

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LADUE
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ladue, St. Louis County, Missouri, was held on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 4:12 p.m., at City Hall, 9345 Clayton Road. The following members were present:

The Hon. Nancy Spewak, Mayor, presiding.

Members of the Council present:

John Howell
Patrick Hensley
Harold Burroughs
William Brennan

Absent:

Stacey Kamps
John Fox

Four Council Members present.

Also present were Ms. Laura Rider, Assistant to the Mayor/City Clerk; Mr. Sam Zes, Finance Director; Police Chief Ken Andreski, Jr.; Fire Chief Steven Lynn; Ms. Anne Lamitola, Public Works Director; Mr. Roger Stewart, Building Official; Ms. Andrea Sukanek, City Planner and Ms. Erin Seele, City Attorney.

Approval of the Agenda: Council Member Brennan moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Council Member Howell, which 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 of April 23, 2018. Council Member Brennan moved approval of the minutes as submitted for the regular meeting of April 23, 2018, seconded by Council Member Hensley, which motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum: No one wished to address the Mayor and Council.

Committee Report: (Insurance)

Mr. Stephen Hall, Chairman of the Insurance Committee, reported on the employee health and dental insurance renewal; the current health insurance carrier, United Healthcare (UHC), proposed a 24% increase due to 106% loss ratio. The high claims are expected to continue into future years. UHC declined to reduce their rate after notification by the City's broker, Daniel and Henry that other carriers were bidding on the group coverage. The most competitive proposal was submitted by Cigna which bundled medical and dental. Cigna's rates are 9.3% higher than the current premium rates with no change in health or dental plan design. Cigna offered rates for dental coverage at 0.5% over current rates and featured a 2-year rate

guarantee. These rates are within budget. The committee expects high rate increases next year and will meet in July to explore cost saving strategies for the 2019-2020 renewal. On behalf of the Insurance Committee Mr. Hall recommended moving the employee medical and dental coverage to Cigna.

Council Member Howell moved approval of the Cigna proposal which is on file with the City Clerk for employee medical and dental coverage, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, which motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hall moved onto the next item for renewal; the Employee Flexible Spending Account Plan. ASIFLEX submitted a proposal with no change in cost or services. Copies of the proposal are included in the packet.

Council Member Brennan moved approval of the renewal with ASIFLEX for the Employee Flexible Spending Account Plan, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, which motion passed unanimously.

Zoning & Planning Matters:

ZP1: Referral to the Zoning and Planning Commission for review and recommendation for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for Scott Credit Union to use the existing drive-through at 8866 Ladue Road.

Council Member Hensley announced that he would have a conflict in voting on this matter and would not take part in the discussion and stepped down from the dais

Ms. Sukanek explained that the building at 8866 Ladue Road has been a drive-through bank since 1976 and was issued an SUP at that time, which was modified in 1978. The building has changed hands multiple times but the associated SUP has not had any additional amendments. Due to the age of the SUP and changes at the property it makes sense that the conditions should be reviewed and updated if necessary.

Council Member Howell moved referral to the Zoning and Planning Commission for review and recommendation for a Special Use Permit for Scott Credit Union to use the existing drive-through at 8866 Ladue Road, seconded by Council Member Brennan, which motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Hensley returned to the dais.

ZP2: Referral to the Zoning and Planning Commission for review and recommendation for a Special Use Permit and Site Development Plan for 9890 and 9900 Clayton Road.

Ms. Sukanek stated this application is for the site with the Raymond James Building. The applicant is requesting to build another building with 9,000 SF adjacent to Clayton Road in front of the existing offices. Because the building size is greater than 7,500 SF it requires a Special Use Permit and because the total site at 5.91 acres is larger than 2 acres it requires a Site Development Plan.

Council Member Burroughs moved referral to the Zoning and Planning Commission for review and recommendation for a Special Use Permit and Site Development Plan for 9890 and 9900 Clayton Road, seconded by Council Member Hensley, which motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Proposed Legislation:

Bill No. 2184 – An ordinance approving the Lot Consolidation of 1 and 3 Glenview Road as depicted on the Final Plat labeled “Adjusted Lot 1 Glenview Road”.

There was a first reading of Bill No. 2184 by Mayor Spewak with second reading by Council Member Hensley.

Ms. Sukanek stated the property is currently 2 lots; one comprised of 6 acres and one of 3 acres. There are no structures on the 3 acre lot; it is the property owner's desire to combine both lots into one 9 acre lot. There are structures on the 6 acre lot with pending improvements that would cross over the lot line.

This property came before the Council about one year ago requesting a lot line change and was approved; the property owner is requesting another change. Ms. Sukanek had no concerns with the request. The property is zoned C-Residential and could be subdivided in the future if so desired.

There was a previous variance request before the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a sport court in the front yard. The property owner Mr. Greg Stevens was present and confirmed he still plans to build a sport court and has a permit, but is waiting on this approval which will change the setbacks thereby protecting a mature tree on the property.

Council Member Howell moved approval of Bill No. 2184, seconded by Council Member Hensley and the roll call vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Burroughs	“Aye”
Council Member Brennan	“Aye”
Council Member Hensley	“Aye”
Council Member Howell	“Aye”

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

Financial Matters:

Ms. Michele Graham with Botz, Deal & Company presented the 2017 annual audit report noting the City received an unqualified opinion, the best opinion, which

means there were no exceptions to accounting principles and the statements included all required disclosures and schedules. Ms. Graham met with the Finance Committee last week who reviewed in detail the results of the audit. Ms. Graham had one recommendation for management; to work toward central receipting when selecting new financial software and commended the city's staff who demonstrated support and cooperation during the audit.

The Council reviewed the **vouchers for payment** for the month of April 2018. Council Member Burroughs moved their approval, seconded by Council Member Howell which motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Treasurer's and Collector's reports for April 2018. The Mayor ordered the reports filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Financial Report for April 2018. The Mayor ordered the report filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Cash Flow Summary for April 2018. The Mayor ordered the report filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Delinquent Real Estate Tax Report for April 2018. The Mayor ordered the report filed for information.

Department Reports:

Fire Department: The Mayor and Council reviewed the Fire Department Activity Report for April 2018. The Mayor ordered the report filed.

Chief Lynn presented the annual report and touched on the Insurance Service Office review and personnel changes; one new hire - Tyler Bone, one retirement - Captain Roger Willman and two promotions – Mike Rose to Captain and Larry Pfaff to Lieutenant.

Police Department: The Mayor and Council reviewed the Police Activity Report for April 2018. The Mayor ordered the report filed.

Chief Andreski presented the annual report highlighting the personnel changes and the commencement of the accreditation process for the police department.

Chief Andreski requested authorization to purchase ballistic vests for each officer from Leon Uniform Company. Chief Andreski noted there was one lower bid received but the ballistic plates that company offers are 100% ceramic. The ceramic plate vests are prone to cracking and are significantly heavier than the vests offered with the new technology by Leon Uniform Company whose bid is still under the budget amount. Samples of the vests were circulated to the Council Members during the meeting.

Council Member Hensley moved authorization for the Police Chief to purchase twenty-seven (27) ballistic vests from Leon Uniform Company at a cost of

\$25,865.73, seconded by Council Member Howell, which motion passed unanimously.

Public Works Department: The Mayor and Council reviewed the Public Works report for April 2018. The Mayor ordered the report filed.

Ms. Lamitola reported the Lay Road project is progressing and a change order for the relocation of water service lines that are in conflict with some of the retaining walls will be presented to the Council for ratification at the next meeting.

Ms. Lamitola presented a request for authorization for an equipment purchase of one (1) leaf vacuum. This equipment is on a 10 year replacement schedule. The old leaf vacuum will be retained and used for parts. Four bids were solicited with one vendor electing not to bid. Monster Power Equipment submitted the low bid of \$29,456.00.

Council Member Howell moved authorization for the Public Works Director to purchase one (1) leaf vacuum from Monster Power Equipment at a cost of \$29,456.00, seconded by Council Member Brennan, which motion passed unanimously.

Building Office Report: The Mayor and Council reviewed the Building Office report for April 2018. The Mayor ordered the report filed.

Mr. Stewart provided a reminder of the approaching deadline of July 2nd for the public review period of the ordinances updating the building codes.

Mayor Spewak announced the City is hosting an Open House on the Architectural Review Board Guidelines on May 30, 2018 from 5 – 7 pm.

Municipal Court: The Mayor and Council reviewed the Municipal Court Report for April 2018. The Mayor ordered the report filed.

Administration/City Clerk: Ms. Rider presented a request for approval of an agreement for publication of a 2019 Ladue Community Directory with the same terms as in the previous agreement. The City has joined with STL Programs in publishing a community directory for the last three years with positive feedback.

Council Member Howell moved approval of the agreement between the City of Ladue and STL Programs for publication of a 2019 Ladue Community Directory, seconded by Council Member Brennan, which motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney: Ms. Seele had nothing new to report.

Committee Appointments: Mayor Spewak requested approval of the appointment of Laure Hullverson and Thomas McCarthy as members to the newly created Beautification, Open Space and Tree Advisory Committee.

Council Member Hensley moved approval of the appointments, seconded by Council Member Howell, which motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Spewak noted that the next Council meetings are scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2018 and Monday, July 16, 2018.

Mayor Spewak advised there were items for discussion in executive session involving litigation, legal matters and/or confidential communications between the Council and its attorneys under RSMo. Section 610.021 (1).

Council Member Howell moved to go into closed session for discussion of litigation, legal actions and/or any confidential or privileged communications from the City Attorney pursuant to RSMo. 610.021 (1), seconded by Council Member Hensley and the roll call vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Brennan	"Aye"
Council Member Howell	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Hensley	"Aye"

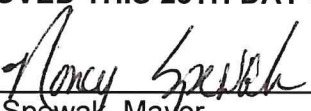
There being four aye votes and zero nay votes the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor and Council, with the exception of Council Members Fox and Kamps who were absent, went into closed session at 4:50 PM with Ms. Erin Seele and Ms. Anne Lamitola.

The Mayor and Council returned to open session at 5:10 PM with Ms. Erin Seele and Ms. Anne Lamitola.

Adjournment: Council Member Burroughs moved adjournment, seconded by Council Member Hensley, which motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

APPROVED THIS 25TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018.



Nancy Spewak, Mayor

ATTEST:


Laura Rider, City Clerk