



WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET®

### **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on May 18, 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, Public Information Officer Beth von Behren, City Clerk Betty Montaño, Director of Public Services Bill Bensing, Chief of Police Jack Plummer, Chief of Fire Jim Silvernail, 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 May 11, 2017. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING SOUTH GEYER**

The City Council discussed South Geyer Road. Some of the issues discussed are as follows:

- A discussion took place regarding improvements that were made along S. Geyer:
  - The City worked with the Kirkwood School District to re-route the buses so children would not have to cross the street to enter or exit the school buses.
  - A new crosswalk with flashing yellow lights was installed.
  - The street was narrowed.
  - The speed limit was lowered from 30 mph to 25 mph.
- Staff was asked if lowering the speed limit and the crosswalk has helped. They believe it has helped.
- Council Member Ward joined the meeting.
- A discussion took place regarding how to lower the speed limit even further. A reduction in speed would not negatively affect emergency vehicles and snow removal.
- A discussion took place regarding what would warrant a true actuated red light at the crosswalk. Staff explained the criteria needed to warrant a red light which was not met at this location.
- Should double fine in the area be considered?
- Drivers tend to travel at a speed with which they are comfortable and the average in this type of area is 35 mph.
- Consider traffic radar or maybe rumble strip (staff advised there would likely be noise complaints with a rumble strip)
- Police Chief advised that police officers have spent more time on South Geyer for enforcement than other areas in the city. Since March 1<sup>st</sup> 86 citations/warnings have been issued.
- A discussion took place regarding pedestrian/driver education.
- This item will be placed on a future work session agenda for further discussion.

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

Motion was made by Council Member Ward 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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Laurie Asche, CMC/MRCC  
Deputy City Clerk