

**Minutes of Meeting
City of Ladue
Finance, Revenue, and Taxation Committee
June 7, 2016**

A meeting of the Finance, Revenue, and Taxation Committee for the City of Ladue was held on June 7, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers. The following members were present:

Chairman Jim Schiele	
Mr. Joe Gazzoli	
Ms. Gina Hoagland (arrived 2:05 p.m.)	
Mr. Jim Thompson	
Ms. Stacey Kamps	
Mr. Joseph Rechter	Ex-Officio
Mayor Nancy Spewak	Ex-Officio
Mr. Richard Lincoff	Ex-Officio

Also present were Ms. Laura Rider, City Clerk/Asst. to the Mayor; Mr. Sam Zes, Finance Director; Councilman John Fox and Ms. Michele Graham, Botz, Deal & Co.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schiele at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Gazzoli moved approval and adoption of the agenda; seconded by Mr. Thompson, which motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes:

Mr. Thompson amended the February 22, 2016 minutes on page 2, paragraph 7, to clarify that he's leaning toward Central Bank due to, not he, but the "City" having a direct relationship with Central Bank and them keeping the loan in house.

Ms. Kamps moved approval of the minutes as amended from the February 22, 2016 meeting, seconded by Mr. Thompson, which motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lincoff moved approval of the minutes from the March 7, 2016 meeting, seconded by Mr. Thompson, which motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum: None

Ms. Graham presented the Fiscal Year 2015 Draft Audit reports to the committee. She stated the City received a clean opinion for the audit year ending 2015. There were no transactions entered into by the City during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period. However, an adjustment to sales tax receivable was made in order to properly reflect the balance at year end. Ms. Graham stated it was her opinion that this was due to employee turnover. It is important to revisit internal controls when there is staff turnover. Ms. Graham recommended documentation for all journal entries and a review and approval process. In 2015, the City implemented GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. This change had a significant impact on the financial statements. The pension liability, at close to \$10,000,000, is a significant expense to the City. It was also mentioned that the financing for the new construction of Fire House No. 1 should be included in the notes.

Ms. Graham next presented the Single Audit Report for 2015 for federal funds received by the City. She stated the City of Ladue complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs. The City received a clean opinion on the single audit as well.

Councilman Fox reported on the status of the construction of Fire House No. 1. The bid documents were published on June 6th. The Zoning Board of Adjustment granted all of the requested variances and approval is anticipated by the Architectural Review Board at their meeting on June 9th.

Chairman Schiele advised there were items for discussion in executive session, as provided under RSMO 610.021 (12). Ms. Kamps moved to go into closed session, seconded by Ms. Hoagland and the vote thereupon was as follows:

Chairman Jim Schiele	"Aye"
Mr. Joe Gazzoli	"Aye"
Ms. Gina Hoagland	"Aye"
Mr. Jim Thompson	"Aye"
Ms. Stacey Kamps	"Aye"

The motion passed unanimously.

The Finance, Revenue and Taxation Committee went in to closed session at 2:50 p.m.

The Finance, Revenue and Taxation Committee returned to open session at 3:10 p.m.

Chairman Schiele asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hoagland made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Kamps, which motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.



James E. Schiele
Chairman