MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Monday, December 20, 2021 6:00 p.m.

At the Special Session of the City Council of University City held on Monday, December 20, 2021, via Zoom, Mayor Terry Crow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember Stacy Clay
Councilmember Aleta Klein
Councilmember Steven McMahon
Councilmember Jeffrey Hales
Councilmember Tim Cusick
Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson

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

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hearing no amendments, Councilmember Hales moved to approve the Agenda as presented. It was seconded by Councilmember Klein, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Procedures for submitting comments for Citizen Participation and Public Hearings:

ALL written comments must be received <u>no later than 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting</u>. Comments may be sent via email to: <u>councilcomments@ucitymo.org</u>, or mailed to the City Hall – 6801 Delmar Blvd. – Attention City Clerk. Such comments will be provided to City Council prior to the meeting. Comments will be made a part of the official record and made accessible to the public online following the meeting.

Please note, when submitting your comments, a <u>name and address must be provided</u>. Please also not if your comment is on an agenda or non-agenda item. If a name and address are not provided, the provided comment will not be recorded in the official record.

Mayor Crow thanked everyone who submitted written comments ahead of the meeting. Comments were provided to members of Council prior to the meeting and will be part of the official record.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Midwest Association of Farmers Markets Reimbursement Request of Funds
- 2. U City in Bloom Funding Request

Mr. Rosed the first item under the Consent Agenda is a request for funds for the Midwest Association of Farmers Markets. The requested funds are from FY21. The funds were not carried forward to the current fiscal year, therefor we are required to present this item to the Mayor and Council for your consideration. We have received the reimbursement expenses that qualify, but not for the entire amount. The recommendation is that you approve the full carry forward amount of \$23,978.79 that will be provided to Farmers Markets as we receive receipts reflecting the need to reimburse.

The second item being proposed is an application form U City in Bloom. The application was presented to the EDRST Board members last week and none objected to advancing it forward for your consideration. The total amount for the projects included in the application is \$50,573.00; and I would recommend this application be approved.

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Councilmember Cusick moved to approve, it was seconded by Councilmember Klein.

- **Q**. Councilmember Clay asked why the funding was being carried over for the Farmers Market? **A**. Mr. Rose state he did not know the reason, but typically funding allocations for a project are usually used that same year. For some reason that did not occur this year and since the person that was managing the project is no longer here; I would prefer not to speculate. This action will enable the recipient to use the funds from last fiscal year if approved by the Mayor and Council.
- **Q**. Councilmember Clay ask if the reason that Council was being asked to approve the U City in Bloom application was because there was not a quorum at the EDRST meeting?
- **A.** Mr. Rosed stated that both projects had been concerned and previously approved by the EDRST Board. Although the EDRST Board approved the U City in Bloom project in past, they would like to see those projects before they advance in the future. Staff had an opportunity to meet with several members of the Board and they did not express any concerns. Because they have previously approved the application in the past, Council may act on the item today.

Voice vote on Councilmember Cusick's motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Crow stated no Closed session was needed and welcomed a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Hales move to adjourn the regular session, it was seconded by Councilmember Clay and the motion carried unanimously.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Crow thanked everyone for their participation and wished everyone safe, happy holiday and adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

LaRette Reese, City Clerk

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