

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LADUE
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020**

The meeting of the City Council of the City of Ladue, St. Louis County, Missouri, was held on Monday, April 27, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., by Video Conference via Zoom and at City Hall, 9345 Clayton Road. The following members were present:

The Hon. Nancy Spewak, Mayor, presided over the meeting from her office at City Hall via Zoom.

Members of the Council present via Zoom:

Stacey Kamps
John Howell
John Fox
Patrick Hensley
William Brennan
Harold Burroughs

Six Council Members present.

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

Mayor Spewak announced that due to current and various restrictions ordered by St. Louis County on public gatherings due to Covid-19, the meeting was held by video conference and encouraged those interested in participating to join the meeting via the Zoom link posted on the meeting agenda.

Approval of the Agenda: Council Member Fox moved approval of the agenda, with second by Council Member Hensley, 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 of April 6, 2020. Council Member Kamps moved approval of the minutes as submitted for the Regular meeting of April 6, 2020, with second by Council Member Fox the motion passed unanimously.

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

Zoning and Planning Matters:

ZP1: Request for referral to the Zoning and Planning Commission for review and recommendation of amendments to the Zoning Code regarding fencing, enclosures for gardening and keeping of small animals.

Ms. Sukanek presented the referral which was introduced because of a Zoning Board of Adjustment case where a fence was considered an accessory structure because it enclosed a garden area, and a few other times when it was unclear if fences should be considered accessory structures, and the need for clarification of the definition of fences as accessory structures.

Council Member Howell moved referral of the Amendments to the Zoning Code regarding fencing, enclosures for gardening and keeping of small animals to the Zoning and Planning Commission for review and recommendation, with second by Council Member Hensley the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Proposed Legislation:

Bill No. 2250 – An ordinance modifying Chapter 110, by modifying Article IV – Land Disturbance Activities, by adding Division IV – Sinkholes and Karst Features Regulations.

Mayor Spewak read Bill No. 2250 followed by a second reading by Council Member Hensley.

Ms. Lamitola reported the proposed modification originated from the storm water staff and Storm Water Committee in regards to the City's storm water program and noted the ordinance provides protection and guidance for development near sink holes.

Council Member Howell moved approval of Bill No. 2250 with second by Council Member Fox the roll call vote thereupon was as follows:

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

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

Resolution No. 2020-09 – A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Ladue, Missouri a service agreement with Spectrum Enterprise for fiber internet service.

Ms. Rider presented the resolution and reported on the history of unstable internet service for the City buildings that had been exacerbated by upgrades in technology and use of internet based applications, and explained that fiber internet was the best solution in order to allow for the continued provision of services in the customary manner.

Council Member Hensley moved adoption of Resolution No. 2020-09, with second by Council Member Brennan the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2020-10 - A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Ladue, Missouri a contract with CMT for engineering consultant services for the design of Dielman Road Improvements Project.

Ms. Lamitola reported the City had been successful in applying for federal funds for the Dielman Road Improvements Project and after entering into an agreement with MoDot was ready to begin the design phase. A Request for Qualifications for engineering services was issued, ten responses were reviewed, scored and short-listed to three firms, and the interview panel unanimously decided that CMT was the most qualified.

Council Member Hensley moved adoption of Resolution No. 2020-10, with second by Council Member Howell the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Matters:

Mayor Spewak announced that a limited number of reports were presented for review at the meeting due to the financial software conversion and year-end closing and annual audit.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the report of the Finance Director regarding significant financial transactions. The Mayor ordered the report filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Vouchers for Payment for the months of February and March 2020. Council Member Brennan moved their approval, with second by Council Member Hensley the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Delinquent Real Estate Tax Report for March 2020. The Mayor ordered the report filed for information.

Mr. Zes reported that the financial software conversion was nearing completion, the annual audit was underway but running about two weeks behind schedule and was being conducted remotely.

Department Reports:

Fire Department: The Mayor and Council reviewed the Fire Department Activity Report for March 2020. The Mayor ordered the report filed.

Police Department: The Mayor and Council reviewed the Police Department Activity Report for March 2020. The Mayor ordered the report filed.

Chief Andreski reported on call volumes, neighborhood patrols and speed limit enforcement. Chief Andreski reported on a new well-being check program being conducted in conjunction with local businesses.

Public Works Department: The Mayor and Council reviewed the Public Works Report for March 2020. The Mayor ordered the report filed.

Ms. Lamitola reported on the leaf and brush collection schedule and paving project.

Building Office Report: The Mayor and Council reviewed the Building Office report for March 2020. The Mayor ordered the report filed.

Mr. Stewart reported that the Building Department had been exceptionally busy with inspections taking place four days per week.

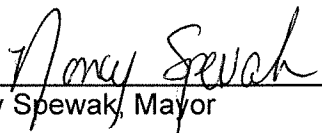
Municipal Court: The Mayor and Council reviewed the Municipal Court Report for March 2020. The Mayor ordered the report filed.

Administration/City Clerk: The Mayor and Council reviewed the Administration Department Report.

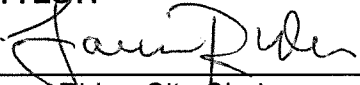
City Attorney: Ms. Seele reported that the Missouri Legislature was in session and was focusing on Covid-19 and budget items and reported that CenturyLink was attempting to get linear foot language added to the cable bill which would take away revenue that Ladue has relied on for years. Ms. Seele encouraged the Mayor and Council to communicate with legislators to inform them that this was not the time to take away revenue from cities.

Mayor Spewak noted the next Council meetings were scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2020 and Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

Adjournment: Council Member Fox moved adjournment, with second by Council Member Hensley, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:31 P.M.



Nancy Spewak, Mayor

ATTEST:


Laura Rider, City Clerk