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## **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on June 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri. Present Mayor Gibbons, Council Members Jaksetic, 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, Planning and Development Services Director Jonathan Raiche, Director of Public Works Chris Krueger, Communications Manager Jessica Winter, and Assistant City Attorney Jackie Graves.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 7, 2024; MARCH 21, 2024; AND MAY 16, 2024 WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Schaefer to continue approval of minutes to the June 13<sup>th</sup> Work Session. A discussion took place. The motion to continue approval was unanimously approved.

## **KIRKWOOD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (KAA) DISCUSSION**

Mayor Gibbons provided information on the KAA topic. Some of that discussion was as follows:

- The City was deeded the property in Feb. 2023.
- The costs for the lights on the property was written off.
- Demolition of the property was approved by the Mayor and Council via Resolution at the May 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.
- There is a total of 10 fields and 5 buildings on the property.
- If the City were to take on running the ballfields there would need to be at least 4 staffed employees. The cost for staffing would be approximately \$100,000.
- Floodproofing the structure would cost approximately between \$500,000 to \$1 million.
- Since demolition was approved by Council on May 16<sup>th</sup>, there have been break-ins and damage to the property and buildings.
- Ben Caffey with KAA reached out to the Council and staff to discuss a cooperative effort in regards to the future of the property.
- It was recommended that a committee consisting of a couple of Council Members, City Staff, representatives of KAA, and the public be put together to explore options for the property going forward.
- The Council suggests allowing 30 days for the committee to come up with a plan and funding options for the property.
- It was the consensus of the Council to get a new proposal for the demolition of the buildings only.

## **MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING**

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

Roll Call:

Mayor Gibbons	“Yes”
Council Member McLean	“Yes”
Council Member Rheinnecker	“Yes”
Council Member Schaefer	“Yes”



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Council Member Zimmer	“Yes”
Council Member Jaksetic	“Yes”
Council Member Luetzow	“Yes”

The meeting was closed.

### **MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING**

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

Roll Call:

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

The meeting was opened.

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

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Laurie Asche  
City Clerk