

MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
Monday, July 13, 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, with Alderman Stewart present by telephone.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 8, 2009 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the June 8, 2009 Board of Aldermen minutes as submitted. There being none, Mayor Marti requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderwoman Graves so moved, seconded by Alderman Bach. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2009 VOUCHER
Treasurer Funk reviewed the finance report, including numbers for the end of the fiscal year. The July voucher was reviewed. Alderwoman Graves moved to approve the voucher and Alderman Graville seconded the motion. Alderman Stewart suggested that the check to Outdoor Solutions not be sent until all weeding is confirmed completed. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of approving the voucher.

PUBLIC HEARING: A Public Hearing to allow citizen input on master plan recommendations for park areas and green spaces, specifically those on Minturn, as well as sketch concepts and cost opinions designed to help the City plan for how grant and budget funds will be used in the future to improve park areas and green spaces was opened by Mayor Marti. Jay Wohlschlaeger from SWT presented the initial planning ideas for the park space as attached. A general discussion followed in which the Board commended SWT for the work done thus far and made comments on the proposed ideas. The public hearing was closed by Mayor Marti.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing to discuss the allocation of \$20,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds which will become available after January 1, 2010 was opened by Mayor Marti. City Administrator LeMoine asked that all members of the public present sign the sign-in sheet and read the Public Hearing Handout which was also distributed to all members of the public present. Jay Wohlschlaeger from

SWT explained certain material and architectural barriers to access for the elderly and severely disabled that exist in Loewnau Park and the new Minturn Park property. The Board expressed their desire to utilize CDBG funds for the removal of these barriers in order to have access from parking areas to the park green spaces and to make the bridge on the Minturn property accessible. There were no citizen comments and the Mayor closed the public hearing. The Board authorized the City Administrator to complete and the Mayor to sign the 2010 CDBG application seeking funds to remove the barriers discussed, by a vote of 4-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS- Several residents from Holmes expressed concerns about the sidewalks and northernmost chicane in the Holmes project and presented to the Board petitions from residents regarding the sidewalks and the northernmost chicane on the project. Written letters both in favor of and opposed to the sidewalks were presented to the Board.

Elmer McNulty reviewed storm water problems that he has observed in the City and would like the City to address.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 773: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

Alderman Bach moved for the first and second reading and subsequent passage of Ordinance 773, Alderwoman Graves seconded the motion, a quorum was confirmed and the ordinance was read by Attorney Starr. The bids were reviewed, along with the recommendation from Weis that the low bid, Ford Asphalt, be accepted. A quorum was confirmed and Attorney Starr read the ordinance a second time. The ordinance passed 4-0. The Board then discussed certain potential change orders including crack filling on Monroe, Oakland, Sappington, and Argonne and authorized these change orders to be added after the contract is entered into. The Board also authorized, by a vote of 4-0, Alderman Bach to authorize additional change orders as needed up to \$10,000.

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 Citizen comments, petitions and correspondence were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Engineer Paul Spotanski was available to answer questions. Alderman Graville noted his support for the removal of the northernmost chicane, and Alderman Stewart agreed as this end sees less traffic and would have more impacted parking. The location of the northernmost crosswalk was discussed. Alderman Bach and Alderwoman Graves both noted that the crosswalk could be relocated to the best location for pedestrians, perhaps at Jefferson, without removing the sidewalk from the northern end of the project. Bike path issues were discussed, and Engineer Spotanski pointed out that a designated bike lane would have required a wider project, and can not be added now. Share the Road signage possibilities and lane markings were discussed and it was agreed that as the project progresses the engineer will be alert for ways to

make the project bike friendly. Alderman Stewart moved to amend the plan to end the sidewalk at Argonne going north. The motion died for lack of a second. It was noted by the Board that not everyone at the public hearings opposed the sidewalk and it had been determined to be in the best interests of the City. Alderman Graville moved and Alderman Bach seconded to amend the plan to remove the northernmost chicane if Kirkwood agrees and to modify the location of the northernmost crosswalk as a field change to the location determined best for pedestrian traffic when the project is complete. The motion carried 4-0. The City Administrator reviewed for the Board the conversations had with Skip Kincaid regarding the possibility of saving the tree at 120 North Holmes, and the Board authorized her to continue to work with Mr. Kincaid to evaluate options to save the tree. The Board determined not to accept at present a proposal from Outdoor Solutions to move street trees, and the Administrator was authorized to review these tree issues with Mr. Kincaid as well.

2. Pothole repairs were discussed with Code Enforcement Officer Hanser. He will set up a meeting with Alderman Stewart and Tony Koenig from the Kirkwood School District to discuss water issues that may impact the pot hole situation on Sappington near Argonne.

3. Mayor Marti informed the Board that he and the City Administrator had met with MSD to review culvert issues in the City.

4. City Administrator's Report. The report was reviewed and discussed. The picnic will be scheduled for 10/24 and pricing will be sought for three categories of needs: catering, rentals and entertainment. Alderman Graville reported on the ATT settlement and that an ordinance for the Board would be forthcoming from Dan Vogel. Greg Hanser reviewed options for the graffiti clean-up and was authorized to have Lavin do the painting per the low proposal offered. It was agreed that the next newsletter would go out in September and that street sweeping would be scheduled for after the streets project.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Mayor Marti explained that he had approved the landscape plans for Backstoppers Park.

Alderwoman Graves discussed grate cleaning and maintenance issues with Code Enforcement Officer Hanser.

Alderman Bach asked to have a fallen tree at Backstoppers parked removed, and it was noted that Code Enforcement Officer Hanser was in the process of making these arrangements. He also noted a problem with the recycling truck dropping broken glass and asked that Waste Management be advised.

Alderman Graville had no additional comments.

Alderman Stewart had no additional comments.

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 Graville, seconded by Alderwoman Graves and carried 3-0 by a roll call vote of those physically present Alderman Bach-yes, Alderwoman Graves-yes, Alderman Graville-yes.

These minutes accepted as submitted this 10th day of August, 2009.

Deborah LeMoine
Interim City Administrator/Clerk