

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY
OCTOBER 11, 2021**

Given ongoing public health concerns, and in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 610.020, RSMo., the Board of Aldermen meeting was held via Zoom video conference and streamed live to YouTube. Public comments on hearings and agenda items were solicited via email and the public were invited to sign-up to speak. Real time public viewing of the meeting was made available via the City's website at www.town-and-country.org.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Town and Country was held at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 11, 2021, via Zoom video conference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rehm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The 7:01 PM roll call indicated Aldermen Allen, Even, Holman, Mortland and Wiesehan to be present. Alderman Hughes arrived at 7:08 PM. Alderman Wittmaier and Parrotte were absent.

Mayor Rehm presided.

City Attorney Steve Garrett was present via video conference to represent the City.

Mayor Rehm noted his appreciation of Anne Nixon and the Parks Department staff for the wonderful Fall Festival and Concert Series events that were held on October 9.

He also mentioned the National Night Out event that took place on October 5. Mayor Rehm thanked the Police Department for hosting, as well as the Aldermen and various subdivisions that participated.

MINUTES – 09/27/21

Alderman Allen moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Holman.

Mayor Rehm called for any corrections or amendments.

Hearing none, the minutes of 09/27/21 were unanimously approved.

HEARING FROM CITIZENS

Mayor Rehm read aloud a Proclamation expressing sincere appreciation to Bob Proost for his 27 years of service on the Ways & Means (formerly Finance) Commission. It was noted that the proclamation would be formally presented at the upcoming Ways & Means meeting.

The City Clerk stated that one public comment was received for inclusion in the record. A one page email from Rosilee Trotta regarding the gas station at Ballas & Clayton is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Said email was distributed to the Board of Aldermen in advance of the meeting.

John Diehl, 2404 White Stable, was present via video conference. Mr. Diehl expressed concerns about the proposed project for the gas station at Ballas and Clayton, and the lack of notice that has been given to residents regarding said project.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

APPOINTMENTS

- Ways & Means Commission: Mike Sawyer, Ward 4

Alderman Allen moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Sawyer to the Ways & Means Commission.

Alderman Mortland seconded and a voice vote carried.

- Bryn Wyck CID Board of Directors: Jerry Michelson, Doug Larico, Sandy Wool

Alderman Allen moved to approve the appointment of the provided slate of residents to the Bryn Wyck CID Board of Directors for a three year term, with an effective date of 11/12/21. She also noted that the CID was a great financial decision for the City.

Alderman Mortland seconded and a voice vote carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Alderman Mortland

Alderman Mortland reported that the National Night Out event was a great success and thanked the elected officials, City and Fire staff, Mari de Villa, and subdivisions for their participation. He also noted appreciation to Officer Eric Diaz for coordinating the event.

Alderman Mortland announced that Detective Sergeant Jeff McNutt was recently named Incident Deputy Commander on the regional Major Case Squad and commended him for being the first in Town & Country Police Department history to hold the position.

Alderman Holman

Alderman Holman reported that the Public Works Commission will next meet in-person at 6:30 PM on October 18, at the Municipal Center. She noted that the meeting would have a full agenda including conversations about the 2022 budget and various contracts.

Alderman Wiesehan

Alderman Wiesehan stated that the Parks & Trails Commission would hold its next meeting at 6:30 PM on October 18, at Town Square.

Alderman Allen

Alderman Allen announced that the Ways & Means Commission would next meet on October 13.

She also reported that the Veterans & First Responders Task Force meeting planned for earlier in the day, for review of an updated RFP, had to be cancelled. She added that the meeting was rescheduled to 5:30 PM on October 18, at Town Square.

Alderman Holman

Alderman Holman inquired with Mr. Shelton if the applicant for the Ballas & Clayton project had reached out to the City regarding an open-house meeting with residents. Mr. Shelton was not aware of such a request and added that the developers sought a continuance at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting to allow for plan revision. Alderman Holman noted that information was shared in the Ward 1 newsletter about the project and requested that staff contact the applicant about the City's willingness to help facilitate community engagement.

The City Clerk confirmed that the public hearing notice for the project is in "Public Notices" on the City's homepage and has been sent out via Notify Me twice, in addition to the statutory notice requirements. She encouraged anyone desirous of information to sign up to for Notify Me or visit the City's website to view the related plans.

Alderman Even added that the Architectural Review Board has also begun review of the gas station project but continued it after providing the applicant with suggestions.

Alderman Wiesehan

Alderman Wiesehan inquired with Alderman Allen whether or not the initial timeline of Veteran's Day would still be possible for the Veterans and First Responders Task Force recommendation. She noted that, while it was not a certainty, the group would endeavor to maintain that goal and that ongoing updates would be provided either way. She also invited Aldermen Wiesehan to their upcoming meeting, given the overlap with the Parks & Trails Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILL NO. 21-44, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE I, CHAPTER 125: BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNICIPAL CODE, SPECIFICALLY BY ENACTING ARTICLE III TO ESTABLISH AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (sponsored by Alderman Parrotte & Allen) (1st reading 09/13/21)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-44 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Wiesehan moved to continue the Bill to the meeting of November 8, seconded by Alderman Allen.

Alderman Allen noted that the item is on the Ways & Means Commission agenda for review at their meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 13.

A voice vote was held and carried.

BILL NO. 21-45, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PURCHASE ORDER WITH STALKER RADAR APPLIED CONCEPTS FOR A RADAR/MESSAGE TRAILER AND AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET BY INCREASING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO COVER THE INCREASE (sponsored by Alderman Mortland) (1st reading 9/27/21)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-45 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Mortland moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Allen.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Even, Holman, Hughes, Mortland, and Wiesehan; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, Parrotte and Wittmaier.

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 21-45 became Ordinance No. 4458.

BILL NO. 21-46, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF ST. LOUIS SELECT LANDSCAPING FOR THE 2022 GROUNDS CARE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR SAME (sponsored by Alderman Mortland) (1st reading 09/27/21)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-46 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Holman moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Mortland.

Alderman Wiesehan moved to continue the Bill to the meeting of October 25, 2021 to allow for more consideration about the scope and budgetary impact of the program.

Alderman Holman seconded.

A voice vote was held on the continuance and carried.

BILL NO. 21-47, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF CORVUS JANITORIAL FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES AT CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PARKS AND AUTHORIZING A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR SAME (sponsored by Alderman Mortland) (1st reading 09/27/21)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-47 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Holman moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Allen.

Alderman Wiesehan moved to continue the Bill to the meeting of October 25, 2021 to allow for more consideration about the scope and budgetary impact of the item.

Alderman Holman seconded.

A voice vote was held on the continuance and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE(S)

Alderman Holman moved to approve the following liquor licenses:

Retail Liquor By-The-Drink and Sunday By-The-Drink
First Watch Restaurants, Inc. d/b/a First Watch

Alderman Hughes seconded and a voice vote carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R10-2021, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH MARYVILLE UNIVERSITY FOR RESOURCE SHARING

Alderman Mortland moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Allen.

Alderman Hughes inquired about the need for the initiative and whether or not similar MOUs exist with other educational institutions within the City. In response, Chief Cavins provided background of the initiative and noted that the purpose is to memorialize shared activities, fulfill Clery Act requirements, and enhance emergency preparedness.

Alderman Mortland reported that the Police, Fire & EMS Commission reviewed the MOU and recommended its approval.

Alderman Allen noted her support of the Resolution and its timeliness.

A voice vote was held and carried.

BILL NO. 21-48, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF TOWN AND COUNTRY TO ENTER INTO A SHOW ME ZERO PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF APPLICABLE EQUIPMENT EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH HAZARDOUS MOVING VEHICLE (HMV), OCCUPANT PROTECTION, AND SPEED ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES (sponsored by Aldermen Mortland, Allen & Even)

Mayor Rehm called for a first reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-48 was read for the first time by title only.

Mayor Rehm declared Bill No. 21-48 continued to the meeting of Monday, October 25, 2021 for the second reading and consideration.

WARRANT LIST-10/11/21

Alderman Allen moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Mortland.

Mayor Rehm called for discussion or amendments.

In response to Alderman Allen, Mr. Shelton confirmed that an alternative and more cost effective option for goose control would be put in place for 2022.

Hearing no amendments, a voice vote was taken on the warrant list of October 11, 2021, in the amount of \$279,948.06, and carried.

OTHER

Alderman Even inquired about the previously continued custodial services agreement, specifically whether or not park technicians were supplementing the services and if the frequency could be adjusted. Mr. Shelton noted that park maintenance employees occasionally service certain facilities as well. He added that the continuance will allow the Parks & Trails Commission to review the scope of the agreement and determine if a reduction is recommended.

Mayor Rehm reiterated appreciation of former Ways & Means Commission member Bob Proost for his 27 years of service and support to the City.

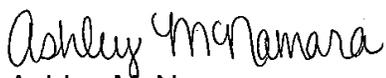
ADJOURN

Motion was made by Alderman Mortland and seconded by Alderman Even to move to closed session pursuant to Section 610.021 (12) to discuss contract negotiations and attorney/client privileged communications.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Even, Holman, Hughes, Mortland, and Wiesehan; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, Parrotte and Wittmaier.

The motion carried unanimously and the Board moved to closed meeting at 7:39 PM.

The Board did not return to open regular session.


Ashley McNamara
City Clerk

McNamara, Ashley

From: Richard Hughes <barbhugs@swbell.net>
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2021 10:30 AM
To: McNamara, Ashley
Cc: Rosilee And Phil Trotta
Subject: Fwd: Gas station fwd from Barbara Hughed

Ashley: I spoke with Rosilee yesterday and she requested that I forward her email to your attention . She would like her email entered into the record and shared with the other Aldermen.

Thank you in advance,
Barbara Ann Hughes
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Trotta, Rosilee Ann" <TrottaR@missouri.edu>
Date: October 1, 2021 at 10:32:15 AM CDT
To: barbhugs@swbell.net
Subject: Gas station

Alderwoman Barbara Hughes:

You can see that this is in a more official form than usual. I am lamenting that the gas station at the corner of Clayton and Ballas is becoming a Quick Trip. For one, the corner will become much more commercialized (see busy). But more importantly, two very good mechanics are going to lose their jobs. Steve and Eddie are two of the best and most honest in St. Louis. That's why they are always busy. People value their advice and know that they can count on the truth about their autos.

I think the history of this gas station would show a lot of political mishandling by the Town and Country Board of Aldermen over the years. Many things that were requested were denied. It's probably too late now for this note to make much of a difference, but I think the decision is a mistake.

At the very least, that corner needs right hand turn lanes only. It's amazing how many people try to speed up in right hand lanes to beat out traffic. It's dangerous.

Thanks for listening!

Rosilee Trotta
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