over 15 years

Under State statute, a 4-person board is created. The City controls the TDD funds, and the City Council determines how much money is spent on streets and the Board will act upon that. SBD will ask for certain projects to receive TDD funding and the Board will determine that also. The SBD will receive 5% of the TDD funding which is \$160,000. Funds can only be used for transportation projects. The .5 cents keeps the sales tax rate below 10%.

A discussion took place. Council would like to point out to citizens that St. Louis County is exempt from Transportation sales tax. Concern was raised regarding the .5 cents for 15 years would not be enough.



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DISCUSSION OF SOUTH KIRKWOOD ROAD AND BIG BEND PROJECTS

Director of Public Services Chris Krueger discussed this project with the Council. Some discussions are as follows:

- There’s no storm sewer from Woodbine and Grand Avenue.
- This project will address pavement renovations from Woodbine to Rose Hill
- Preliminary plans have been provided but the project has not been designed yet
- Reducing lanes on the roadway could cause traffic issues
- Approx. 20,000 cars utilize this road every day
- The speed limit on the road now is 30 miles per hour
- No Speed Zone could be implemented in front of Nipher Middle School
- 80% of this project is Federally funded and the City funds 20%
- The sidewalk width for the North Kirkwood Road project is 6-feet
- Public meeting will be held and construction to start in Summer 2026

A discussion took place. Concern was raised regarding constructing the stormwater under the Train Tracks. Concerns regarding if a Speed study has been performed. Council suggests standard sidewalk width throughout Kirkwood. Council would like a list of FHWA guidelines provided.

BIG BEND – ST. LOUIS COUNTY PROJECT

Director of Public Services Chris Krueger discussed this project with the Council. Some discussions are as follows:

- Resurfacing of Big Bend from Kirkwood Road to Couch
- Reconfiguration of South Geyer intersection to add crosswalks to the South & East of the intersection
- Pedestrians will have refuge places along the road and will be ADA compliance
- New medians will be installed at Fast Track Gas Station
- This will prevent left turns going out of the gas station
- The speed limit right now is 35 miles per hour

A discussion took place. Concern was raised requesting St. Louis County to lower the speed limit to 30 miles per hour. Council suggests placing mid-block crosswalks on Big Bend Road.

Legislation will be drafted to ask St. Louis County to lower the speed limit from 35 miles per hour on Big Bend Road.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

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

Roll Call:

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| Mayor Gibbons | “Yes” |
| Council Member Luetzow | “Yes” |
| Council Member McLean | “Yes” |
| Council Member Rheinnecker | “Yes” |
| Council Member Schaefer | “Yes” |
| Council Member Zimmer | “Yes” |



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Council Member Jaksetic Absent

The meeting was closed.

MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING

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

Roll Call:

Mayor Gibbons	“Yes”
Council Member Luetzow	“Yes”
Council Member McLean	“Yes”
Council Member Rheinnecker	“Yes”
Council Member Schaefer	“Yes”
Council Member Zimmer	“Yes”
Council Member Jaksetic	Absent

The meeting was opened.

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

Laurie Asche
City Clerk