

MINUTES OF WORK SESSION  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LADUE  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022

The work session of the City Council of the City of Ladue, St. Louis County, Missouri, was held on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., at City Hall, 9345 Clayton Road.

The Hon. Nancy Spewak, Mayor, presided over the work session. The following Members of the Council present:

Stacey Kamps  
Patrick Hensley  
Harold Burroughs  
William Brennan  
John Fox

Five Council Members present.

Also present were Mr. Scott Kroenung, Finance Director; Ms. Anne Lamitola, Public Works Director, Police Chief Ken Andreski, Jr.; Fire Chief Steve Lynn and City Clerk Lori Wrobel.

Council Member Hensley moved approval of the agenda, upon second by Council Member Fox the motion passed unanimously.

**Items for discussion: Draft 2023 Budget**

Mr. Kroenung reported that the draft budget was the result of collective efforts of the Mayor, Finance Department, Department Heads, Finance Committee, and other staff.

Revenues are projected at \$15,396,188 while expenditures are projected at \$15,648,225. Resulting in a deficit of \$252,037.

Mr. Kroenung stated that there was discussion at the Finance Committee regarding the deficit and how to balance the budget. One of the ideas presented was to eliminate a position currently open within the police department. Mayor Spewak stated that other opportunities would be explored.

Sales tax revenue is projected to increase by 3%; personal property 4.6%, and real estate taxes 2.1%. Mr. Kroenung noted a significant change in the licensing & permits (-13.4%), due to significant one-time projects at the County Library and Ladue Schools that. Mr. Kroenung stated that at the November 21<sup>st</sup> regular council meeting, a proposed change to the business license fee structure could result in additional revenue.

Projected Fund Balance at year end and estimated reserves:

- General Fund \$10,341,368
- Road and Bridge \$1,213,335
- Capital Improvement \$760,994
- Storm Water \$7,660,499
- Public Safety \$607,935

Total Expenditures reflect a 4.1% increase over the 2022 forecast, assuming all positions are filled and including the salary increase for the Building Official position. Other expenditures reflect an 8.3% increase over the 2022 forecast, which includes an assumption of a 15% increase to property/casualty insurance.

Road and Bridge Fund expenditures include \$25,000 for tree removal, \$60,000 for improvements on or within the Clayton Business District and South Outer 40 Drive, \$425,245 for the annual micro-surfacing program, \$57,000 for professional fees, \$52,000 for ADA sidewalk and ramp improvements, and the interfund transfer.

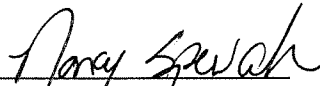
Capital Improvement Fund revenue is projected to be \$1,404,456, due to an improvement in earnings on investment, and receipt of the Municipal Park Grant.

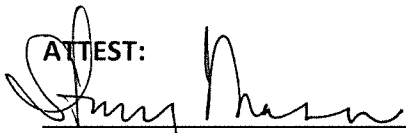
Due to the proposed Foxboro Road Flood Buyouts, estimated at \$1,000,000, total expenditures in the Storm water fund are \$4,431,241, and total revenue \$2,354,065.

Discussion ensued regarding opportunities to reduce expenditure and increase revenue. Mr. Kroenung also noted some changes in how items will be coded in the future.

**Adjournment:** Council Member Hensley moved adjournment, upon second by Council Member Burroughs, the motion passed unanimously. The work session adjourned at 3:49 PM.

**APPROVED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2022.**

  
Nancy Spewak, Mayor

**ATTEST:**  
  
Stacey Mann, City Clerk