

**MINUTES OF MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LADUE
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
WORK SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

The Work Session of the City Council of the City of Ladue, St. Louis County, Missouri, was held on Monday, November 16, 2015, at 3:05 p.m., at the City Hall, 9345 Clayton Road. The following members were present:

The Hon. Nancy Spewak, Mayor, presiding.

Members of the Council present:

A. Charles Hiemenz
John Howell
Patrick Hensley
John Fox
William Brennan
Harold Burroughs

Six Council Members present.

Also present were Ms. Laura Rider, Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk; Ms. Julie O'Guinn, Finance Director; Police Chief Rich Wooten; Fire Chief Steve Lynn, Ms. Anne Lamitola, Public Works Director; Mr. William Penney, Building Official; Ms. Erin Seele, City Attorney; Mr. Jim Schiele, Chairman of the Finance, Revenue and Taxation Committee and Ms. Gina Hoagland, Member of the Finance, Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Approval of the Agenda: Council Member Fox moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Council Member Brennan and the motion was passed unanimously.

Items for discussion: Review of the draft 2016 budget

Ms. O'Guinn presented the draft 2016 budget with the following highlights:

- General Fund revenue and transfers for 2016 is projected at \$12,777,925.00, an increase of 1.83% compared to the 2015 estimate. Most revenues are conservatively budgeted with a flat projection for 2016 compared to 2015 revenue estimates.
- Interfund transfers from the Road/Bridge Fund and Storm Water Fund have increased as a result of a detailed review of activity in the Public Works Department.
- Property, Sales and Utility Taxes comprise 81% of the General Fund Revenue.
- General Fund expenditures for 2016 are projected at \$12,582,658.00, an increase of 3.3% from the 2015 budget.
- Personnel costs represent 82% of the General Fund budget with a 2% salary increase for employees and step increases for Police and Fire Personnel.
- Estimated contributions to the uniform pension fund for 2016 total \$1,880,000.00.

Council Member Howell asked where the City's greatest risk lies. Ms. O'Guinn stated that revenue is budgeted flat so there should be minimal risk in the coming year. Mayor Spewak mentioned that utility tax is fluctuating and we are losing income from the cell tower at Firehouse #1 with the construction of the new house.

Council Member Hiemenz inquired about the percentage of personnel costs at 82% of the budget and how that compares to other municipalities. Ms. O'Guinn advised that percentage is comparable to other cities.

Council Member Hensley inquired about the TIP application in the Road & Bridge Fund. Ms. Lamitola explained that was for Ladue Road from Price to Dielman including the installation of sidewalks.

Council Member Fox reported that the Firehouse Oversight Committee met with Paric and Chiodini and decided to cut the south leg of the basement and the basement restroom in order to reduce the construction cost of Firehouse #1 by \$250,000.00. The estimated construction cost is \$4,200,000.00. The greatest risk

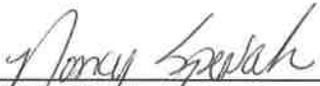
is in the soil. The phase two soil study may be completed in late December or early January. Mayor Spewak advised that while the construction cost is included in the budget, other funding options for the construction will be discussed in January.

Council Member Hensley noted that he was glad to see the purchase for permitting software for the Building Department in the 2016 Capital budget.

Mayor Spewak noted that the next meetings are scheduled for December 21st and Tuesday, January 19th.

Adjournment: Council Member Brennan moved adjournment, seconded by Council member Fox, which motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:38 PM.

APPROVED THIS 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.



Nancy Spewak, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laura A. Rider, City Clerk

