

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY HALL, Fifth Floor  
6801 Delmar Blvd.  
University City, Missouri 63130  
**Monday, December 10, 2018**  
**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, December 10, 2018, Mayor Terry Crow 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 Stacy Clay  
Councilmember Paulette Carr  
Councilmember Steven McMahon  
Councilmember Jeffrey Hales  
Councilmember Tim Cusick  
Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson

Also in attendance were City Manager, Gregory Rose, and City Attorney, John F. Mulligan, Jr.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Hearing no amendments, Councilmember McMahon moved to approve the agenda as presented, it was seconded by Councilmember Carr and the motion carried unanimously.

**D. PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Recognition and Observance of Human Rights Day - A Proclamation proclaiming December 10, 2018, as Human Rights Day in U City, as adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948.

Mayor Crow thanked Mr. Rose for the suggestion to bathe City Hall in a rainbow of lights. And his hope is that everyone will take a moment to acknowledge this effort in observance of Human Rights Day.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. November 12, 2018, Study Session Minutes; (*Library Board and Loop Special Business District*), were moved by Councilmember Carr, it was seconded by Councilmember Clay and the motion carried unanimously.
2. November 13, 2018, Study Session Minutes; (*Washington University*) were moved by Councilmember Hales, it was seconded by Councilmember Carr and the motion carried unanimously.
3. November 26, 2018, Study Session Minutes; (*Legislative Platform*) were moved by Councilmember Carr, it was seconded by Councilmember Smotherson and the motion carried unanimously.

4. November 26, 2018, Regular Session Minutes were moved by Councilmember Smotherson, it was seconded by Councilmember Carr and the motion carried unanimously.

**F. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

1. Lisa Hummel is nominated to the Park Commission replacing Kathleen Standley's expired term (1/21/19) by Councilmember Paulette Carr, it was seconded by Councilmember Cusick and the motion carried unanimously.
2. Julie Brill Teixeira is nominated to the Urban Forestry Commission replacing Tom Sontag's expired term (1/1/19) by Councilmember Paulette Carr, it was seconded by Councilmember McMahan and the motion carried unanimously.
3. Judith Gainer and Margaret Holly are nominated for **reappointment** to the Plan Commission by Councilmember Paulette Carr, it was seconded by Councilmember Hales and the motion carried unanimously.

**G. SWEARING IN TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

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

**Yvette Liebesman, 7570 Cornell Avenue, University City, MO**

Ms. Liebesman stated more and more Wash U students are choosing to park on City streets as a result of a decision made in 2015 to amend Ordinance 6989 by decreasing the number of parking spaces required to accommodate the construction of Wash U student housing. She stated while it is not possible to un-ring the bell as it relates to this specific housing/parking ratio, the City can prevent further exacerbation of this problem, and therefore, she would encourage Council to rescind Parking Ordinance 6989.

She stated, in spite of the fact that some streets are limited to residents; via permits, Wash U students have been illegally parking on the streets with impunity. So a lack of enforcing the City's Ordinances has increased the problems associated with parking. Ms. Liebesman stated in her opinion, Wash U passively encourages these infractions by limiting the number of available spaces at these housing complexes and charging excessive fees to utilize their parking garages. As a result, her final plea is that the City starts to enforce these parking restrictions by making permit-only areas tow away zones for non-permit users.

**Aren Ginsberg, 430 West Point Court, University City, MO**

Ms. Ginsberg stated as a Wash U alum and longtime U City resident, she would like to thank this Council for addressing the inequities associated with this longstanding relationship. Therefore, she would echo Ms. Liebesman's appeal to rescind the Ordinance and initiate a stricter code enforcement policy for illegally parked vehicles.

She stated since last addressing Council, U City's Trap and Rescue (T & R) volunteers have partnered with St. Louis Feral Cat Outreach to build 243 winter shelters for city and county cats. These shelters were made at no cost to U City in order to reduce the number of calls to Animal Control by providing safe places for cats to seek warmth from the cold. Other updates include neutering and vaccination of three U City cats and the placement of three cats in no-kill rescue shelters. Ms. Ginsberg stated she and several other volunteers in attendance at tonight's meeting would like to thank Council for their consideration of a T & R Ordinance. *(Ms. Ginsberg noted that one of the recently built cat shelters was available for inspection after the meeting.)*

**Tom Sullivan, 751 Syracuse, University City, MO**

Mr. Sullivan stated he would like to applaud City Manager, Gregory Rose, for holding the Loop Trolley Company accountable for making sure that everything was in order before they could commence operations. Although sadly, the new barriers for an electric pole located in front of the library does nothing to enhance the area's aesthetics. However, while the City has been spending so much time and effort on the proposed Olive/170 Development, it seems as though the east end of the City has been forgotten.

- There are numerous vacant storefronts and buildings in the Loop which looks bad, especially since one of the top spots in this area; Cicero's, has been vacant for so long.
- There are twelve (12) vacant storefronts on the south and east sides of Delmar, which include HSV Tobacco that closed earlier this year after 46-years of business, and Phoenix Rising which closed after 26-years of business.
- There are two (2) vacant storefronts on the corner of Delmar and Midland.
- The northeast corner of Olive and North and South where a beer garden had been planned, is still vacant. The City spent nearly 1 million dollars assembling the land that was sold for \$100,000. Now the developer wants to sell this land back to the City for roughly 1 million dollars, and their contract with the City may warrant such an action. But, if the City can't successfully manage the development on a corner lot, how can it manage a development consisting of 50 acres?
- Further east on Olive there are six (6) vacant storefronts located in the Schnucks Center and across the street.
- The old gas station and adjoining storefront located at Ferguson and Olive have been vacant for some time. And one block east is another vacant building.
- Acres of undeveloped land sits on Olive between Kingsland and Westgate where a development called Kingsland Walk was supposed to be built, but once again, it never materialized.

Mr. Sullivan stated, regardless of the countless vacancies in the eastern part of the City that Council and this administration have failed to do anything about, and the considerable amount of revenue that has been lost, here they are today, anxious to tear down a large section of the western part of the City and kick-out thriving businesses.

**Patricia McQueen, 1132 George Street, University City, MO**

Ms. McQueen stated although the City has no control over the decisions made by private business owners, she is interested in learning about the hiring status of the Directors for Community Development, Economic Development, and Communications. Because once these positions are filled, her belief is that a lot of questions will be answered and this administration will be able to move forward with its plans for economic development.

She stated another thing she would like to bring to everyone's attention is the definition of gentrification; which has come up over and over again at meetings. After studying this term for several months what she learned is that the term was coined by a person from Britain who talked about the gentry (upper classes) coming into the working class neighborhoods.

So, while the basic meaning of gentrification is not applicable to the 3rd Ward; since it does not represent the type of housing marketing that everyone rushes to move into, the term does have multiple meanings which can be viewed from an economic, sociologic, or displacement perspective.

Ms. McQueen stated while it is true that there will be some displacement associated with the proposed development, proactive measures have been put in place to minimize its impact. However, to enhance these efforts, she would suggest that consideration be given to long-term solutions similar to the initiatives being implemented in Detroit, called "Greenlining". With the support of banks and non-profit organizations like Justin Peterson, this effort is aimed at opening the path to jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities that increase investments in disadvantaged neighborhoods and turn renters into homeowners.

**Donna McGhee, 7584 Melrose, University City, MO**

Ms. McGhee stated even though she still has concerns about the infamous tree in front of her home falling, she would be remiss if she did not take the time to thank Council and staff for being attentive to her pleas for help. The pruning process has started and when she spoke to Mr. Ewald about a limb that was still hanging over the left side of her roof, he was, as he has always been, very respectful and receptive to her conversation. In fact, even the staff at the library has been awesome. So she would like to end this year by saying she is honored to be a homeowner in the 3rd Ward and a resident of U City.

**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Liquor License – New Liling Kitchen – 8423 Olive Blvd.

Mayor Crow opened the Public Hearing at 6:52 p.m., and hearing no requests to speak the hearing was closed at 6:52 p.m.

**J. CONSENT AGENDA – Vote Required**

1. Liquor License Approval –New Liling Kitchen – 8423 Olive Blvd.
2. Community Development Block Grant Contract Approval – Project #1409 – Concrete Sidewalk Spot Repairs
3. Capital Improvement Project Amendment– K9 Vehicle Purchase
4. Capital Improvement Project Amendment - Window Replacement - Fire House #2
5. Emerald Ash Borer Tree Removal FY19 – Contract Approval
6. Transfer Station Ejector (Grinder) Pump Upgrade/Project 1256 – Contract Award
7. In-Car Police Cameras Contract Approval

Councilmember Hales moved to approve all seven items, it was seconded by Councilmember Carr and the motion carried unanimously.

**K. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Approval –To allow for "office use" in a PA - Public Activity District- 6403 Clemens Ave.

Mr. Rose stated staff is recommending that Council approve a Conditional Use Permit for 6403 Clemens. This permit will allow Coalition for Life-St. Louis, to maintain an office at All Saints Church, rather than the Church of Scientology, as previously mentioned in error.

Councilmember Carr moved to approve, it was seconded by Councilmember Cusick and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval for Wireless Communications New Pole in Public Right-of-Way Rear of 7206 Pershing Ave. also per its impact on the historic character of Maryland Terrace National Historic District.

Mr. Rose stated staff is recommending that Council approve the removal of a 33 foot, 6-inch pole and the installation of a new 38 foot, 6-inch pole, in the public right-of-way located at the rear of 7206 Pershing Avenue; per its impact on the historic character of the Maryland Terrace National Historic District.

He stated staff's belief is that this request would be considered a minor approval that could be handled administratively should Council opt to approve the legislation being presented later this evening.

Councilmember Cusick moved to approve, it was seconded by Councilmember McMahon and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Wireless Communications New Pole in Public Right-of-Way Side of 7491 Amherst Ave. also per its impact on the historic character of Maryland Terrace National Historic District

Mr. Rose stated staff is recommending that Council approve a similar request for the removal of a 33 foot, 4-inch pole and the installation of a new 38 foot, 6-inch pole, in the public right-of-way located at 7491 Amherst Avenue; per its impact on the historic character of the Maryland Terrace National Historic District.

Councilmember Cusick moved to approve, it was seconded by Councilmember McMahon and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Legislative Platform 2019 - Approval

Mr. Rose stated staff is recommending that Council approve the 2019 Legislative Platform crafted to provide staff with the authority to articulate Council's position on legislative issues; specifically with respect to revenue, finance, governance, quality services, and infrastructure, to the applicable federal or state delegation.

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

Councilmember Carr asked Mr. Rose how Council should address issues that might arise prior to the effective date of this platform? Mr. Rose stated directions for staff to effectuate any legislative changes being sought prior to the enactment of this platform would come from the Mayor and Council.

Voice vote on Councilmember Carr's motion carried unanimously.

**L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
*BILLS*

**M. NEW BUSINESS**  
*RESOLUTIONS*

## BILLS

*Introduced by Councilmember Smotherson*

1. **BILL 9374** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 400 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI, RELATING TO ZONING DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 400.070 THEREOF, AND ENACTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, THEREBY AMENDING SAID MAP SO AS TO CHANGE THE CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF UNIVERSITY CITY AT **1167 REMLEY COURT** FROM "GC" - GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TO "SR" – SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Bill 9374 was read for the first time.

*Introduced by Councilmember Hales*

2. **BILL 9375** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 100 AND 505 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI RELATED TO REGULATIONS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT REGULATIONS. Bill Number 9375 was read for the first time.

*Introduced by Councilmember Carr*

3. **BILL 9376** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 400 OF THE UNIVERSITY CITY MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS ANTENNAS AND SUPPORT STRUCTURES. Bill Number 9376 was read for the first time.

## N. COUNCIL REPORTS/BUSINESS

1. Boards and Commission appointments needed
2. Council liaison reports on Boards and Commissions

Councilmember McMahon stated he would like to provide a brief explanation of the process undertaken by the Parks Commission with respect to the list of priorities recently provided to Council and staff.

A survey detailing anticipated projects for the upcoming year was developed and distributed to residents and staff. The results of this survey; (*found on page 8*), were then used to establish criteria for each project and a ranking in their perceived degree of importance. The Commission conducted a vote on the final results and forwarded their recommendations to Council for review and consideration within the Capital Improvement budget.

Councilmember McMahon stated he would like to commend the Parks Commission for taking the initiative to develop and perform this exceptional plan for submitting these improvements to the City's parks system. (*Councilmember McMahon provided a copy of the recommendations to the City Clerk and asked that they be included in the minutes.*)

Councilmember Hales stated he would like to recognize and thank Tom Sontag for his service on the Urban Forestry Commission. Mr. Sontag; who also served as the Chair of this Commission, will be leaving after serving two terms, and he appreciates the opportunity to make his acquaintance and get to know him better over the last few months.

3. Boards, Commissions, and Task Force minutes

#### 4. Other Discussions/Business

##### a) **Council Rules Revisions**

(Requested by Sub-Committee (Mayor Crow, Councilmembers Carr, Hales, and Smotherson))

##### **Proposed Revisions to Rules:**

*3-A, 10, 15, 24, 28, 29, 30, 37, 38-A, 38-B, 38-C, 39 and 40*

Per the Subcommittee's recommendations, Mayor Crow provided the following substantive changes to the rules:

- Rule 3-A allows members of Council to participate and vote in Closed or Executive Sessions via video conferencing.
- Rule 10 adds a second "*Council Comments*" section to the agenda subsequent to the first set of citizen's comments. This amendment allows Council to immediately address comments made by the public.
- Rule 24 amends the previous rule prohibiting members from revisiting items that have been voted down until after one-year by allowing items to be revisited at any point in time without restrictions.
- The rule on partisanship was rewritten to continue the practice that all members of Council remain nonpartisan and eliminate the 30-day appointment limitation for rotations.
- Rule 40 was amended to clarify the rights and responsibilities of members serving as liaison on the City's Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Crow welcomed any questions or comments on the proposed amendments.

Councilmember McMahon asked whether there was a need to establish any parameters for Rule 3-A to ensure that all communications discussed within these meetings remain confidential.

Mayor Crow stated his belief is that every member of Council anticipates that anyone utilizing this method would be in a secure environment. However, since no one can be certain about anyone's intentions, some type of reassurance could be built into the process.

Councilmember McMahon stated while he would expect the same, his thinking is that to be on the safe side, it wouldn't hurt to have a formalized process.

Mayor Crow stated he is not sure that a formalized process would even be necessary since this is probably not going to occur very often. And while the most challenging aspect of this process may be Council's inability to determine whether anyone else is in the room, at this point, he would prefer to wait and see before taking any further action. However, he does think that Council should be made fully aware that any breach of confidentiality would be deemed inappropriate.

Councilmember McMahon stated the problem with waiting is that once the cat is out of the bag it could be to the City's detriment.

Councilmember Clay stated there are other organizations that utilize this practice and more than likely, a precedent has already been established. So he would suggest that research be conducted to investigate how this is being handled by others.

Councilmember Carr asked Councilmember McMahon if he had a suggestion for codifying the security of these meetings?

Councilmember McMahon stated he thinks at a minimum, the guidelines for this process should be spelled out; that the participating member should be asked to articulate their understanding of the process, and that both of these actions should be conducted on the record.

Mr. Mulligan stated to address Councilmember McMahon's concern; he thinks it would be incumbent upon members of Council to make sure they are communicating from a secure location. Rule 37 specifically states, "*All confidential information shall be kept confidential. All closed meetings shall remain closed as provided in the Code*". Therefore, each member of Council should act in accordance with Rule 37 to ensure that the meeting remains closed; meaning no information shall be made available to the public. The mechanics of how to determine if you are communicating from a secure location would depend upon the location.

Mr. Mulligan stated all votes cast during a closed session must be made by a roll call vote, so one benefit of changing the rule to allow video conferencing is that the participating member can vote. The Sunshine Law prohibits members from casting a vote via telephone, and as the rule stands today, a member can participate by telephone but not by video conferencing.

Mr. Mulligan directed Council's attention to the redlined version in the first paragraph of Rule 37, which reads, "*All closed meeting records and votes shall remain closed as provided in the Code, Chapter 150*". This same language is repeated in the second paragraph, so for clarification purposes, the first paragraph should be stricken and the entirety of Rule 37 shall be comprised of the second paragraph.

Councilmember McMahon stated based on Mr. Mulligan's explanation, his assumption is that Council must rely on the integrity of the participating member and hope for the best.

Mr. Mulligan stated during the meeting Council has the discretion to inquire about the participating member's environment to make certain that the entire body is satisfied that the connection is secure.

Mayor Crow stated he would be amenable to executing Councilmember Clay's suggestion to research what other organizations are doing in this regard, and if necessary, this rule can be revisited and amended accordingly.

Councilmember Carr moved to approve, it was seconded by Councilmember Hales and the motion carried unanimously.

**O. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (continued if needed)**  
**Sonya Pointer, 8039 Canton, University City, MO**

Ms. Pointer stated that in spite of her opposition to the Olive/170 Redevelopment Project, she would like to thank Council and staff for acknowledging Human Rights Day because incorporated within this legislation is sustainable development goals to achieve human rights. One goal is to make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable, by providing opportunities to all, with access to basic services, energy, housing, and transportation. So her hope is that if U City is going to proclaim December 10th as Human Rights Day that it will also take its goals into consideration during the planning process for this redevelopment.



Ms. Pointer stated she would also like to bring Council's attention to the EPA's views on equitable development and environmental justice as it relates to low income and minority populations. Their position is, *"Equitable development is driven by priorities and values, as well as clear expectations and that the outcomes from development need to be responsive to underserved populations and vulnerable groups, in addition to using innovative design strategies and sustainable policies. Acknowledging and understanding both is necessary for sustaining environmental justice."* The 3rd Ward is an environmental justice community. And as such, repeated requests have been made to work with the 3rd Ward in order to understand their needs and incorporate those desires into the redevelopment project. Yet, Council and this administration have remained silent and failed to honor those requests. So once again, she would ask that the Olive/170 Project be placed on hold until the appropriate due diligence has been conducted to ensure that everyone within this community has been included in the process.

**Tom Jennings, 7055 Forsyth, University City, MO**

Mr. Jennings stated the leaf pickup on Forsyth was scheduled for last Friday, so the City came out, posted no parking/tow away notices, and as far as he can tell, cars that failed to abide by these notices were not towed, and there definitely were no tickets issued. As a result, the leaves could only be removed from one side of the street while these cars with out-of-state plates; obviously belonging to University students, sat there in blatant disregard. Therefore, his question is; why is money being wasted sending employees out to post these notices if they are not going to be enforced?

On the other hand, he would like to thank Councilmember Smotherson for his great idea to have handicap parking signs installed. One of his neighbors was really in need of this added service, so he appreciates the way this was handled.

**Joe Adams, 924 Wild Cherry Lane, University City, MO**

Representative Adams presented Council with new flags for some of its flagpoles, to include a State flag exclusive only to U City. Representative Adams expressed his love for the City and his desire to see it keep moving forward.

Mayor Crow thanked Representative Adams for his service to this community, as its Mayor, Councilmember, and State Representative.

**P. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Carr stated she would like to respond to some of the comments by noting that Council is aware of the parking problems that exist for residents who live near Wash U, as well as those residents who live in the eastern section of Ward 2. And she anticipates that within the next 60 to 90 days, legislation will be brought before Council to hopefully, address some of these problems. Councilmember Carr stated the process of reevaluating the City's Ordinances and the passage of new Ordinances, will probably not resolve everything right away, so there may need to be a few tweaks or amendments along the way. But she wanted to let this audience, as well as those residents who have contacted her on a regular basis, know that this is an issue Council will be taking a look at.

Councilmember Clay stated the holiday season is upon us and many will be gathering with family and friends. But if you happen to be someone who delights in conversations about the fact that 250 square feet of retail space necessitates one parking spot, or speed deterrents for neighborhoods, or the City's various traffic Ordinances, you might find yourself dining alone.

However, should you find yourself falling into this category, do not be dismayed because he has the perfect community for those traffic-oriented conversations; the Traffic Commission.

Now, some of you may be saying why is Stacy dangling this succulent carrot in front of our eyes, when surely there are no vacancies on such a tantalizing commission. And if there is, there's probably a waiting list a mile long. But you would be mistaken, because not only is there a vacancy on the Commission, he is the member of Council charged with filling it. So, if you yearn to mingle with likeminded traffic officiators, "*Tis the Season*" to contact the City Clerk for an application. Councilmember Clay encouraged interested parties to make the call tomorrow because as soon as the application is received, he will gladly submit that name as a nominee to start working on this commission. Friends, you need not be alone anymore, there is a place for you.

Councilmember Smotherson stated he would like to thank Ms. Pettiford for the invite, and his colleagues, Councilmembers Clay and Hales, for attending Sunday's street naming service for Rev. Joe Lewis Middleton Avenue. He stated he would also like to thank Council and staff for their support and hard work in making this dedication possible.

He stated while attending an alumni function last night, one of his colleagues mentioned her job at a prominent company here in St. Louis where a part of her responsibilities involved the construction of new developments in St. Louis County. And that based on the nature of their business; which includes building additions at or near to the proposed site, they have been closely watching as U City's redevelopment plans evolve. Councilmember Smotherson stated as someone who is new to this process, he was happy to learn of their interest and wanted to let Council and the City know that others are paying attention to what happens here. Councilmember Smotherson wished everyone in attendance a happy holiday season.

Councilmember Cusick stated last week he received an email from a resident concerned about a site that was being demolished without the required protective fencing. The email was immediately forwarded to Mr. Rose, the company was cited, and a fence was erected today. So while he certainly would like to thank this resident for alerting him to this violation and for being the eyes and ears of this Council, he would also encourage others to exercise that same vigilance and contact Council or staff regarding any issues that need to be addressed.

Councilmember Cusick stated Council held a Study Session on November 13th to discuss some of the issues involving the City's relationship with Wash U, and parking was one of the topics discussed. So he would like to thank those residents who expressed concerns about parking and encourage anyone with ideas or comments, to forward them to the subcommittee formed to address the City's Parking and Zoning Ordinances so that they can be considered. Councilmember Cusick wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Mayor Crow stated the U.S. Census will be taken next year and every community within Missouri has been asked to put together a "*Complete Count Commission*". Therefore, he is very humbled and pleased to announce that former Mayors Joe Adams and Shelley Welsch have agreed to be the honorary co-chairs of this Commission. Mayor Crow stated as most of you know, the more folks counted, the better this community will bode with respect to the distribution of federal funds. So this is an opportunity for the City to engage in outreach efforts with community organizations, faith-based groups, local businesses, and the media to increase participation.

This Commission; and hopefully, a number of our residents, will specifically be charged with enhancing participation for those hard to count demographics like veterans, the homeless, people with disabilities, renters, college students, immigrants, seniors, those with language constraints, and low-income populations.

As a procedural matter, Mayor Crow stated notice was given to conduct an Executive Session commencing at 5:45 p.m. Council initiated that session and then took a recess to open the public session. So at the conclusion of this meeting, he would ask Council to move back into Executive Session.

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Crow wished everyone a happy holiday and closed the Regular City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. to go into an Executive Session on the second floor. The Executive Session reconvened at 7:37 p.m. and was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

LaRette Reese,  
City Clerk



Hello, my name is Yvette Liebesman, and I live at 7570 Cornell Avenue.

I am here to speak to you about the growing parking problem in University City.

First, I encourage the City Council to rescind parking ordinance #6989.

More and more Wash U students park on our streets as a result of Ordinance 6989, enacted in 2015, which decreased the number of parking spaces required in a variety of situations and allowed Wash U to construct student housing with fewer parking spaces than what was required under the old ordinance.

This change has created serious parking problems. While we cannot unring the bell for the housing/parking ratio that was built based on 6989, we can prevent the exacerbation of the problem with regard to Wash U's proposed housing construction.

**Second**, non-enforcement of parking ordinance has exacerbated these parking problems.

Although some University City streets are limited to residents via permits, Washington University students have been illegally park on these roads with impunity.

Washington University passively encourages this law breaking by limiting the number of parking spaces available in their University City student housing and charging extra for the parking spaces within their residential buildings. They seem to believe we won't do

anything about it and know that we in fact helped create the problem with the enactment of Ordinance 6989.

Please enforce our parking restrictions. We are only harming ourselves by non-enforcement. In addition, please make these permit-only parking areas “tow away zones” for non-permit holders.

I’ll say it once more: Please rescind Ordinance 6989 and enforce our ordinances. Our neighbors are suffering from this abuse by Wash U, their students, and the lack of enforcement of parking prohibitions.