

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY HALL, Fifth Floor  
6801 Delmar Blvd.  
University City, Missouri 63130  
**July 10, 2017**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At the Regular Session of the City Council of University City held on the fifth floor of City Hall, on Monday, July 10, 2017, Mayor Shelley Welsch, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

In addition to the Mayor, the following members of Council were present:

Councilmember Rod Jennings  
Councilmember Paulette Carr  
Councilmember Steven McMahon; (*Excused*)  
Councilmember Terry Crow  
Councilmember Michael Glickert  
Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson

Also in attendance were Interim City Manager, Charles Adams, and City Attorney, John Mulligan.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Adams recommended that ESM Marketing and ESM Publishing Services be removed from the agenda to give staff time to conduct a supplemental review.

Councilmember Jennings moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Carr and the motion carried unanimously.

**D. PROCLAMATIONS**

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. June 26, 2017, Study session minutes were moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Carr and the motion carried unanimously.  
(*Councilmember Glickert abstained from the vote.*)
2. June 26, 2017, Regular session minutes were moved by Councilmember Carr, seconded by Councilmember Jennings and the motion carried unanimously.  
(*Councilmember Glickert abstained from the vote.*)
3. June 5, 2017, Study session minutes were moved by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Glickert and the motion carried unanimously.

**F. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

1. Dorothy Davis is reappointed to the Library Board by Mayor Welsch. Seconded by Councilmember Glickert and the motion carried unanimously.

**G. SWEARING INTO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

**H. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - (Total of 15 minutes allowed)**

**Sonya Pointer, 8039 Canton Avenue, University City, MO**

Ms. Pointer informed Council and members of the public that the MSD Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13th at 5 p.m.

**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**J. CONSENT AGENDA**

**K. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. *ESM Marketing*—**REMOVED FOR FURTHER REVIEW**
2. *ESM Publishing Services*—**REMOVED FOR FURTHER REVIEW**
3. Picnic Liquor License for St. Louis African American Pride Inc.

Councilmember Glickert moved to approve, seconded by Councilmember Jennings and the motion carried unanimously.

**4. Fire Department Utility Truck**

Councilmember Jennings moved to approve, it was seconded by Councilmember Carr.

Councilmember Crow posed the following questions:

1. How many miles does the utility truck have?
2. What will the truck be used for?
3. Is it absolutely necessary that the truck be purchased this year?

Sinan Alpaslan, Director of Public Works and Parks, stated since this is a proposal from the Fire Department he is uncertain about the exact mileage. However, the qualification for replacement of a vehicle is based on the number of years in service. He stated this vehicle is a crew cab that will be used to convey additional firemen and tools to the scene when responding to emergencies. Councilmember Crow stated his question regarding the necessity to purchase the truck this year is based on the fact that the City may also have to invest in the purchase of additional EMS vehicles. Mr. Alpaslan stated while he believes the two purchases are unrelated, this proposal; which will be ascertained through a DOT contract, was presented to him at the end of the fiscal year. And although his staff made the decision to delay making this recommendation, he would have to confer with the Fire Department to determine whether it is an absolute necessity.

Councilmember Crow apologized to Mr. Adams for not submitting his questions in advance of tonight's meeting but believes it is important to get the answers to these questions prior to taking a vote.

Mr. Adams informed Councilmember Crow that staff would provide Council with the specifics at the next meeting.

Councilmember Crow made a motion to postpone this item until the next meeting, it was seconded by Councilmember Carr and the motion carried unanimously.

## 5. Police Vehicles

Mr. Adams stated staff is recommending the replacement of six (6) police vehicles. The mileage for each vehicle is contained in Council's packet.

Councilmember Glickert moved to approve, it was seconded by Councilmember Crow.

Councilmember Smotherson questioned whether the vehicles being replaced would be traded-in or sold at an auction? Mr. Adams stated that as a result of their excessive mileage these vehicles are normally auctioned off in a bundle.

Voice vote on the motion carried unanimously.

## L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### *BILLS*

1. **Bill Number 9319-** AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AS ENUMERATED HEREIN FROM AND AFTER JULY 1, 2017 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 7012. Bill Number 9319 was read for the second and third time.

Councilmember Glickert made a motion that Bill 9319 be amended by adding the Planning and Zoning Administrator to Schedule B; Pay grade 14A, seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

Councilmember Carr stated she is unsure why the amendment is necessary since the Planning and Zoning Administrator is already listed under 14A?

Mr. Adams stated after the first reading of the Bill staff recognized this omission and thereafter revised the document to include the Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Voice vote on Councilmember Glickert's motion to amend, carried unanimously.

Councilmember Carr moved to approve Bill Number 9319 as amended, it was seconded by Councilmember Crow.

Roll Call Vote Was:

**Ayes:** Councilmember Crow, Councilmember Glickert, Councilmember Smotherson, Councilmember Jennings, Councilmember Carr and Mayor Welsch.

**Nays:** None.

## M. NEW BUSINESS

### *RESOLUTIONS*

*Introduced by Councilmember Jennings*

1. **RESOLUTION 2017-12:** Majerus Park Grant Application. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Glickert.

Voice vote on the motion to approve carried unanimously.

## BILLS

*Introduced by Councilmember Smotherson*

2. **Bill Number 9320** - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 110 OF THE UNIVERSITY CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION, BY REPEALING SECTION 110.040 THEREOF, RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, AND ENACTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION TO BE KNOWN AS "SECTION 110.040 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST." Bill Number 9320 was read for the first time.

## N. COUNCIL REPORTS/BUSINESS

1. Boards and Commission appointments needed  
Mayor Welsch announced the appointments that were needed.
2. Council liaison reports on Boards and Commissions
3. Boards, Commissions, and Task Force minutes
4. Other Discussions/Business

## O. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (continued if needed)

### **Bryce Kehoe, 6552 Corbitt Avenue, University City, MO**

Mr. Kehoe reiterated his comments regarding the need to revise the section of the City's Ordinance specifically related to chickens and provided Council with an update on his research to address several complaints made by cyclists who encountered difficulty crossing the trolley tracks.

- Two different companies make an inexpensive product that plugs trolley tracks.
- Portland, Oregon; where U City's trolley cars were purchased, has a good system designed to separate bicycles, automobiles, and trolleys wherever possible.
- U City's tracks located east of the train station were designed to be textbook perfect. However, the tracks located on the west side are problematic in that the trolley, bikes, and automobiles must all vie for the same space.
- Bump-outs or trolley stops represent the most dangerous areas for cyclists.

Suggestions:

- That bicycles and pedestrians compete, rather than bicycles and trolleys, through the implementation of a gating system.
- That signs be posted on every street coming into Delmar advising cyclists to utilize side streets instead of Delmar.
- On-site kiosks or videos on the City's website to educate pedestrians and cyclists on how to safely cross the trolley tracks.
- Review of Wash U's Bicycle Detour Plan located on their website.

Mr. Kehoe stated the one entity that will have the most interest in finding a solution is the insurance companies. But, in the meantime, a temporary solution could be to fill in the tracks with sand to ensure that bicycles do not get stuck in the ruts.

### **Don Fitz, 720 Harvard, University City, MO**

Mr. Fitz thanked Mayor Welsch for participating in the taping of *Mayor's for Clean Energy* on June 29th, along with the Mayor of Maplewood.

He then urged everyone to not only attend MSD's Trustee meeting on July 13th, but to remember that anybody can make promises, but if they are not in writing all you really have is their word.

And sometimes even the fact that you have it in writing can be meaningless when citizens become content, let down their guard and stop attending meetings because he has personally experienced instances where organizations have reneged on fulfilling their part of a contract and they found out about it after-the-fact. Mr. Fitz stated that MSD has less need to be responsive to the citizens of U City than the County Council; who actually reversed their decision in the case he was involved in. And if the County Council can undo a positive resolution, MSD can certainly exhibit the same type of behavior. So not only do citizens have to make sure everything is in writing, they have to maintain oversight throughout the entire process to ensure that promises are fulfilled.

## **P. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Smotherson thanked everyone in attendance and made the following requests:

1. That at the next meeting staff provide Council with an update on the expenditures associated with the temporary police station, as well the balance remaining from the 7 million dollar reserve.
2. That staff makes an assessment of the sidewalk in front of 1436 Waldron; (*the correct address*) to determine whether anything can be done to eliminate the zigzags in the walkway.
3. That staff makes an assessment of the large amounts of dirt that was left after the sidewalk was replaced at 8043 Appleton, to determine whether anything can be done.

Councilmember Smotherson stated both of these residents are elderly and cannot take care of these issues on their own. He announced that he did plan to attend and speak at the MSD meeting and that members of Council have been, and would continue to meet with their Trustees.

Councilmember Crow stated although he appreciates the research conducted by Mr. Kehoe, he thinks it is important for staff to provide Council with an update and current status of any temporary and long-term solutions related to this issue. He stated that the City Manager should also keep Council apprised of any conversations that are taking place between the City and MSD.

Councilmember Crow requested that Council be provided with an update from the Department of Community Development on the land at Olive and North and South. He stated that he is also interested in hearing from a member of staff about the City's masonry building requirements and what avenues can be taken to initiate dialogue between the City and its citizens to allow them an opportunity to express their feelings about non-conforming houses being built in their neighborhoods.

Councilmember Crow stated although he is still trying to gain an understanding of Council's obligation to follow its own rules, he is pleased that the communications being published by individual members of Council seem to be more diplomatic and polite. He stated his hope is that the community has started to recognize some of the progress Council has been made, and plans to continue by addressing these issues in the near future: Gateway Ambulance service; the City's liability insurance premiums, and the conduct of Councilmember Glickert and Mayor Welsch.

Councilmember Carr echoed Councilmember Crow's request regarding an update on the Olive and North and South property and reminded Council of her desire to have the Storm Water Task Force up and running by September.

She stated that she would be posting several city-wide announcements with the hope of recruiting more applicants

Councilmember Carr stated when Mr. Ollendorff retired Council established a precedent that she would like this Council to consider, which was to freeze all entry-level recruitment and hiring activities until the new City Manager was brought on board to allow him or her the opportunity to develop their own staff. Currently, the City has such vacancies and since it will only be a short period of time until a new City Manager is appointed, she would ask Council to think about this proposition and be prepared to discuss it in greater detail at the next meeting.

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Welsch thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the City Council meeting at 7:03 p.m.

LaRette Reese  
Interim City Clerk