

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

February 15, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.  
Office of the City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, met in a called special meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor McMurray. Notice of said meeting (together with an agenda) was posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting in the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)
Members Present:	Mayor Bill McMurray	(144-02)
	Councilmember Brenda Blessing	(139-07)
	Councilmember Madison Davis	(139-07)
	Councilmember PJ Kovac	(123-23)
	Councilmember Russell Moore	(143-03)
	Councilmember Marty Novak	(141-05)
Members Absent:	Councilmember Brian Myers	(132-14)
	Councilmember Kent O'Dell	(131-15)
	Councilmember Gary Roach	(124-22)

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

Also present were City Manager Bryan Carter, City Attorney Lisa Robertson, Finance Director Laurie Tietjen, City Clerk Paula Heyde and outside counsel Joe Lauber.

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NumberCALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING:

46866 Filed 2/14/22 - A written request has been received from seven members of the Council this date requesting a special meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall to discuss matters pertaining to legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys, including attorney work product.

Discussions shall be limited solely to the matters stated above.

BEFORE ENTERING INTO SUCH DISCUSSIONS, THE COUNCIL SHALL VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF MAKING THE MEETING CLOSED.

If such question receives an affirmative vote of the majority of the quorum of the Councilmembers, the meeting thereafter shall be closed.

Authority for closing the meeting is authorized by Section 610.021(1) RSMo., as amended, which authorizes a closed meeting.

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CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING: (Cont'd)

NOW, THEREFORE, as City Clerk of the City of St. Joseph, under the provisions of Section 3.9(a) of the Charter of the City of St. Joseph, I hereby issue a call for a special meeting of the Council for the time and place and for the purpose as set forth above in accordance with the written request of the Council.

(SEAL)

/s/ Paula Heyde  
Paula Heyde, City Clerk

MINUTES:

None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

None.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

- 46867 It was moved by Councilmember Novak and seconded by Councilmember Blessing that the Agenda be accepted as published. Motion carried. Ayes, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Novak--6. Absent, Myers, O'Dell, Roach--3.

DISCUSSION:

Outside Counsel Joe Lauber gave the background on the lawsuit filed by Kenton Randolph (petitioner) versus the County Clerk/Election Authority and City officials (respondents), the facts as they relate to the lawsuit and what the issue is. He provided the following options for the Council to consider: 1) do nothing; 2) file an answer to the petition that indicates that the City agrees with the petitioner's position; 3) file an answer to the petition whereby the City specifically states that it does not have a preference in the interpretation but wishes to provide information which supports the other interpretation; and 4) file an answer to the petition that the City advocates against the interpretation that is being posed by the petitioner.

- 46868 It was moved by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Councilmember Blessing to go with Option #4 (file an answer to the petition that the City advocates against the interpretation that is being posed by the petitioner). Motion carried. Ayes, Blessing, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Novak--5. Nay, Davis--1. Absent, Myers, O'Dell, Roach--3.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

None.

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BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

None.

EMERGENCY BILL FOR PASSAGE:

None.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

None.

WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:

None.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

None.

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Manager’s Report – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

46869 By general consent, the Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.



Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.