



WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET®

WORK SESSION MINUTES

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on October 1, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor McDonnell, Council Members Biedenstein, Griffin, Jaksetic, Luetzow, Sears, and Ward. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes, and City Clerk Betty Montañó.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Griffin and seconded by Council Member Biedenstein to approve the meeting minutes of September 17, 2015. The motion was unanimously approved.

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Director of Public Services Bill Bensing was in attendance to discuss the Sidewalk Improvement Plan. Some of the issues discussed are as follows:

- A brief explanation of the program's background was given.
- There have been seventy-five applications received for the year 2016.
- The success of the program is a 50/50 mix of good and bad.
- The highest dollar amount for someone to participate is \$15,000 and the lowest is \$50.
- Staff is recommended a transfer of \$25,000 into the program due to fiscal constraints and liability concerns. A legislation request will be submitted for the October 15th meeting.
- The program needs to stay proactive.
- A discussion took place regarding the payment plan administered through the Finance Department. More information regarding the payment plan was requested.
- Homeowners are allowed to hire their own contractors and still be eligible for the 50% reimbursement.
- A discussion took place regarding gap filling.

POLICE BODY CAMERAS

Chief of Police Jack Plummer was in attendance to discuss the Police Body Cameras. Some of the issues discussed are as follows:

- Although body cameras are not required from a legal perspective, it is generally accepted that the use of cameras is basically a mandate for any agency to be considered a quality agency now and in the future.
- Staff's recommendation is to purchase the equipment from TASER.
- The cost year to year after the initial costs is approximately \$30,000.
- The Police Department will not need additional personnel to use the TASER equipment.
- Questions were raised and a discussion took place regarding privacy.
- Cameras will be either worn on the front center or on the front lapel.
- Information from the cameras will be downloaded at the end of each officer's shift. Lt. Dave DeGonia and Captain John Folluo will have access to the information.

Betty Montañó, MMC/MPCC
City Clerk