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WORK SESSION MINUTES

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on September 10, 2015, at 7:00 a.m. Present were Mayor McDonnell, Council Members Biedenstein, Griffin, Jaksetic, Luetzow, Sears, and Ward. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Georgia Ragland, and City Clerk Betty Montañó.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Biedenstein and seconded by Council Member Griffin to approve the meeting minutes of September 3, 2015. The motion was unanimously approved.

ST. PETER CHURCH PROPOSAL

Geoffrey Daniels, Lorry Bannes, and Kevin Stillman, with St. Peter Catholic Church, were in attendance to present and discuss the proposal for the St. Peter Parish property. Handouts were distributed that included a revised site plan the proposed plan. Some of the issues discussed are as follows:

- The updated site plan was discussed.
- There is a need to modernize the office space for staff and to move the priests' living facility away from the office. There is interest in purchasing a condo at the corner of Jefferson and Harrison for a living facility
- Council Member Ward joined the meeting.
- Discussion took place regarding the change in parking on the updated plan versus the previous plan, as it seems that there is a decrease in parking. The addition of trees on the updated plan decreases the amount of parking in the Adams Avenue parking lot.
- Question was raised regarding if there is any plan to open up the Adams Avenue parking lot to the public. The primary function of the Parish is to educate and protect the children, and the children use the lot for multiple reasons. Most Friday and Saturday evenings the parking lot is open, but the Parish has found that most people do not want to walk the distance. A discussion took place.
- The Arch Diocese Campaign begins in January, and any funding received will be put towards Phase I of the proposal.
- The current Capital Plan includes street scape and the cul-de-sac enclosure. The revised plan includes a gate that will allow for emergency vehicle access.
- City Engineer Ted Dunkman and Director of Public Services addressed the traffic study. Some of the issues discussed are as follows:
 - The traffic study was done in-house.
 - The destination of all Jefferson Avenue traffic between Harrison and Clay Avenue is a home or business on Jefferson Avenue east of Clay Avenue or west of Harrison Avenue, meaning all diverted traffic will return to Jefferson Avenue.
 - If Jefferson Avenue is closed between Harrison and Clay Avenue then 50% of the traffic will divert north and 50% will divert south.
 - The entire increase of average daily traffic during in school session on Jefferson Avenue west of the school entrance is attributed St. Peter's School destination traffic. This increase will not contribute to the diverted traffic from Jefferson Avenue.



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- It was requested that council be provided with police reports for Jefferson Avenue and Argonne where there is parallel parking. Staff will provide the information to the council.
- The increase in on-street parking increases the chance of accidents.
- Most studies show that heavy volume streets should have parallel parking.
- It was requested that council receive updated comments from City staff.
- It was requested that St. Peter's provide information on what further accommodations could be made on Jefferson Avenue for the safety of the children if the closer of Jefferson Avenue is not approved.
- This item will be placed on a future work session agenda for further discussion.

LAGERS DISCUSSION

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Georgia Ragland was in attendance to discuss the LAGERS Pension Plan. Some of the issues discussed are as follows:

- Information was provided to the council containing answers to questions and concerns previously brought up.
- The key to finding a good benefit level was finding a plan that is affordable and one that would be able to attract and retain quality employees.
- A discussion took place regarding comparators. The City is comparable to comparators in benefits other than Pension.
- A discussion took place regarding what the advantages to the City would be to go with LAGERS. LAGERS would allow employees a retirement plan where they could feel comfortable to retire and not retire into poverty. Public sector salaries are typically lower and are supplemented with better benefits. The costs to employees are typically lower and the results are better. The same amount of money put into LAGERS gives a better benefit than employees putting their money into different market accounts.
- Discussion took place regarding a joint survivor benefit in LAGERS. It was requested that additional information be provided to council. Staff will put together information and provide to council.
- Handouts were distributed regarding the effect on financial reporting and credit rating a Defined Benefit Pension Plan would have. The Defined Benefit Pension Plan would not have a negative effect on the City's credit rating.
- This item will be placed on a future work session agenda for further discussion.

VOLUNTEER ANNEXATION (2040 BOAZ AND 2029 LILLY)

City Planner Ryan Spencer presented information to the council regarding a request from an owner of a parcel of land to annex the parcel of land next to 2040 Boaz and 2029 Lilly into Kirkwood. Handouts were distributed of an aerial view map showing the subject property. Some of the issues discussed are as follows:

- The subject property is in unincorporated St. Louis County.
- Staff is seeking approval from the council to allow Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes to write a letter to St. Louis County asking for a simplified boundary change. If approval is received from St. Louis County then a Resolution will be drafted for council consideration.



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- Question was raised regarding if the subject property would fall under any other fire districts. Staff will check and let council know.
- It was the consensus of the council to allow Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes to write a letter to St. Louis County requesting a simplified boundary change.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

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

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Council Member Biedenstein	“Yes”
Council Member Griffin	“Yes”
Council Member Jaksetic	“Yes”
Council Member Luetzow	“Yes”
Mayor McDonnell	“Yes”
Council Member Sears	“Yes”
Council Member Ward	“Yes”

The meeting was closed.

MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING

Motion was made by Council Member _____ and seconded by Council Member _____ to open the meeting.

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Council Member Biedenstein	“Yes”
Council Member Griffin	“Yes”
Council Member Jaksetic	“Yes”
Council Member Luetzow	“Yes”
Mayor McDonnell	“Yes”
Council Member Sears	“Yes”
Council Member Ward	“Yes”

The meeting was opened and adjourned.

Betty Montaño, MMC/MPCC
City Clerk