

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LADUE  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The meeting of the City Council of the City of Ladue, St. Louis County, Missouri, was held on Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., at City Hall, 9345 Clayton Road. The following members were present:

The Hon. Nancy Spewak, Mayor, presiding.

Members of the Council present:

Stacey Kamps  
Patrick Hensley  
John Fox  
John Howell (arrived at 4:13PM)  
William Brennan  
Harold Burroughs

Six Council Members present.

Also, present Police Chief Ken Andreski; Fire Chief Steven Lynn; Mr. Paul Garlock, Building Commissioner; Ms. Lamitola, Director of Public Works; Mr. Scott Kroenung, Director of Finance; Ms. Erin Seele, City Attorney; and Ms. Stacey Mann, City Clerk.

Mayor Spewak recognized the new Building Commissioner, Mr. Paul Garlock, who joined the Building Department effective December 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Garlock held a similar position with the City of Maryland Heights and holds a degree in Architecture.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Council Member Fox moved to approve the agenda as presented, upon second by Council Member Brennan the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Mayor Spewak asked if there were any amendments, corrections, or clarifications to the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Budget Work Session of November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Council Member Burroughs moved approval of the minutes as submitted; upon second by Council Member Hensley, the motion passed unanimously.

**Presentation:**

Mayor Spewak recognized Director of Public Works & Building, Anne Lamitola, for her ten years of continuous service to the City of Ladue. Mayor Spewak stated that Ms. Lamitola was hired shortly before she was elected to office, and she has helped her in countless ways and has become indispensable.

Mayor Spewak and Council thanked Ms. Lamitola for her dedicated service to the citizens of Ladue.

**Presentation:**

Chief Lynn along with Mayor Spewak presented the following employees with Life Saving Awards:

*Lieutenant Boyd, Lieutenant Camp, Engineer Hammann, Firefighter/Paramedic Woodside, and Firefighter/Paramedic Dill*

Chief Lynn stated that on November 12<sup>th</sup> these employees responded to man who went into cardiac arrest. Following CPR, and delivering two shocks, the individual's heart began beating normally. This person, identified as Jeremy Bespalko, was in attendance and presented the lifesaving award to each employee who assisted in saving his life.

**Presentation:**

Chief Andreski along with Mayor Spewak presented the following employees with Letters of Commendation for Exceptional Acts of Service:

*Sergeant Radford, Officer Arflack, Officer Achter, and Officer Guenther*

Chief Andreski acknowledged the heroic efforts of four members of the police department. Each officer received a letter of commendation for their exceptional acts of service following a shooting which resulted in a pursuit and the suspect being apprehended

Mayor Spewak thanked the first responders, as well as their families, for their dedication and hard work.

**Public Forum:**

Jan Frith, mother of resident, Ashley Frith, 24 Foxboro, read a letter to Council on behalf of her daughter who was unable to attend. In the letter, Ms. Frith described her concern with her home not being approved for buyout through FEMA and SEMA.

Ms. Lamitola stated that 24 Foxboro was denied their request for buy-out through the federal and state agencies, and if the city wanted to move forward with the buy-out it would be 100% city funded. Ms. Lamitola added that this purchase was not budgeted.

Mayor Spewak stated that the City would continue to consider options and weigh impacts.

**Public Hearing:**

**PH1:** The City Council will hold a public hearing on the report of the Finance, Revenue, and Taxation Committee recommending the City's proposed budget for the year January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.

Mayor Spewak declared the Public Hearing open.

Mr. Kroenung reported the proposed 2023 budget presented at the meeting was the same as presented at the Council Work Session in November. Mr. Kroenung reported

that the Finance Committee met several times to review the proposed budget as well as Mayor Spewak and the Department Heads. There were no questions from the Council, and no one came forward to comment during the public hearing.

Mayor Spewak declared the Public Hearing closed.

Upon motion by Council Member Fox and second by Council Member Burroughs, the 2023 Budget was unanimously approved.

Mayor Spewak announced that she would be developing a committee to improve revenue streams and take a comprehensive look at expenses.

**New Business:**

**Proposed Legislation:**

**Resolution 2022-36:** A resolution amending the City of Ladue Personnel Administration Manual by adding a new policy to the manual titled "Tattoos and Branding Policy"

Ms. Lamitola stated that this policy has been reviewed by attorney, Mr. Chris Hesse, as well as vetted by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

Council Member Howell moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-36, with second by Council Member Hensley the motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 2022-37:** A resolution outlining the local cost share for the City of Ladue for flood mitigation assistance

Council Member Hensley moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-37, with second by Council Member Fox the motion passed.

**Resolution 2022-38:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City of Ladue, Missouri the various forms for the flood mitigation assistance (FMA) program applications and grants to further authority to sign all other documents and take all actions reasonably necessary to pursue the FMA buyouts.

Council Member Brennan moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-38, with second by Council Member Fox the motion passed.

**Financial Matters:**

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Vouchers for Payment for the month of November 2022. Council Member Burroughs moved their approval, upon second by Council Member Brennan the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Collector's Report for November 2022. The mayor ordered the report filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Treasurer's Report for November 2022. The mayor ordered the report filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Cash Flow Summary for November 2022. The mayor ordered the report filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Delinquent Real Estate Tax Report for November 2022. The mayor ordered the report filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Investments Report for November 2022. The mayor ordered the report filed for information.

**Department Reports:**

**Fire Department:** The Mayor and Council reviewed the Fire Department Activity Report for November 2022. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Chief Lynn announced that the City has received their latest ISO rating and was able to achieve a score of 2, receiving a score of 86%. Chief Lynn stated that staff and elected officials have worked hard at lowering this rating, which was at a 4 when he was appointed to Chief.

**Police Department:** Mayor and Council reviewed the Police Activity Report for the period January 1 – November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The mayor ordered the report filed.

**Public Works & Building:** Mayor and Council reviewed the report of the Director of the Public Works Department for November 2022. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Ms. Lamitola welcomed the new building commissioner, Paul Garlock. Ms. Lamitola informed the Council that the staff is working to catch up on leaf collection.

Discussion – HMGP Flood Buyouts

Ms. Lamitola announced that SEMA has approved 14, 22, and 25 Foxboro for HMGP funding, and now has the ability to place three additional properties on the waitlist. The three properties eligible for the waitlist are 7 Conway Lane, 2 Robin Hill, and 20 Foxboro.

Ms. Lamitola stated that this was discussed with the Stormwater Advisory Committee, with the recommendation to move forward with the approved HMGP applications, including those on the waitlist, also referred to as the “stack”.

Council Member Fox moved to move forward with the three approved properties and obtain a proposal from Horner & Shifrin for project management services in relation to, with second by Council Member Burroughs the motion passed unanimously.

Small Project Storm Water Grant Application – 110 Dielman Road

Ms. Lamitola stated that the Stormwater Advisory Committee recommended that this application move forward at a cost to the city of \$22,733.85.

Council Member Fox moved to approve the small project storm water grant application for 110 Dielman Road, with second by Council Member Howell the motion passed unanimously.

**Municipal Court:** Mayor and Council reviewed the report of the Municipal Court for November 2022. The mayor ordered the report filed.

**City Attorney:** Nothing to report currently.

**Administration:** Nothing to report currently.

**Closed Session:** Mayor Spewak advised there were items for discussion in executive session to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions and/or communications from the City Attorney as provided under section 610.021(1); and real estate matters under section 610.021(2).

Council Member Fox moved to enter in to closed session to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions and/or communications from the City Attorney as provided under section 610.021(1); and real estate matters under section 610.021 (2); upon second by Council Member Howell the roll call vote there upon was as follows:

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| Council Member Brennan   | "Aye" |
| Council Member Burroughs | "Aye" |
| Council Member Fox       | "Aye" |
| Council Member Hensley   | "Aye" |
| Council Member Howell    | "Aye" |
| Council Member Kamps     | "Aye" |

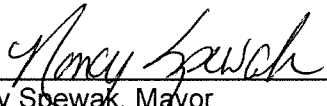
There being six aye votes and zero nay votes the motion passed unanimously.

Council went into closed session at 5:27 p.m. with Stacey Mann, Anne Lamitola, and Erin Seele.

Council returned to open session at 5:43 p.m. with Stacey Mann, Anne Lamitola, and Erin Seele.

**Adjournment:** Council Member Burroughs moved adjournment, with second by Council Member Kamps the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

**APPROVED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2023.**

  
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Nancy Spewak, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Stacey Mann, City Clerk