

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**  
**Monday, August 10, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

ROLL CALL- showed that all Board members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE July 13, 2009 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the July 13, 2009 Board of Aldermen minutes as submitted. There being none, Mayor Marti requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Bach. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2009 VOUCHER Treasurer Funk reviewed the finance report. The July voucher was reviewed. Alderman Stewart moved to approve the voucher and Alderwoman Graves seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of approving the voucher.

PUBLIC HEARING: A Public Hearing to allow citizen input regarding the proposed 2009 real estate, commercial and personal property tax rates for the City was opened. A general discussion was had regarding the Board's general goal to keep revenue flat. Assessments in the City were discussed. The public hearing was closed by Mayor Marti.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: A resident from South Holmes commented that she did not like the chicane in the Holmes Project. Another resident from South Holmes asked questions regarding the sidewalks on the project. An e-mail from a resident regarding the Holmes project was reviewed. A general discussion followed regarding the reasons for the various elements of the Holmes improvement project.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 774: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND BINDING UNILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY AND RELATED ENTITIES RELATING TO PAYMENT OF BUSINESS LICENSE TAXES

Alderwoman Graves moved for the first and second reading and subsequent passage of Ordinance 774, as prepared and presented by Dan Vogel's office. Alderman Stewart

seconded the motion, a quorum was confirmed and the ordinance was read by Attorney Starr. A quorum was confirmed and Attorney Starr read the ordinance a second time. The ordinance passed 4-0.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 775: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND FIXING THE TAX RATE IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND, COUNTY OF ST LOUIS, STATE OF MISSOURI FOR THE YEAR 2009 ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN SAID CITY FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) VALUATION AT A RATE OF \$0.1870 ON ALL RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE, \$0.2210 ON ALL COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE AND \$0.2370 ON ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY

Alderman Graves moved for the first and second reading and subsequent passage of Ordinance 775. Alderman Bach seconded the motion, a quorum was confirmed and the ordinance was read by Attorney Starr. A quorum was confirmed and Attorney Starr read the ordinance a second time. The ordinance passed 4-0.

RESOLUTION 2009-05: A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The goals of the plan were discussed. Alderman Stewart moved and Alderman Bach seconded the resolution which passed 4-0

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS- Mayor Marti noted that there were no appointments at this time. Appointments were tabled until the August meeting by a vote of 4-0.

#### SPECIAL DISCUSSION

1. Holmes Avenue Update: The City Administrator is continuing to seek input from an arborist about tree issues along the Holmes project.
2. Street Repair Update: Alderman Bach updated the Board regarding street repairs. Various potholes and the schedule for repair were reviewed.
3. Recycling Cart Update: The Board chose green moss as the color for the new carts and elected to place the current City Logo on the side of the carts. The timeline of the grant was discussed.
4. Boundary Adjustment on Minturn Update: Attorney Starr discussed the need for a survey in order to complete the necessary boundary adjustment. Mayor Marti agreed to obtain three bids for the survey work and bring a recommendation to the Board.
5. City Administrator's Report. The report was reviewed and discussed. Alderman Stewart reviewed and explained the bid for special work by Outdoor Solutions which was approved by a vote of 4-0. It was agreed that at the City Picnic on 10/24 there would be some form of storm water education. The library will be allowed to set up a table to register children for library cards. Bids will be obtained prior to the Board's September meeting. The status of CDBG funds was reviewed and the Board agreed to use available

08 and 09 funds for accessible walkways in Loewnau Park. The priorities for use of the funds will be reviewed with SWT. The Board agreed to make efforts to be green in its use of paper products, including the use of recycled paper and two sided printing. National Night out plans were discussed, the Kirkwood Police liaison agreed to send more specific information about dates. An update was heard regarding the Stream Clean Up planned for 8/10. Code Enforcement Officer Hanser will help organize the work and obtain the bags necessary. Earthworks has volunteered a truck and driver. The City Administrator will work with the City's carrier to obtain necessary insurance coverage. The City will provide lunch for the volunteers.

#### REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Mayor Marti updated the Board on the Volunteer Stream Clean Up Day.

Alderwoman Graves discussed code compliance issues with Code Enforcement Officer Hanser and pointed out the non-compliance of the Billboard in the City.

Alderman Bach had no additional comments.

Alderman Graville had no additional comments.

Alderman Stewart pointed out that Suzanne Bolten will be giving a speech on Oakland history at the Library. He also congratulated Mayor Marti on his induction into the Webster Groves High School Hall of Fame. He commended Greg Hanser on his enforcement work in the City.

Officer Nagle from Kirkwood pointed out that July traffic volume was high and also invited the Board to participate in Emergency Management training on 8/21. The possibility of obtaining emergency radios for the city was discussed.

#### MISCELLANEOUS- none

A move to adjourn the open meeting and move into closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.010 to discuss real estate and negotiated contracts, legal issues and personnel matters was made by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderwoman Graves and carried 4-0 Alderman Bach-yes, Alderwoman Graves-yes, Alderman Graville-yes, Alderman Stewart-yes.

These minutes accepted as submitted this 14th day of September, 2009.

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Deborah LeMoine  
Interim City Administrator/Clerk

