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## **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on September 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri. Present Mayor Gibbons, Council Members Jaksetic, Luetzow, McLean, Rheinneck, Schaefer, and Zimmer. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russ Hawes, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer David Weidler, City Clerk Laurie Asche, Planning & Development Jonathan Raiche, and City Attorney John Hessel.

### **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 & SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member McLean to approve the minutes of the September 5<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup> Work Session minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **ENVISION 2035: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OVERVIEW**

Planning & Development Director Jonathan Raiche provided an overview of the Comprehensive Plan to the Council. The comprehensive plan provides a holistic vision to further the quality of life in Kirkwood and helps explain that vision to the public. It identifies community goals and objectives. The Comprehensive Plan has a steering committee of 18 members: the Planning & Zoning Commission, the City Council Liaison, and a Technical Advisory Team. There have been 3 open house events, 1 Community Workshop, and website surveys. The plan's structure focuses on four areas: Housing & Neighborhoods, Mobility & Infrastructure, Active Living & the Environment, and Economic Growth & Vitality.

The goals of the plan:

- Fulfill all necessary requirements and provisions regarding establishing land use controls.
- Provide a document reflecting the vision and goals of the community.
- Provide a means for striking a balance between competing demands relating to land and development.
- Protect valued community resources.
- Guide shaping the community's physical appearance and setting forth policies that foster a distinctive sense of place.
- Act as a living document and guide for future decisions.
- Provide a concise outline of action steps to meet the requests and desires of the citizens.
- Establish a methodology for measuring progress and success and communicating that information to the community.

The staff gives quarterly updates to the Planning & Zoning Commission. An annual report to assess implementation and determine whether modifications are needed. A 5-year citizen committee evaluation to evaluate and recommend amendments as required.

Some discussion took place as follows:

- A question was raised about the meanings of social and racial equality.
  - It recognizes that people from different economic and social backgrounds can enjoy the same quality of life.



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- A question was asked about gateways into the City.
  - Gateways are entryways into the City and are highly visible areas.
- A question was raised about whether the comprehensive plan could be updated with updated housing numbers.
- A question was raised about who can amend the Comprehensive plan.
  - The Planning & Zoning Commission can amend the plan.
- A question was raised about the plan's requirements under the State statute.
- A question was raised about the steps once a survey is commissioned.
- Council suggests seeing more updates to other studies on the City website.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING HEMP DERIVATIVES  
AND MINI-LIQUOR BOTTLE REGULATIONS**

Council Member Luetzow discussed with the Council Hemp Derivatives. Some discussions are as follows:

- Delta-8 THC is a naturally occurring chemical compound called a cannabinoid that's found in traces in hemp and cannabis (marijuana) plants.
- Hemp is not regulated the same way as recreational medical marijuana.
- Can legally buy products like gummies, vape cartridges, and capsules that contain a concentrated form of this compound.
- The State of Missouri is challenging the sale of these products.
- City of Chesterfield adopted legislation prohibiting the sale to anyone under 21.
- The packaging is appealing to kids.
- Council Member Luetzow recommends legislation limiting the sale to anyone under 21.
- A question was raised about where these products are sold in Kirkwood.
- Concerns about how the Police department will enforce the legislation.

The consensus of the Council is to draft legislation to limit the sale of Hemp to anyone under 21 years of age.

Mayor Gibbons raised concerns over the sale of mini-liquor bottles and litter generated from the items.

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING**

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

Roll Call:

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

The meeting was closed.



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### **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 Rheinnecker	"Yes"
Council Member Schaefer	"Yes"
Council Member Zimmer	"Yes"
Council Member Jaksetic	"Yes"
Council Member Luetzow	"Yes"
Council Member McLean	"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