

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

February 8, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
Office of the City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, met in regular meeting at City Hall via video conferencing, on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Mayor McMurray. Notice of said meeting had been established as every other Monday at 5:30 p.m. Further notice was provided by posting the regular meeting date and time in the City Clerk's office at City Hall, and by written notice (together with a tentative agenda) three days in advance in the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)
Members present:	Mayor Bill McMurray	(104-02)
	Councilmember Brenda Blessing	(101-05)
	Councilmember Madison Davis	(101-05)
	Councilmember PJ Kovac	(90-16)
	Councilmember Russell Moore	(103-03)
	Councilmember Brian Myers	(99-07)
	Councilmember Marty Novak	(101-05)
	Councilmember Kent O'Dell	(94-12)
	Councilmember Gary Roach	(91-15)

Total membership--9. Five members constitute a quorum.

Also present were Interim City Manager/City Attorney Bryan Carter, Interim Administrative Services Director Tom Mahoney, Fire Chief Michael L. Dalsing, Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Director Chuck Kempf, Health Director Debra Bradley, Planning & Community Development Director Clint Thompson, Public Works & Transportation Director Andrew Clements, Human Resources Director Amy Cohorst, Asst. to City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager Mary Robertson, Multimedia Planner Ed Schilling, Network Administrator Paul Flury and City Clerk Paula Heyde.

Under the Council voting rotation system, Councilmember O'Dell voted first.

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MINUTES:

45825 By general consent, the minutes of the special meeting held January 20, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. and the regular meeting held January 25, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., were approved as transcribed in the office of the City Clerk.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

None.

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ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

- 45826 It was moved by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Moore that the Agenda be accepted as published. Motion carried. Ayes, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak--9.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES FOR REZONING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

- 45827 (G.O. 2974) A Bill (#995-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell redistricting the property located at 2300 Davis Street from M-2, Heavy Manufacturing District to C-3, Commercial District, as requested by Juan Aranda, having been read the first time on January 25, 2021, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak--9.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 45828 It was moved by Councilmember O'Dell and seconded by Councilmember Roach that Agenda Numbers 45829 through 45833 be passed by Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak--9.

Nominations and Appointments:

- 45829 Filed 2/1/21: The nomination by Councilmember Davis was approved, appointing Joseph Zimmerman, 605 N. Jefferson Street, Oregon, Missouri, as a member of the Board of Operating Engineers for a term expiring September 25, 2022; he is replacing John Sager who has resigned.

Bills for Passage:

- 45830 (S.O. 9845) A Bill (#992-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Police Department budget in the General Fund to allocate insurance proceeds received in the amount of \$14,879.00 for damages to a patrol car, having been read the first time on January 25, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 45831 (S.O. 9846) A Bill (#993-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing an amendment to the General Fund, Parks Designated Funds Program budget and acceptance of a donation from the William D. Morgan Charitable Foundation both in the amount of \$35,000.00 to be used for a future public art project, having been read the first time on January 25, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 45832 (S.O. 9847) A Bill (#1005-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing an amendment to the Aviation Fund budget to reappropriate CARES Act funds in the amount of \$25,558.00 to repair a ditch located at the drop zone area at Rosecrans Memorial Airport, having been read the first time on January 25, 2021, was read the second time and passed.

Resolution for Adoption:

- 45833 (Resolution No. 45833 – 4697) A Resolution (#1013-18). authorizing execution of a contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to provide HIV prevention projects in the amount of \$62,647.00, was read and adopted.

***** END OF CONSENT AGENDA *****

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

None.

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- 45834 It was moved by Councilmember Kovac and seconded by Councilmember Roach that Bill #1004-18 be amended before consideration by reducing the fee from “four percent” to “three percent.” Motion failed to carry. Ayes, Roach, Kovac--2. Nays, O’Dell, Blessing, Davis, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak--7.
- 45835 It was moved by Councilmember O’Dell and seconded by Councilmember Davis that a Bill (#1004-18) sponsored by Councilmember Myers amending Section 2-10, titled “Credit card processing fees,” of Chapter 2, titled “Administrative Code,” of the Code of Ordinances to allow surcharges and convenience fees to be charged for electronic check payments in addition to credit card payments made to the City of St. Joseph, be postponed for two weeks to the February 22, 2021, Council meeting. Motion carried. Ayes, O’Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak--9.
- 45836 (S.O. 9848) A Bill (#994-18) sponsored by Councilmember Myers to enable the City of St. Joseph, Missouri to join Show Me PACE, pursuant to Sections 67.2800 to 67.2835, RSMO, the “Property Assessment Clean Energy Act,” and stating the terms under which the City of St. Joseph will conduct activities as a member of such district, having been read the first time on January 25, 2021, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, O’Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak--9.
- 45837 (S.O. 9849) A Bill (#996-18) sponsored by Councilmember Novak authorizing execution of an amended HOME Grant Agreement with Community Action Partnership of Greater St. Joseph, Inc. to provide additional funding for the project at 714 S. 21st Street in the amount of \$45,000.00, having been read the first time on January 25, 2021, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, O’Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, Moore, Myers, Novak--8. Abstention, McMurray--1.
- 45838 (S.O. 9850) A Bill (#997-18) sponsored by Councilmember Novak authorizing an amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Fund and execution of an agreement with Homebase, the Center for Common Concern, Inc., to serve as Continuum of Care Coordinator/Consultant for the St. Joseph Continuum of Care all in the amount of \$41,794.00, having been read the first time on January 25, 2021, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, O’Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak--9.
- 45839 (S.O. 9851) A Bill (#1003-18) sponsored by Councilmember Roach authorizing the submittal of an application for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Program through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to provide a subsidized low interest rate loan for the Biogas Optimization and Capital Reinvestment Project and authorizing execution of the loan agreements, having been read the first time on January 25, 2021, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, O’Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak--9.

EMERGENCY BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

- 45840 It was moved by Councilmember Kovac and seconded by Councilmember Roach that Bill #1010-18 be amended before consideration for adoption by changing the extension from “120 days” to “30 days.” Motion failed to carry. Ayes, Roach, Davis, Kovac, Novak--4. Nays, O’Dell, Blessing, McMurray, Moore, Myers--5.

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RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION: (Cont'd)

- 45841 It was moved by Councilmember Myers and seconded by Councilmember O'Dell that Bill #1010-18 be amended before consideration for adoption by changing the extension from "120 days" to "60 days (continuing through April 15, 2021)." Motion carried. Ayes, O'Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak--8. Nay, Roach--1.
- 45842 (Resolution No. 45842 – 4698) A Resolution (#1010-18) stating support for a sixty-day extension (continuing through April 15, 2021) of the Mayor's Declaration and Order issued pursuant to Section 2-1454 of the Code of Ordinances requiring measures be employed to protect public life, health, safety, and property to limit the development, contraction, and spread of COVID-19 by requiring six-foot social distancing or the use of face coverings or masks when in indoor spaces other than residences, was read and adopted. Ayes, O'Dell, Blessing, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak--7. Nays, Roach, Davis--2.
- 45843 (Resolution No. 45843 – 4699) A Resolution (#1018-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis to return to holding regular and special City Council meetings in person, was read and adopted. Ayes, O'Dell, Davis, McMurray, Myers, Novak--5. Nays, Roach, Blessing, Kovac, Moore--4.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

- 45844 A Bill (#1008-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray authorizing an amendment to the City Manager budget in the General Fund to provide funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the recruitment costs of the city manager position, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45845 A Bill (#1009-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray authorizing an amendment to the Gaming Initiatives Fund to appropriate the amount of \$3,042 for the City's portion of costs associated with conducting the 2020 Community Survey through St. Joseph Community Alliance, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45846 A Bill (#1011-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis amending Section 28-1590 "Parking prohibited at any time" of Chapter 28 "Traffic and Vehicles" of the Code of Ordinances to prohibit parking on the east side of Leonard Road from Hunter Drive south 423 feet, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45847 A Bill (#1012-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis amending Section 28-1592 of Chapter 28 "Traffic and Vehicles" of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Parking time limits on certain streets" to provide for two-hour parking along the west side of Fifth Street between Angelique and Sylvania Streets from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., was introduced and read the first time.
- 45848 A Bill (#1014-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the execution of a Master Agreement for Professional Transportation Planning Services with AECOM for a period of five years, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45849 A Bill (#1015-18) sponsored by Councilmember Roach authorizing an amendment to the Water Protection Fund budget and the acceptance of a Water Quality Management Planning (WQMP) Grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) through Mo-Kan Regional Council in the amount of \$17,084.00 to fund the Whitehead Watershed Stormwater Facility GPS Mapping Project, was introduced and read the first time.
- 45850 A Bill (#1016-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the submittal and execution of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Certifications and Assurances and the Section 5307 Grant to provide transit operating assistance in the approximate amount of \$1,564,347.00 for Fiscal Year 2022, was introduced and read the first time.

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45851 A Bill (#1017-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the final plat entitled "North Village Plat 10" a major commercial subdivision consisting of three (3) lots located west of Interstate 29 and north of North Village Drive, as requested by Lee Sawyer on behalf of Buchanan County, Missouri, was introduced and read the first time.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Filed 1/22/21: Minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held January 13, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 204 at City Hall.

Filed 1/22/21: Minutes of the Land Bank Advisory Committee meeting held December 21, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

Filed 1/26/21: Minutes of the Museum Oversight Board meeting held January 20, 2021, at 11:30 a.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 1/26/21: Minutes of the Plumber's Examining and Appeals Board meeting held January 21, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 1/28/21: Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting held January 21, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at the Parks, Recreation and Civic Facilities Admin. office, 1920 Grand Avenue.

Filed 1/28/21: Minutes of the Library Board Budget/Personnel Committee meeting held January 25, 2021, at the Downtown Library, 927 Felix Street, at 4:30 p.m., via video conferencing.

Filed 1/28/21: Minutes of the Library Board meeting held January 25, 2021, at the Downtown Library, 927 Felix Street, at 5:00 p.m., via video conferencing.

Filed 1/28/21: Minutes of the Personnel Board meeting held January 22, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Filed 1/29/21: Minutes of the Aviation Board meeting held December 2, 2020, at 11:30 a.m., in the Terminal Conference Room at Rosecrans Memorial Airport, via video conferencing.

Filed 1/29/21: Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held January 28, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall via video conferencing.

Filed 2/1/21: Minutes of the Human Rights Commission meeting held January 19, 2021, in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall, via video conferencing.

Filed 2/3/21: Minutes of the Landmark Commission meeting held January 5, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Filed 1/21/21: Minutes of the Council Work Session held January 20, 2021, at 4:53 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

Filed 1/27/21: Minutes of the Council Work Session held January 25, 2021 at 4:00 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

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WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY CLERK’S OFFICE: (Cont’d)

Filed 2/2/21: Minutes of the Council Work Session held January 28, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

None.

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Filed 1/20/21: Memorandum from Tom Mahoney, Administrative Services Interim Director, in re: December FY2021 Financial Report.

Filed 1/21/21: Minutes of the Police Pension Board meeting held December 16, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 1/22/21: Minutes of the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Audit Advisory Committee meeting held January 20, 2021, at 12:30 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

Filed 1/22/21: Police Department 2020 Annual Crime Summary.

Filed 1/22/21: Police Department Monthly Activity Report Highlights, December 2020.

Filed 1/22/21: City Link, January 21, 2021.

Filed 1/25/21: Letter from Nicole Galloway, CPA, Missouri State Auditor, in re: Notification that the audit requested by the City has been closed.

Filed 1/27/21: Buchanan County Commission appointment of Robert Norton to the St. Joseph Regional Port Authority.

Filed 1/28/21: City Link, January 28, 2021.

Filed 1/29/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Programming Committee meeting held January 5, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 2/1/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Black Archives Museum Committee meeting held January 5, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 2/1/21: Commendations regarding Police Department staff.

Filed 2/2/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Collections Committee meeting held December 9, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 2/3/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Fundraising Committee meeting held January 14, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

- 45852 City Manager's Report – Interim City Manager/City Attorney Bryan Carter recognized the City's streets crew for getting out and cleaning up the streets the last few days. He gave an update on the Chicago Great Western Branch Trail Project. Missouri Dept. of Transportation has approved the construction of that trail only on city property versus on property affecting neighboring property owners. So, the next action the City Council will see is an ordinance approving a contract for construction sometime in May. Based on some discussions with Councilmembers there will no longer be a need to have a meeting before the Planning Commission to work out the property issues. The Health Department has administered 1,516 doses of vaccine at the Civic Arena Vaccination Clinic and 90 of the second doses. Excellent feedback has been received on the community clinic which is a partnership with Mosaic, the City and Buchanan County. Today the City launched an over the phone registration process for those residents who do not have access to a computer to register for the vaccine. 248 people were registered the first day by City employees from several departments who are working the phones.

Councilmember Roach asked some questions about the recruiting expenses for the city manager position.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kenny Reeder, 4000 River Road, asked some questions about Bills for First Reading #1009-18 and #1014-18.

NOTES:

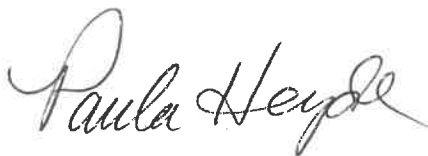
Agenda No. 48540-2 - Dr. Davin Turner, President of the Medical Center at Mosaic Life Care, spoke about the rationale for extending the mask order an additional 120 days.

Dr. Jane Frick said she supports face masks and social distancing and asked the Council to please keep the mandate.

ADJOURNMENT:

- 45853 By general consent, the City Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.