



WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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The U.S., and the world, is in a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus—Covid-19. The Missouri Governor and the County Executive directed all citizens to limit meetings and gatherings to a few people to avoid the spread of the Coronavirus. Therefore, members of the City Council have elected to participate in this meeting electronically so that we are compliance with such Orders and for the public health and safety of each other and the general public.

To follow along with the open session of the work session of the City Council work session via Zoom please see instructions below:

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Nov 5, 2020 05:15 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: November 5, 2020 City Council Work Session

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**Kirkwood City Council Work Session
Agenda
via Zoom**

**Thursday, November 5, 2020, 5:15 p.m.
(Posted November 3, 2020)**

(Please note that work sessions are for council discussion only and there will be no public comment portion of the meeting. The time for each of the topics are estimates. When a topic is completed the council will immediately move on to the next item on the agenda.)

- I. Approval of the October 15, 2020 Work Session Minutes**
- II. South Geyer Railroad Improvements (5:15 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.)**
- III. Meeting Adjournment**

Kirkwood City Council: Mayor Tim Griffin; Council Members Maggie Duwe, Liz Gibbons, Bob Sears, Wallace Ward, Kara Wurtz, and Mark Zimmer

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DRAFT WORK SESSION MINUTES

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held via Zoom Virtual meeting on October 15, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Griffin, Council Members Duwe, Gibbons, Sears, Ward, and Zimmer. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes, City Clerk Laurie Ashe, Deputy City Clerk Kim Sansegraw, Public Service Director Bill Bensing, Planning and Development Services Director Jonathan Raiche, Public Information Officer Freddy Doss, and City Attorney John Hessel. Council Member Wurtz was absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 8, 2020 WORK SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Duwe to approve the October 8, 2020 work session minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

YOUTH COUNCIL

Council Member Duwe introduced Megan Wilcutt, attending St. Joseph's Academy and Grace Hibey, attending Cori Jesu, high school students who are working together to create a Kirkwood Youth Council. Council Member Duwe is the council liaison for the Youth Council.

Megan and Grace presented a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the proposed Youth Council program and answered questions from the Council. A discussion took place:

- A question was raised about the connection with the YMCA Changemakers program
 - The YMCA runs the Youth in Government club which Megan and Grace are members
- It was suggested to be more aggressive with their recruitment and to reach out to the government staff at Kirkwood High School

Motion was made by Council Member Duwe and seconded by Council Member Ward to endorse the creation of the Youth Council as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN CLARIFICATION DISCUSSION

Planning and Development Services Director Jonathan Raiche presented clarification of the Downtown Master Plan. Some of the items presented are as follows:

- The Downtown Master Plan has many components; one of which is a section called the Illustrative Plan that shows prospective buildings on redevelopment sites. It is not intended to say that each of these sites were recommended to develop with a specific shape/size of building on the plan.
- Approving larger multi-family buildings does not contradict or violate the City's Downtown Master Plan.
- There are various references to increasing the density in Downtown that usually states target densities of 15 to 25 du/acre which is less dense than the density requirement in our code of 1,200 sf of lot area per unit (36 du/acre).
- The scale of housing that is recently proposed does not "violate" the plan and it is important to understand that larger mixed-use projects can help achieve the vision of the City's Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Master Plan.

- The Downtown Master Plan was initiated because there was a general belief that Downtown Kirkwood has an existing vibrant atmosphere but also has much more potential with stagnant development in recent years. These studies/plans were intended to show the City how we would capture some of the positive development activity that is occurring elsewhere in the STL region and the nation.

A discussion took place:

- Mention was made that staff does not advocate for or against any project. The Planning and Development Department assembles the application to be presented to the Council for consideration.
- It is important to approach these opportunities with an objective open mind.
- The City should be informing the community what is at stake for future developments.
- Questions were raised about giving examples of developments around the STL region that was referred to in the presentation and the concerns of increased traffic and density.
 - Central West End, Delmar Loop, Richmond Heights, Twin Oaks are areas in the STL region that are producing mixed use developments.
 - DPZ did not do traffic analysis but parking studies only.
 - If a pedestrian-oriented Downtown is desired, then traffic will be slower and more congested.
 - Density has to be determined by the individual local community.
- 80 acres have been identified for development in Downtown Kirkwood to be considered for future development.
- There is concern for houses that may be effected by major developments.
- It is important to push out information to the public making them aware that council is abiding by the codes.

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

Laurie Asche, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk



Crossing Closure



Four Quadrant Gate System



Gates with Channelization Devices



Gates with Medians