# MINUTES BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING Monday, January 12, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.

# MAYOR PAUL MARTI ALDERMAN CRAIG BACH ALDERWOMAN MAUREEN GRAVES ALDERMAN CHRIS GRAVILLE ALDERMAN ANDREW STEWART CITY TREASURER CHARLES FUNK CITY ATTORNEY HELMUT STARR INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK DEBORAH LEMOINE

<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER-</u> by Mayor Marti at 7:00 p.m. at the Webster Groves Christian Church.

<u>ROLL CALL-</u> showed that all Board members were present.

<u>APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2008 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES</u>-Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the December 8, 2008 Board of Aldermen minutes as submitted. Alderwoman Graves suggested a correction from "style theme" to "theme style" on page 1. Mayor Marti requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as corrected. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Graville. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2009 VOUCHER Treasurer Funk presented the finance report, including a review of the Holmes project and tax reports. The January voucher was reviewed. Alderman Stewart moved for the approval of the voucher, seconded by Alderman Graville. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of approving the voucher. Treasurer Funk excused himself from the meeting.

<u>CITIZEN COMMENTS-</u> Alderwoman Graves asked Officer Olsen to look into the possibility of Oakland citizens receiving calls from the police department regarding community events such as the recent crimes in Glendale, as those calls were made to Kirkwood residents. Officer Olsen agreed to look into the possibility of adding Oakland citizens to the system that makes the calls.

## RESOLUTION

#2009-1 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE MUNICIPAL PARK GRANT COMMSSION FOR PLANNING SERVICES AT THE NEWLY ACQUIRED 106 MINTURN PROPERTY The resolution was read by City Attorney Starr. The merits of obtaining a planning grant to assist with the planning of facilities at the new park location was discussed. Mayor Marti and Alderman Bach discussed the utilization of Scout volunteers in the park, and Alderman Bach will continue to work with the Scout leadership in this regard. Alderman Stewart moved and Alderman Graves seconded the Resolution which was approved 4-0.

#### SPECIAL DISCUSSION

1. Holmes Avenue Update: Alderman Bach updated the Board on the Holmes project. There have been discussions with Kirkwood regarding cost containment. The format for the public hearing was discussed, emphasizing the need for a presentation and then public comments and questions. Sidewalk options were discussed. The potential need for help with easement acquisition was discussed. Citizen correspondence from 700 Gray Oaks Court was reviewed. Mayor Marti will contact the library regarding a possible easement at that location. Public forum will be 1/22 at 7:00 p.m.

CERT issues: Alderman Bach suggested that he talk with Treasurer Fund regarding a budget item for emergency response supplies. The Board supported this suggestion.
 CDBG: City Administrator LeMoine updated the Board on recent talks with Patrick Hanses regarding the use of 2008 and 2009 funds for City projects related to accessibility. The City Administrator will meet with Mr. Hanses to determine the proper procedure to utilize the funds.

4. 2009 candidate filing closes January 20, 2009.

5: Review Memorandums of Understanding: Previous agreements with Bethesda were discussed and Mayor Marti offered to contact Bethesda regarding a 2009 agreement.
6. City Administrator's Report was reviewed. The Board agreed to pay for members of the Board of Adjustment or Planning and Zoning to attend the Municipal League training event designed for those groups on 1/29. Greg Hanser reported on the status of violations in the City. December Hours for the City Administrator were 77.9

## REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Alderwoman Graves had no additional comments.

Alderman Stewart asked the City Administrator to look into collection of the Mutt Mitts cans. It was suggested that Yuckos be contacted for a possible bid. Alderman Stewart also asked for an update on the replacement of the City sign recently damaged by graffiti and Mayor Marti reported that it had been ordered.

Alderman Bach requested that members of the Board notify him regarding suggested 2009 street projects. The condition of the streets will be reviewed after winter. Alderman Bach also suggested that certain projects be discussed with Patrick Hanses as potential uses of CDBG funds such as moving the fire hydrant from the sidewalk at 1000 Oakland (water company will move if City pays to repair sidewalk) and the utility poles currently located in the sidewalk. Improvement of the pedestrian bridge on Oakland Avenue over creek was also discussed as a possible project.

Alderman Graville suggested that CDBG funds might also be used for sidewalk cleaning on Argonne near Ursuline Academy where debris causes access issues. He also pointed out that Argonne needs restriping. Mayor Marti requested the Long Range Planning meeting be rescheduled for 2/16 in order for him to continue discussing suggestions with St. Louis County.

# MISCELLANEOUS

None.

A move to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Graves, seconded by Alderman Graville and carried 4-0.

These minutes accepted as submitted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

Deborah LeMoine Interim City Administrator/Clerk January Action Items:

Change Maureen's comments in minutes Order Website Update Confirm procedure and pre-meeting for Holmes hearing (organize public comments) Mail checks Minutes/action items CDBG meeting and follow-up Change LRP meeting notice and agenda Election Certification Arrange seminar for board of adjustment and P&Z members. Dennis Wells re acquisition issues Mutt Mitt issues