

**Minutes of Meeting  
City of Ladue  
Finance, Revenue, and Taxation Committee  
May 9, 2017**

A meeting of the Finance, Revenue, and Taxation Committee for the City of Ladue was held on May 9, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The following members were present:

Chairman Jim Schiele	
Mr. Joe Gazzoli	
Ms. Gina Hoagland	
Mr. Jim Thompson	
Mayor Nancy Spewak	Ex-Officio
Mr. Richard Lincoff	Ex-Officio

**Absent:**

Ms. Stacey Kamps	
Mr. Joseph Rechter	Ex-Officio

Also present were Ms. Laura Rider, City Clerk/Asst. to the Mayor; Mr. Sam Zes, Finance Director; Shelly Benson, Finance Clerk, and Michelle Graham with Botz, Deal and Company, P.C.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schiele at 8:30 a.m.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

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

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Ms. Hoagland moved approval of the minutes from the December 8, 2016 meeting, seconded by Mr. Thompson, which motion passed unanimously.

**Public Forum:**

Mayor Emeritus Tony Bommarito was present and expressed concern about differing wage schedules between the Uniform and Non-Uniform employees. Mayor Spewak replied the City is doing a compensation study to address any issues and the results should be ready in early July.

**Review the Fiscal Year 2016 Draft Audit Reports:**

Ms. Michelle Graham of Botz, Deal, and Company, P.C. presented the draft audit to the committee. She reported the City received a completely clean opinion, with no adjustments and no misstatements. The City's net position increased 14% over the previous year, which includes funds borrowed and depreciation. Total revenues were down 3.2% which reflects a decrease in total capital and operating grants, a decrease in tax revenues primarily from sales and utility taxes, and an increase in charges for service which was a result of increased building permit fees. The City increased Capital Assets in Infrastructure by \$1.8 million. Mr. Thompson asked if the City should use a barcode system to identify assets to make sure they aren't being misappropriated. Ms. Graham stated some Cities do use these systems mainly for disaster recovery, however cost and maintenance are somewhat prohibitive. She stated Debt Proceeds from the Firehouse #1 loan and Capital Outlay are included in the Fund Balance. The City Fiduciary Funds also had an increase in Net Position of \$1.8 million. Mr. Gazzoli asked what the funded percentage was for both plan and Ms. Graham stated this report does not have those percentages since it deals only in dollars. Mayor Spewak later stated the Uniform Plan is at 77.7%

and the Non-Uniform is at 89.2% funded. Ms. Graham reported the Single Audit, which is required due to the City using Federal Grant money, also received a clean opinion, with no adjustments or misstatements. Ms. Graham concluded by reporting the audit process was straightforward and unencumbered due to the City's organization and having the appropriate personnel in place. Chairman Schiele commended Mr. Zes and the Finance department staff for this outcome.

Ms. Hoagland moved to recommend approval of the 2016 Audit Reports as presented by Botz, Deal, and Company, P.C., seconded by Mr. Thompson, which motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gazzoli moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Hoagland, which motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James E. Schiele', is written above the printed name and title.

James E. Schiele  
Chairman