



WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET®

WORK SESSION MINUTES

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on November 7, 2024, at 5:30 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 Assistant Chief Administrative Officer David Weidler, City Clerk Laurie Ashe, Police Chief Murphy, Public Services Director Chris Krueger, City Attorney John Hessel, and Communications Manager Jessica Winter.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2024 WORK SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Schaefer and seconded by Council Member Zimmer to approve the minutes of the October 17th Work Session minutes. The minutes were approved, with Mayor Gibbons and Council Member McLean abstaining.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION POLICIES

Mayor Gibbons discussed board and commission policies with the Council. Some boards or commissions have had attendance issues. Council Member Jaksetic stated that some boards or commissions are governed by State statute, and some are not and are governed solely by the Kirkwood Code of Ordinances. There should be a way to create consistency for all the boards and commissions not governed by State Statute. Council Member Jaksetic suggested creating a subcommittee to develop consistent policies for boards and commissions. A discussion took place.

Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Schaefer to create a subcommittee that will include Council Members Jaksetic, Luetzow, and McLean, as well as Assistant Chief Administrative Officer David Weidler, to develop policies for the boards and commissions. A discussion took place. The motion was unanimously approved.

DIGITAL SPEED SIGNS AND UPDATE ON CROSSWALK SAFETY SIGNS

Public Services Director Chris Krueger and Police Chief Murphy discussed digital speed signs and crosswalk safety with the council. Seven years ago, the Kirkwood Police Department purchased three digital signs. Two solar-powered signs are on South Geyer; the third was taken down. Each sign cost under \$5,000. A city-wide Speed limit study will be released soon. Forty locations have been identified as speeding locations. The Vision Zero Action Committee will report on pedestrian accidents yearly.

Some discussion took place as follows:

- A question was raised about the signs being more effective than a standard speed sign.
 - Yes, they are more effective.
- A question was raised about the life span of the signs.
- A question was raised about where the signs would be placed.
- A question was raised about placing signs on Big Bend Road.
- A question was asked about which locations should be prioritized among the forty locations.
- A question was raised about when the speed study will be available.
- A suggestion was raised to have the Vision Zero Committee report pedestrian accidents every six instead of a yearly basis.

Mayor Gibbons provided positive feedback on the crosswalk safety sign at Essex and Clay.



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MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

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

Roll Call:

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

The meeting was closed.

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

The meeting was opened.

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

Laurie Asche
City Clerk