



WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET

## **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on July 7, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Griffin, Council Members Duwe, Edman, Luetzow, Sears, and Ward. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Georgia Ragland, Public Information Officer Beth von Behren, and City Attorney John Hessel. City Clerk Betty Montano was absent and excused.

## **APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Motion was made by Council Member Luetzow and seconded by Council Member Duwe to approve the meeting minutes of June 9, 2016 and June 30, 2016. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## **DISABILITY SURVEY REPORT**

Members of the Kirkwood Neighbors United Sub-Committee were in attendance to present and discuss the Disability Survey Report. A Power Point was presented. Some of the issues discussed are as follows:

- The Kirkwood Neighbors United Sub-Committee was formed approximately a year and a half ago in collaboration with the Kirkwood Human Rights Commission.
- The goal of the survey was to determine what action the City can take to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and their families.
- The survey was published in the Webster/Kirkwood Times, on the City website, and hard copies were placed at City Hall, the Community Center, and the Kirkwood Public Library.
- There were 130 respondents to the survey.
- The survey fell into four categories:
  - 1) Transportation/Movement: covers the ability to get around town more safely and effectively.
  - 2) Employment: from the survey found residents want training, jobs and competitive wages for their family members who have been diagnosed with a disability.
  - 3) Housing: housing concerns were raised regarding the limited number of options to affordable housing, community housing, and assisted living.
  - 4) Support Services: several requests for assistance in accessing support services were presented in the survey responses.
- Recommendations regarding the four categories were given.
- Council Members Sears and Ward joined the meeting.
- A discussion took place. Question was raised regarding if there are any grants to help with the funding of the infrastructure issues. Grants have not been researched, but would be something to explore.

**GREENTREE FESTIVAL PARADE**

Mayor Griffin asked the council if they would like to ride in cars during the Greentree Festival Parade, as they have done in previous years. The council unanimously agreed they would like to continue on with that tradition.

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING**

Motion was made by Council Member Ward and seconded by Council Member Luetzow to close the meeting pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.021 (2 and 3) Real Estate and Personnel.

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

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 Sears and seconded by Council Member Duwe to open the meeting.

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

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 opened and adjourned.

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Laurie Ashe, MRCC  
Deputy City Clerk