



WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET™

WORK SESSION MINUTES

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on December 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Griffin, Council Members Duwe, Edman, Luetzow, Sears, Ward, and Zimmer. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Georgia Ragland, City Clerk Betty Montaño, and Public Information Officer Beth von Behren.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Duwe and seconded by Council Member Zimmer to approve the meeting minutes of November 17, 2016. The minutes were unanimously approved.

COUNTY PROPOSED PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX

Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes notified the City Council that St. Louis County is proposing a ½ cent sales tax for the purpose of providing funds for public safety. The sales tax would be county-wide and will be divided between the municipalities and St. Louis County. St. Louis County would receive 3/8 and the municipalities would share 5/8. It is estimated that the sales tax would add approximately \$1.3 million per year in additional revenue in the City of Kirkwood for public safety. St. Louis County is proposing to put the measure on the April 2017 ballot. Mayor Griffin suggested that if City Council has specific questions to let Mr. Hawes know and he can get more information from the St. Louis County League. This issue will be discussed again in January.

ROUTE 66 FESTIVAL/CARS AND GUITARS, MLK DAY CITY PARTICIPATION

Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes reported that the City is ready to hang the banner for the MLK event. Handouts were distributed of a list options for City participation for the MLK event from Harriet Patton. Mayor Griffin asks the council to look at the list and to e-mail Mr. Hawes with any ideas or opinions. This topic will be placed on the next work session agenda for further discussion.

Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes reported that the 2017 Route 66 Festival will take place on Saturday, June 10, 2017 in downtown Kirkwood. The theme of the festival will be Cars and Guitars. There is no request for funding from the City at this point. It was the consensus of the council to allow the festival to move forward.

KIRKWOOD TRAIN STATION DISCUSSION

The Mayor and City Council continued discussion regarding the proposed Kirkwood Train Station renovation. It was the consensus of the council that the Kirkwood Train Station is an icon of the city and should be renovated and maintained. However, the project should not take place during the same time period as the Kirkwood Community Center and Theater projects. The Kirkwood Train Station Foundation is prepared to begin raising money, but needs support and approval of the City Council before they start.

Motion was made by Council Member Sears and seconded by Council Member Zimmer to express the City Council's commitment to take appropriate action toward the restoration of the Kirkwood Train Station and to fully and heartily endorse the efforts of the Kirkwood Train Station Foundation to seek and accept donations that will be used exclusively toward the historic restoration of the Kirkwood Train Station. The motion was unanimously approved.

KIRKWOOD HIGH & VIANNEY FOOTBALL

Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes reported that both Kirkwood High and Vianney won the Football State Championships in their classes. The City of Kirkwood would like to commemorate their wins with signs to the entrances of the city. It was the consensus of the council to allow staff to explore signage and cost estimates and bring back information to the council.

The meeting was adjourned.

Laurie Asche, CMC/MRCC
Deputy City Clerk