MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013– 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR PAUL MARTI
ALDERMAN MIKE GODSY
ALDERMAN JAMES HENSLEY
ALDERMAN TOM STEUBY
ALDERMAN ANDREW STEWART
CITY ATTORNEY HELMUT STARR
CITY TREASURER CHARLES FUNK
CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK DEBORAH LEMOINE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER- by Board President Andrew Stewart at 7:00 p.m. at the Webster Groves Christian Church.

ROLL CALL- showed that all Board members were present and the Mayor was absent by prior arrangement.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2013 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES Alderman Stewart asked if there were any comments regarding the minutes as submitted, there being none, he requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Hensley so moved, seconded by Alderman Godsy. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE APRIL VOUCHER The March voucher was reviewed along with financial statements for the month. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of approving the voucher and expenses.

ORDINANCE 820: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III "FAIR HOUSING CODE" CHAPTER 220 "HUMAN RIGHTS" SECTION 220.010 "UNLAWFUL HOUSING PRACTICES" ET. SEQ. OF THE CODE OF OAKLAND TO EXPAND THE PROHIBITIONS AGAINST UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION TO INCLUDE DISCRIMINATION BASED UPON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO. Alderman Hensley moved for the first and second reading and subsequent passage of the ordinance. Alderman Godsy seconded the motion and Attorney Starr read the ordinance. The City Attorney then discussed the proposed changes with the Board. A quorum was confirmed and the ordinance was read again by Attorney Starr. The ordinance passed by a vote of 4-0.

ORDINANCE 821: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OAKLAND CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 210 "OFFENSES", ARTICLE V. "OFFENSES CONCERNING PUBLIC PEACE" BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 210.228 "FUNERAL PROTESTS PROHIBITED." Alderman Godsy moved for the first and second reading and subsequent passage of the ordinance. Alderman Hensley seconded the motion and Attorney Starr read the ordinance. The City Attorney answered questions regarding the source of the specific restrictions found in the ordinance and court cases involving similar restrictions in other cities. A quorum was confirmed and the ordinance was read again by Attorney Starr. The ordinance passed by a vote of 4-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Citizens commended the City on the quality of winter clearance on city streets. Potential landscape at the entry to Fortune Lane was also discussed.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION:

1. Review Suggested Snow on Sidewalk Ordinance: the Board reviewed ordinances in other cities requiring removal of snow on sidewalks and decided to discuss the potential changes at another time.

2. Review Proposal from Weis Engineering to Perform Traffic Count on Argonne and Discuss Potential Funding for Improvements: The Board reviewed information from Tom Weis regarding the "minor collector" category of road in St. Louis County and the potential for grant funded improvements to Argonne should it qualify. On a motion by Alderman Godsy which was seconded by Alderman Steuby the Board authorized Weis by a vote of 4-0 to perform a traffic count on Argonne at a cost of up to $1850 subject to confirmation from the City Attorney that such a qualification would not subject Argonne to any additional oversight or control by St. Louis County.

3) Update on Minturn Park Accessibility Improvements: The Board reviewed and authorized the design for a circle walkway with a cost of up to $27,000 by a vote of 4-0 on a motion made by Alderman Hensley and seconded by Alderman Godsy.

4) Distribute Current Budget for Review

5) Review Proposed Newsletter Article for Prop P: the Board reviewed an article submitted by the Municiapal League to educate voters about Prop P and approved printing the article in the Newsletter

6)Discuss potential community garden and green space issues: the Board agreed to discuss the possibility of a community garden on Bethesda property with Bethesda officials and noted a meeting had been scheduled for March 19 at 9:30 at Bethesda.

7) Review application for chickens at 110 Minturn: the Board was informed of a pending application for chickens on Minturn.

8) City Administrator's Report: the City Administrator updated the Board on the cost of insurance renewals for next year, potential MSD work on Park Avenue, and the upcoming birth of former Alderman Graville's daughter. The Board authorized the sending of flowers to the Gravilles and the Mayor in the hospital as appropriate.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Alderman Steuby noted a broken curb on Melshire to be added to the street repair list.

Alderman Hensley asked that the fence at the Minturn bridge be reinforced.

Alderman Godsy asked for a status update on the recent fire victim in the City.

Alderman Stewart noted several places of deterioration on city roads and the need to review potential street repairs and updates.

MISCELLANEOUS- None

A move to enter into closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.010(1) to discuss attorney client privileged information was made by Alderman Godsy, seconded by Alderman Steuby and carried 4-0 by a roll call vote Alderman Godsy-yes, Alderman Steuby-yes, Alderman Hensley-yes, Alderman Stewart-yes..

Following the closed session a move to adjourn the meeting carried 4-0.

These minutes accepted as submitted this 8th day of April 2013

Deborah LeMoine
City Administrator/Clerk