

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LADUE  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013, 4:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ladue, St. Louis County, Missouri was held on Monday, December 16, 2013, at 4:00 p.m., at the City Hall, 9345 Clayton Road.

The following were present:

The Hon. Nancy Spewak, Mayor, presiding.

Members of the Council present:

A. Charles Hiemenz, III  
Art Bond  
Walter G. Stern  
John Fox  
Harold Burroughs  
William Brennan

Six Council Members present.

Also present were Michael W. Wooldridge, City Clerk/Assistant to the Mayor; Rick Jett, Finance Director; Rich Wooten, Police Chief; Fire Chief John Bailot; Ms. Anne Lamitola, Director – Public Works; Mr. James Schmieder, Ladue Building Department; Mr. James Schiele, Chairman – Finance, Revenue, and Taxation Committee; Mr. John Maupin, City Attorney.

**Approval and Adoption of the Agenda:** Council Member Stern moved the adoption of the agenda. Council Member Bond requested the agenda be amended to table Bill 2078 for later consideration due to pending federal legislation. The Council Members agreed to the amendment. The amended motion was seconded by Council Member Fox and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Hiemenz	“Aye”
Council Member Bond	“Aye”
Council Member Stern	“Aye”
Council Member Fox	“Aye”
Council Member Brennan	“Aye”
Council Member Burroughs	“Aye”

The motion was passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Spewak asked for any amendments, corrections or clarifications to the Minutes of the work session, regular and closed meetings of November 18, 2013. Council Member Hiemenz moved approval of the Minutes, seconded by Council Member Stern, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Hiemenz	"Aye"
Council Member Bond	"Aye"
Council Member Fox	"Aye"
Council Member Stern	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"

The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Spewak suspended the regular order of business to present years of service awards to P.O. Ryan Eaton (5 years) and Det. Chris Armstrong (10 years).

**Public Forum:** (No one came forward to address the Mayor and City Council)

**Zoning and Planning Matters:** none

**Public Hearings:**

**PH1** – The Council will hold a public hearing on the report of the Finance, Revenue and Taxation Committee recommending the City's budget for the year January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014. (*Transcript of this hearing is attached as part of the minutes*)

**New Business:** None

**Committee Report:** None

**Proposed Legislation:**

**Bill 2075** – an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Section 2-105 relating to the Finance, Revenue, and Taxation Committee.

Mayor Spewak advised this bill provides two year terms for the members of the Finance, Revenue, and Taxation Committee. She stated the initial terms for the members will be discussed in the annual appointments portion of the meeting.

Council Member Hiemenz moved the introduction of Bill 2075, seconded by Council Member Stern, which motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Stern moved the first reading of Bill 2075 seconded by Council Member Burroughs, which motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Burroughs moved the second reading of Bill 2075; seconded by Council Member Hiemenz, which motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Stern moved adoption of Bill 2075, seconded by Council Member Hiemenz, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Hiemenz	"Aye"
Council Member Bond	"Aye"
Council Member Stern	"Aye"
Council Member Fox	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"

The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Spewak declared Bill 2075 adopted as **Ordinance 2075**.

**Bill 2076** – an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by deleting Article X, Street Commissioner, and amending Article IX, Director of Public Works.

Mr. Wooldridge stated Bill 2076 designates the Public Works Director as the Street Commissioner instead of a resident volunteer. He explained that the Director is more qualified to perform the duties of Street Commissioner.

Council Member Burroughs advised the bill should be amended by changing the wording in the last line of section (c) "of him" to "of the commissioner".

Council Member Hiemenz moved the introduction of Bill 2076 as amended by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Council Member Bond, which motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Stern moved the first reading of Bill 2076 as amended; seconded by Council Member Burroughs, which motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bond moved the second reading of Bill 2076 as amended; seconded by Council Member Hiemenz, which motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Stern moved adoption of Bill 2076 as amended, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Hiemenz	"Aye"
Council Member Bond	"Aye"
Council Member Stern	"Aye"
Council Member Fox	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"

The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Spewak declared Bill 2076 adopted as **Ordinance 2076**.

**Bill 2077** – an ordinance authorizing the City to enter into a mutual aid agreement for provision of fire and ambulance services with the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District.

Chief Bailot reviewed the details of the city's current mutual aid agreement with the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District. He explained that the agreement has only included fire mutual aid since 2010. Ambulance mutual aid was discontinued in 2010 when Ladue's billing protocols were different from the Creve Coeur Fire District. Chief Bailot advised that under the proposed agreement both agencies will be able to bill for ambulance service and in the case of Creve Coeur District residents the District will pay the balance billed amount. Chief Bailot strongly supported the agreement as it provides additional ambulance mutual aid assistance in the northwest quadrant of the city.

Council Member Fox moved the introduction of Bill 2077, seconded by Council Member Bond, which motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Stern moved the first reading of Bill 2077; seconded by Council Member Hiemenz, which motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Brennan moved the second reading of Bill 2077; seconded by Council Member Bond, which motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Stern moved adoption of Bill 2077; seconded by Council Member Bond, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Hiemenz	"Aye"
Council Member Bond	"Aye"
Council Member Stern	"Aye"
Council Member Fox	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"

The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Spewak declared Bill 2077 adopted as **Ordinance 2077**.

**Financial Matters:**

The Council reviewed the **vouchers for payment** for the month of November 2013. Council Member Hiemenz moved their approval, seconded by Council Member Stern, which motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Stern inquired if all legal fees have been paid in the White v. Ladue lawsuit. Mr. Maupin advised that the case has been heard at the Appeals Court level and a decision is expected soon. Unless the case is appealed to the Missouri Supreme Court legal fees for the case should end.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Treasurer and Collector's reports for November 2013. The Mayor ordered the reports filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the financial statements for November 2013. The Mayor ordered the reports filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the cash flow summary for November 2013. The Mayor ordered the report filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the land and lot delinquent report for November 2013. The Mayor ordered the report filed for information.

**Department Reports:**

**Fire Department:** The Mayor and Council reviewed the Fire Department Activity Report for November 2013.

Chief Bailot requested approval of the purchase of three cardiac monitor/defibrillators from Physio Control at a net cost of \$89,898.58. He stated the purchase will replace units that are 7 – 10 years old. The new units will provide improved technology to the paramedics in car-

diac cases. Chief Bailot advised that 95% of the cost will be reimbursed through a previously approved federal grant. Two existing units will be traded and one existing unit will be kept as a backup.

Council Member Stern moved approval of the three cardiac monitor / defibrillators from Physio Control at a net cost of \$89,898.58; seconded by Council Member Bond, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Hiemenz	"Aye"
Council Member Bond	"Aye"
Council Member Stern	"Aye"
Council Member Fox	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"

The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Chief Bailot presented a report to the Mayor and City Council recommending that the City maintain a reserve fire pumper and ambulance. Chief Bailot stated his recommendation is based on several factors:

- Availability of other agency's equipment for loan;
- Adds points to the ISO rating;
- Extends the useful life of the equipment between front-line and reserve use;
- Cost is minimal.
- Use of reserve ambulance provides the ability to collect revenue from the call for service rather than by a responding mutual aid agency.

Council Member Hiemenz noted that if the reserve ambulance is sold the city might receive as much as \$17,000.00 in the sale, compared to the \$29,000.00 billed for calls for service that the reserve ambulance responded to in 2013.

Council Member Stern requested Chief Bailot review the equipment (pumper) positioning when purchasing a new pumper to insure that the busiest fire station has the newest equipment.

Council Member Hiemenz asked where the reserve equipment will be maintained. Chief Bailot advised that the reserve ambulance will be kept at Firehouse #2 and the reserve pumper in a DPW garage space.

Council Member Fox moved to accept the recommendation of Fire Chief Bailot to maintain a reserve fire pumper and ambulance; seconded by Council Member Stern, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Hiemenz	"Aye"
Council Member Bond	"Aye"
Council Member Stern	"Aye"
Council Member Fox	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"

The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Hiemenz inquired about the construction delay for Firehouse #2. Chief Bailot advised that inclement weather, conflict with AmerenUE electric lines and lack of electric to the construction trailer have delayed the project.

**Police Department:** The Mayor and Council reviewed the Police Activity Report for the period January 1, 2013, through November 31, 2013.

Chief Wooten reviewed the latest traffic issues involving the Winter Wonderland display at Tilles Park. He stated the department has attempted to coordinate traffic control with the Missouri Highway Patrol, St. Louis County Police, and Brentwood PD. Chief Wooten advised that on busy nights the eastbound I-64 exit to S. McKnight has been closed to alleviate traffic backups on the highway.

**Public Works:** The Mayor and Council reviewed the Public Works report for the period through November 2013. The Mayor ordered the report filed.

Ms. Lamitola requested approval of a contract with Krupp Construction for improvements at the intersection of I-170 and Ladue Road at a cost of \$334,432.98. She stated this is an 80% federally funded project with the remaining costs being paid by the property owner at 8909 Ladue Road. Krupp Construction was the low bidder.

Council Member Hiemenz moved to approve the contract with Krupp Construction at a cost of \$334,432.98; seconded by Council Member Stern, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Hiemenz	"Aye"
Council Member Bond	"Aye"
Council Member Stern	"Aye"
Council Member Fox	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"

The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Lamitola requested approval of a contract with Christner for a citywide evaluation of public spaces to determine beautification needs at a cost of \$25,735.00. Ms. Lamitola stated that proposals were solicited to provide professional guidance and design for landscaping of public areas within the city. She advised that interviews were conducted with Mayor Spewak, Mr. Wooldridge, and of a short-listed group of proposers. It was the opinion of the interviewers that Christner was the best firm to recommend.

Mayor Spewak commented that numerous groups with varying resources and ideas have approached her about beautifying the city. She advised that professional assistance is needed to take these ideas and turn them into a viable plan. Mayor Spewak explained that Christner would conduct public engagement meetings with interested stakeholders and develop a basic landscape concept for the city.

Council Member Stern asked what the hourly rates of the people involved in the project were paid. Laurel Harrington from Christner stated the rates will be from \$85.00 to \$165.00 per hour. She advised the goal is to have the project completed by March 2014.

Council Member Bond moved to approve the contract with Christner for a citywide evaluation of public spaces to determine beautification needs at a cost of \$25,735.00; seconded by Council Member Stern, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Hiemenz	"Aye"
Council Member Bond	"Aye"
Council Member Stern	"Aye"
Council Member Fox	"Aye"

Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"

The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Spewak announced that Ms. Lamitola was elected as Chair of the St. Louis Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

**Municipal Court:** The Mayor and Council reviewed the Municipal Court Report for November 2013. The Mayor ordered the reports filed.

**Administration/City Clerk.**

The Mayor and Council reviewed the building department report for November 2013. Year-to-date 211 reportable permits were issued for a construction value of \$54.3 million. The construction value decreased 40% compared to the same period in 2012.

Mr. Wooldridge requested approval of a contract with Larimore Associates for software changes at a cost of \$7,820.00. He stated the changes to the city's main database will provide improved tracking of Building Department escrow funds, and provide additional data fields for email addresses and telephone numbers for subdivision trustees.

Council Member Hiemenz moved to approve the contract with Larimore Associates for software upgrades at a cost of \$7,820.00; seconded by Council Member Stern, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Hiemenz	"Aye"
Council Member Bond	"Aye"
Council Member Stern	"Aye"
Council Member Fox	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"

The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Wooldridge requested approval of a contract with Vividsites for website design at a cost of \$20,000.00. He stated the current website was placed in service in 2003. Only minor upgrades and changes have been made since.

Mr. David Black from Vividsites provided an overview of their proposal and the content management system.

Council Member Hiemenz asked if other city websites had been reviewed. Mr. Wooldridge advised that websites of surrounding communities were reviewed

Council Member Fox moved to approve the contract with Vividsites for website design at a cost of \$20,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stern, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Hiemenz	"Aye"
Council Member Bond	"Aye"
Council Member Stern	"Aye"
Council Member Fox	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"

The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

#### **Appointments:**

Mayor Spewak recommended the following appointments to various City Boards and Commissions:

**Architectural Review Board:** Matt Wolfe and Brent Restemayer for two-year terms expiring December 31, 2015 (Sec. 110-67).

**Board of Fire and Police Commissioners:** John Schaperkotter for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016 (Sec. 74-27).

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:** John Shillington, Elizabeth Panke, Laura Gerdes Long (alternates), for one-year terms ending December 31, 2014. (Sec. IX, A)

**Zoning and Planning Commission:** Peter Fischer, James Howe, and Tom Kahn for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2016. (Sec. 110-27)

**Municipal Judge:** Keith Cheung for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2015. (Sec. 26-4)

**Prosecuting Attorney:** James Towey for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2015. (Sec. 2-251)

**Treasurer:** Joe Rechter for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2015. (Sec. 2-125)

**Insurance Committee:** Martin Kerckhoff for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016. (Sec. 2-106)

**Public Works and Traffic Committee:** Patrick Hensley and Mark Raterman for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2016; Clint Williams for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2015; and Randy Parham for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2014 (Sec. 2-293).

**Finance, Revenue, and Taxation Committee:** Gina Hoagland and Joe Gazzoli for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2014; Jim Thompson and Dave Mueller for two-year terms expiring December 31, 2015; Jim Schiele for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2016. (Sec. 2-105)

**Parks Commissioner:** Lauren Selkirk for a two-year term expiring (Sec. 66-30)

**Street Commissioner:** Anne Lamitola (2-283)

Council Member Stern moved approval of the appointments; Council Member Hiemenz seconded the motion, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Hiemenz	"Aye"
Council Member Bond	"Aye"
Council Member Stern	"Aye"
Council Member Fox	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"

The motion was passed unanimously.

**Liquor Licenses:** An application for a liquor license by Giovanni's Kitchen, 8831 Ladue Road, for a license (Class B & G) to sell intoxicating liquors by the drink on the premises, with Sunday sales. The report from the police department finds no reason why the license should not be issued.

Council Member Stern moved that the liquor license renewals be approved, Council Member Fox seconded the motion, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Hiemenz	"Aye"
Council Member Bond	"Aye"

Council Member Stern	"Aye"
Council Member Fox	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"

The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Spewak stated that the next regular meetings would be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, and Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

Mayor Spewak advised there were items for discussion in executive session involving personnel matters under RSMo. Section 610.021 (3).

Council Member Stern moved to go into closed session for discussion of legal and personnel matters as provided under RSMo. 610.021; seconded by Council Member Hiemenz, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Hiemenz	"Aye"
Council Member Bond	"Aye"
Council Member Fox	"Aye"
Council Member Stern	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"

The motion was passed unanimously.

(The Mayor and Council went into closed session at 5:40 PM with Mr. Wooldridge and Mr. Maupin).

Council Member Bond moved to return to open session, seconded by Council Member Brennan, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

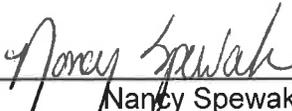
Council Member Hiemenz	"Aye"
Council Member Bond	"Aye"
Council Member Fox	"Aye"
Council Member Stern	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"

The motion was passed unanimously.

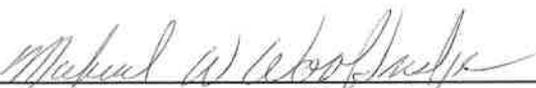
(returned to open session at 6:15 PM)

Council Member Stern moved adjournment, seconded by Council Member Hiemenz, which motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

**APPROVED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2014.**

  
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Nancy Spewak, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Michael W. Wooldridge, City Clerk

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LADUE, MISSOURI 63124        )

Monday, December 16, 2013

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CITY COUNCIL  
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LADUE, MISSOURI  
PUBLIC HEARING

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BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 16th day of  
December, 2013, hearing was held before the City  
Council of the City of Ladue, Missouri, at Ladue City  
Hall, 9345 Clayton Road, in the City of Ladue, State  
of Missouri 63124, regarding the above-entitled matter  
before Bobbie L. Luber, Certified Court Reporter,  
Registered Professional Reporter, Certified Shorthand  
Reporter, a Notary Public within and for the State of  
Missouri, and the following proceedings were had.

## A P P E A R A N C E S:

## COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ms. Nancy Spewak, Mayor

Mr. Art Bond

Mr. Bill Brennan

Mr. Hal Burroughs

Mr. John R. Fox

Mr. Charles Hiemenz

Mr. Walter Stern

## Also Present:

Mr. John Maupin, City Attorney

Mr. Michael Wooldridge, City Clerk

Mr. Jim Schiele

Mr. Rick Jett

## Court Reporter:

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1                   (The Meeting of the City Council of the City  
2 of Ladue was called to order at 4:00 p.m.)

3                   CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: I would like to call  
4 the meeting to order. Hi, everybody.

5                   I need a motion, please, to adopt the  
6 agenda.

7                   MR. STERN: So moved.

8                   MR. BOND: Second.

9                   CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: All in favor?

10                  MR. BOND: Mayor, may I make one suggestion  
11 with regard to our agenda? That item number -- Bill  
12 2078, that we table that for later consideration.  
13 There is the -- there is pending federal legislation  
14 that could impact that, and I think it might supersede  
15 anything we were to adopt here today.

16                  CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: Okay. So, then, are  
17 you making a motion to adopt the agenda with the  
18 amendment to table Bill 2078?

19                  MR. BOND: That's correct.

20                  MR. BRENNAN: Second.

21                  CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: All in favor?

22                  MR. BURROUGHS: Aye.

23                  MR. HIEMENZ: Aye.

24                  MR. STERN: Aye.

25                  MR. FOX: Aye.

1 MR. BOND: Aye.

2 MR. BRENNAN: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: Opposed? Motion  
4 carried.

5 Could I have a motion to approve the  
6 minutes of the work session, regular and closed  
7 meetings of November 18th, 2013?

8 MR. STERN: So moved.

9 MR. HIEMENZ: Second.

10 CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: All in favor?

11 MR. BURROUGHS: Aye.

12 MR. HIEMENZ: Aye.

13 MR. STERN: Aye.

14 MR. FOX: Aye.

15 MR. BOND: Aye.

16 MR. BRENNAN: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: Opposed? Motion  
18 carried.

19 I would like to suspend the regular order  
20 of business. I would like to ask Officer Eaton and  
21 Officer Armstrong to come forward, please. And,  
22 Chief, it goes without saying.

23 Police Officer Ryan Eaton, this is your  
24 five-year certificate of -- recognition for service  
25 for five years in the City of Ladue Police Department.

1 Your completion of these services reflects well upon  
2 your participation and ability as a member of the  
3 police department.

4 That's a nice way of saying you are  
5 terrific. We are really thrilled to have you. You do  
6 a great job, and we hope -- I know it won't be me, but  
7 I hope we give you a lot, like 25 or 30 years. But it  
8 probably won't be me, though. So, thank you very  
9 much.

10 Okay. Officer Armstrong, you have ten  
11 years of service. This is your letter of recognition.  
12 And this reflects well on your participation and  
13 abilities as a member of the police department, and I  
14 thank you. You, too, are terrific. Both of you  
15 embody what we want from our Ladue police officers.  
16 You are terrific with the public and everything you  
17 do. Thank you very much.

18 (Applause.)

19 CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: Okay. Public forum.  
20 I will now recognize anyone who wishes to address the  
21 mayor and the council on city matters. No one. Okay.  
22 Then we are going to move on to our public hearing.

23 We are holding a public hearing today on  
24 the report of the finance, revenue, and taxation  
25 committee recommending the city's budget for the year

1 January 1st, 2014, through December 31st, 2014. Could  
2 I have a motion to open the public hearing?

3 MR. STERN: So moved.

4 MR. BURROUGHS: Second.

5 CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: All in favor?

6 MR. BURROUGHS: Aye.

7 MR. HIEMENZ: Aye.

8 MR. STERN: Aye.

9 MR. FOX: Aye.

10 MR. BOND: Aye.

11 MR. BRENNAN: Aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: Opposed?

13 Jim Schiele, our esteemed chairman of our  
14 finance, revenue, and taxation committee, would you  
15 please come forward and give us your report.

16 MR. SCHIELE: Thank all of you for your  
17 kind attention during this past year. I'm going to  
18 read the letter first. I will make it a short  
19 comment. This is the letter that you have in front of  
20 you.

21 It's to the mayor and members of the Ladue  
22 City Council. Mayor and gentlemen of the council.

23 The finance revenue and taxation committee  
24 of the City of Ladue met on November 12th, and after a  
25 thorough review of the proposed 2014 budget voted

1 unanimously to recommend and support this budget for  
2 the city and council's approval.

3           The budget is composed of four funds,  
4 general fund, capital, road and bridge, and the storm  
5 water fund. Projected general fund expenditures are  
6 expected to exceed revenue during 2014, but reflect an  
7 additional \$1,000,000 contribution to the uniform  
8 pension plan.

9           There is actually an operating surplus of  
10 approximately \$395,000 projected in the proposed  
11 general fund budget. The general fund reserve balance  
12 at the end of 2014 is projected at \$9,185,000. The  
13 remaining fund accounts are projected to have balances  
14 at the end of 2014 which will provide funding going  
15 into 2015.

16           I remind you, we always do, it is not the  
17 committee's prerogative or obligations to fixate on  
18 how city funds are spent, but rather the  
19 responsibility of our committee is to maintain an  
20 equitable balance between revenue and expenditures and  
21 assure that revenue and reserves are sufficient to  
22 provide the operation of the city during the budget  
23 year.

24           It is the committee's opinion that  
25 responsibility has been met with this budget. The

1 committee recommends budget approval and recommends  
2 continued review of potential cost reduction in city's  
3 operation -- the city's operations.

4           And you know, this is something that we --  
5 we ramble over this every year, reducing cost,  
6 reducing cost. Personnel are 85 percent of our  
7 operating cost. You people all know that, understand  
8 it, and appreciate it. It's essential that we  
9 continue to dedicate ourselves to watching how much  
10 money it takes to run this city.

11           I can only tell you that our reserves,  
12 looking ahead, aren't going to last at this level  
13 forever. They are not going to do it. Take my word  
14 on it.

15           I have one strong recommendation to give to  
16 you. It's the issue of oversight. And oversight is  
17 particularly important, has been, is, and will be over  
18 the next several years with the building of these  
19 firehouses. They are costly. I'm going to say  
20 manageable, the cost is manageable, but everything has  
21 to be watched because we don't know, and the  
22 contractors don't know what they are going to find as  
23 they go into these buildings. We learned this lesson  
24 when we built the police station ten or twelve years  
25 ago. And there is always the reserve for these things

1 that we don't know about. There is a reserve going  
2 in, but can I tell you from past experience, those  
3 reserves can be used very, very, rapidly.

4 I'm not going to go in, because you are all  
5 well aware of the overrun based on original estimates  
6 of the first firehouses being built, you are very much  
7 aware that we have an overrun before the first shovel  
8 hits the ground. That's why I am not just cautioning  
9 you, and reminding you the oversight is essential.

10 Now, a year ago -- well, it was last  
11 February when then Mayor Bommarito asked us to --  
12 asked the finance committee to come up with some  
13 recommendations. One of the recommendations that was  
14 made, that was followed, was that the council would  
15 recommend a house construction oversight, firehouse  
16 oversight. This was carried out.

17 It's important that this committee meet  
18 every step of the way. It's not talking about a buck  
19 and a half to build this thing. We are talking in the  
20 thousands into a couple three million dollars. And so  
21 oversight is extremely important.

22 There is a committee. I am going to  
23 strongly urge you to add two more members to this  
24 committee. I think, understandably, I would ask Rick  
25 Jett, our controller, to be on the committee, and a

1 member-at-large. In other words, one of the civilians  
2 from the finance committee. And we would recommend,  
3 be happy to recommend a member-at-large to do that,  
4 but I think it's important.

5 I think it's important, Mayor, that this  
6 committee meet on a regular basis and watch carefully  
7 what's going on when issues occur, as I'm sure they  
8 will, and report back to the council.

9 That's my message to you. And, as always,  
10 thanks for your consideration.

11 CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: Any questions for  
12 Mr. Schiele? Jim, thank you. And thank the finance  
13 committee for the work that you have done to put this  
14 together.

15 MR. SCHIELE: Thank you.

16 MR. STERN: Thank you. I think that's an  
17 excellent idea, Madam Mayor, that we have a member,  
18 Rick being a member of the finance committee to be  
19 added to the oversight, whatever we need. I don't  
20 know if the council needs to approve that.

21 CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: I think we can do it  
22 after the budget once we close the public hearing. If  
23 you would make a motion at that time.

24 John Maupin, do you have anything to add?

25 MR. MAUPIN: We probably need to include in

1 the public record on this public hearing all the work  
2 papers developed by the committee and by Mr. Jett that  
3 led up to these papers, the documents that we have in  
4 front of us, the proposed budget, and I think that  
5 should complete the public record for this hearing.

6 CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: Is there any public  
7 comment on the budget?

8 MR. HIEMENZ: Mayor, I have two questions,  
9 if I may. The first two, Rick Jett. The budget that  
10 we have before us, are there any changes in the draft  
11 docket that we reviewed in the November 18 work  
12 session, anything material?

13 MR. JETT: The short answer is nothing  
14 material. I think this is like within 5 or \$600 of  
15 the general budget. There were some changes in the  
16 capital.

17 MR. HIEMENZ: Okay. Anne, if I could. I  
18 may have missed this in the -- under the road and  
19 bridge expenditures, we do show expenditures for  
20 McKnight Road on both the road portion and the  
21 sidewalk portion. Are those consistent with the prior  
22 budget we put together and the numbers that were laid  
23 in?

24 MS. LAMITOLA: Yes.

25 MR. HIEMENZ: On Lay Road there is a

1 sidewalk portion for design. I don't recall a  
2 conversation on sidewalks on Lay Road. What is that  
3 for? It says sidewalk portion design.

4 MS. LAMITOLA: From the eight-year  
5 infrastructure plan that was developed last year, that  
6 project was identified to move forward in 2014 with a  
7 funding application for the East/West Gateway  
8 procedure to fund improvements on that road, including  
9 sidewalks. That did come from the sidewalk master  
10 plan that Horner & Shifrin completed in, I believe,  
11 February of 2012. That was one of the roadways  
12 identified, and that was on the eight-year  
13 infrastructure plan.

14 MR. HIEMENZ: That was? Thank you.

15 MS. LAMITOLA: Yes. It was on an  
16 eight-year plan.

17 MR. HIEMENZ: Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: Could I have a motion  
19 to close the hearing?

20 MR. FOX: So moved.

21 MR. BRENNAN: Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: All in favor?

23 MR. BURROUGHS: Aye.

24 MR. HIEMENZ: Aye.

25 MR. STERN: Aye.

1 MR. FOX: Aye.

2 MR. BOND: Aye.

3 MR. BRENNAN: Aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: Opposed? Motion  
5 carried.

6 Now I would ask for a motion to adopt the  
7 2014 budget as recommended by the finance committee.

8 MR. STERN: So moved.

9 MR. BURROUGHS: Second.

10 CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: All in favor?

11 MR. BURROUGHS: Aye.

12 MR. HIEMENZ: Aye.

13 MR. STERN: Aye.

14 MR. FOX: Aye.

15 MR. BOND: Aye.

16 MR. BRENNAN: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: Opposed? Motion  
18 carried.

19 And then, Walt, at this time would you like  
20 to make a motion to add Rick Jett, finance director,  
21 and a member-at-large to the finance committee -- to  
22 the oversight committee?

23 MR. STERN: Yes. So moved.

24 MR. HIEMENZ: Second.

25 CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: All in favor?

1 MR. BURROUGHS: Aye.

2 MR. HIEMENZ: Aye.

3 MR. STERN: Aye.

4 MR. FOX: Aye.

5 MR. BOND: Aye.

6 MR. BRENNAN: Aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON SPEWAK: Opposed?

8 Okay. Now we will move on to proposed  
9 legislation.

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