

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
**VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**  
University City, Missouri 63130  
**Monday, February 14, 2022**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At the Regular Session of the City Council of University City held on Monday, February 14, 2022, via videoconference, Mayor Terry Crow called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**B. 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 Director of Finance, Keith Cole.

Mayor Crow stated he would like to pass along Council's condolences to the family of Elsie Glickert who passed away on January 28th at the age of 96. Ms. Glickert served on City Council from 1969 to 1980 and was a stalwart member of the community. Her service to this community will be greatly missed.

Mayor Crow then acknowledged Black History Month; a time to pause and reflect on the history of this country.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Hales moved to approve the Agenda as presented, it was seconded by Councilmember Cusick, and the motion carried unanimously.

**D. PROCLAMATION**

None

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. January 24, 2022, Study Session Draft Minutes – Annex and Trinity Renovations Update, Councilmember Klein moved to approve, it was seconded by Councilmember McMahon, and the motion carried unanimously.
2. January 24, 2022, Regular Draft Minutes, Councilmember Cusick moved to approve, it was seconded by Councilmember Hales, and the motion carried unanimously.

**F. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

1. Dana Barhard is nominated to the Urban Forestry Commission replacing John Roman's expired term by Councilmember Aleta Klein, it was seconded by Councilmember Cusick, and the motion carried unanimously.
2. Mary Gorman (LSBD) is nominated to the 2040 Visioning Task Force replacing Wendy Harris by Mayor Terry Crow, it was seconded by Councilmember Cusick, and the motion carried unanimously.
3. Edward Schmidt is nominated to the St. Louis County Extension Council, replacing Adam Brown by Mayor Terry Crow, it was seconded by Councilmember Hales and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

**Procedures for submitting comments for Citizen Participation and Public Hearings:**

ALL written comments must be received **no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.** Comments may be sent via email to: [councilcomments@ucitymo.org](mailto:councilcomments@ucitymo.org), 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 **name and address must be provided.** Please also note 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 acknowledged that there were no public comments for tonight's meeting.

**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**J. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Fogerty Park Trail Naming (Hazel Erby)
2. Tree Trimming Contract
3. Free Parking Meters – Extension Request
4. Relocation Assistance Agreement – Lopez (1184 Briscoe Place, Apt B)
5. Relocation Assistance Agreement – Allen (8684 Olive Blvd., Apt B)

Mr. Rose stated if the Consent Agenda is approved as presented he intends to provide Council with an update on the free parking meters for The Loop in approximately six months.

Councilmember Cusick moved to approve Items 1 through 5 of the Consent Agenda, it was seconded by Councilmember Smotherson.

Councilmember Smotherson asked Mr. Rose if he would inform Council when the official renaming of Fogerty Park Trail was scheduled to take place? Mr. Rose stated that he would.

Councilmember Cusick asked what if anything was being done to make people aware of the free parking meters in The Loop? Mr. Rose stated the signage placed on the meters when free parking was previously approved will remain. Staff will also be working with The Loop Special Business District to develop some form of advertisement that reflects the continuation of free parking.

Voice vote on Councilmember Cusick's motion to approve carried unanimously.

**K. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Second (2nd) Quarter Financial Report - December 31, 2021  
(VOTE OF ACCEPTANCE)

Mr. Rose stated that the 2nd Quarter Financial Report would be presented by the Director of Finance, Keith Cole.

Mr. Cole stated this is a summary of the 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2022, ending December 31, 2021.

**General Fund Revenues**

Adjusted Budget	\$23,347,415
YTD (Year-To-Date) Actual	\$10,319,885
Actual as % of Adjusted Budget	44.2%
<b>Increase/</b> (Decrease) compared to the same quarter of FY2021	\$143,168

**Key Points:**

- Increase in Sales and Use Tax of roughly \$316,000, or 13.2%. Mainly due to an increase in the County-Wide 1% Pool Tax.
- Increase in Property Tax of roughly \$335,000, or 17.7%.
- Increase in Intergovernmental of roughly \$63,000, or 6.6%. Mainly due to an increase in the County Road Fund.
- Increase in Inspection Fees and Permits of roughly \$163,000, or 43.7%. Mainly due to an increase in Building and Zoning fees.
- Increase in Services Charges of roughly \$203,000, or 58.7%. The increase mainly from Ambulance Services.
- Decrease in Other Revenue of roughly \$951,000, or (69.5%). Decrease mainly due to receiving 1/2 of the CARES Act funds in FY21.

**Overall**, revenues as a percent of budget show a slight increase of 2.7% when compared to the same quarter of FY21.

Councilmember Hales asked if the increase in property taxes was related to an increase in property values or the municipal tax rate? Mr. Cole stated the increase is based on an accounting adjustment for uncollected residential property taxes. A portion of those uncollected funds was reported as deferred revenue at the end of FY21, which was then realized and accounted for in FY22. So, it has nothing to do with the municipal tax rate.

Councilmember Clay asked if the increase in service charges reflected actual receipts? Mr. Cole stated that it did.

**General Fund Expenditures**

Adjusted Budget	\$26,597,935
YTD Actual	\$11,961,816
Actual as % of Adjusted Budget	45.0%
<b>Increase/</b> (Decrease) compared to the same quarter of FY2021	\$614,545

**Key Points:**

- Increase in expenditures in the Police Department of roughly \$257,000, or 6.0% compared to the same quarter of FY21. This is mainly from salaries full-time and overtime.
- Increase in expenditures in the Fire Department of roughly \$137,000, or 5.2% compared to the same quarter of FY21. This is mainly from salaries full-time and overtime.
- Increase in expenditures in Facilities of roughly \$65,000, or 15.6% compared to the same quarter of FY21. This is mainly due to plumbing repair damages and water restoration at 630 Trinity.
- Increase in expenditures in Centennial Commons of roughly \$92,000, or 53.3% compared to the same quarter of FY21. This is mainly from personnel services and electricity. Centennial Commons was not fully operational in FY21 due to COVID.

**Overall**, the expenditures as a percent of budget decreased slightly by (0.6%) when compared to the same quarter of FY21.

Councilmember Smotherson asked how any deficits related to the City's ambulances were being tracked? Mr. Rose stated although deficits are reflected in the General Fund; which utilizes an aggregated form of accounting, there is no way to distinguish these shortfalls. Therefore, he has asked Chief Hinson to prepare a report regarding the operation of the department's ambulances to reflect any deficits that currently exist.

### **Capital Improvement Sales Tax Revenues**

Adjusted Budget	\$2,102,000
YTD Actual	\$909,747
Actual as % of Adjusted Budget	43.3%
<b>Increase/</b> (Decrease) compared to the same quarter of FY2021	\$98,501

#### **Key Points:**

- Sales Tax revenue increased roughly 12.3% during the 2nd Quarter of FY22, compared to the same quarter of FY21.

Councilmember Clay questioned whether it was correct to assume that similar to the increase in expenditures for Centennial Commons, the increase in sales tax revenue for this quarter when compared with the same quarter in FY21 is somewhat like comparing apples to grapes simply because so much was shuttered last fiscal year? Mr. Cole stated that is correct since revenues and expenditures tend to fluctuate from month to month. It's also important to note that the Capital Improvement Sales Tax is based on per capita, and the Park & Stormwater Sales Tax is based on point of sale.

Councilmember Clay stated he thinks it is important for the public to understand that they are going to see these wild swings which are being impacted by this current environment.

### **Capital Improvement Sales Tax Expenditures**

Adjusted Budget	\$2,223,820
YTD Actual	\$410,563
Actual as % of Adjusted Budget	18.5%
<b>Increase/</b> (Decrease) compared to the same quarter of FY2021	\$234,887

#### **Key Points:**

- Increase in expenditures mainly from the asphalt overlay improvement project for various streets of \$160,000; and tree removal expenses of \$61,000.

### **Park & Stormwater Sales Tax Revenues**

Adjusted Budget	\$861,000
YTD Actual	\$458,477
Actual as % of Adjusted Budget	53.2%
<b>Increase/</b> (Decrease) compared to the same quarter of FY2021	\$8,889

#### **Key Points:**

- Sales Tax revenue for the second quarter of FY22 increased by roughly 2.1% when compared to the same quarter of FY21.

### **Park & Stormwater Sales Tax Expenditures**

Adjusted Budget	\$1,324,526
YTD Actual	\$225,692
Actual as % of Adjusted Budget	17.0%
<b>Increase/</b> (Decrease) compared to the same quarter of FY2021	\$68,730

#### **Key Points:**

- Increase in expenditures due to removal of hazardous Ash trees and tree stump grinding when compared to the same quarter of FY21.

**Public Safety Sales Tax Revenues**

Adjusted Budget	\$1,601,500
YTD Actual	\$734,823
Actual as % of Adjusted Budget	45.9%
<b>Increase/</b> (Decrease) compared to the same quarter of FY2021	\$84,489

**Key Points:**

- Revenue is based on per capita.
- Sales Tax revenue for the second quarter of FY22 increased by roughly 13.2% when compared to the same quarter of FY21.

Mr. Rose stated per capita is a county-wide tax and the City's portion of that tax is based on its population.

**Public Safety Sales Tax Expenditures**

Adjusted Budget	\$908,835
YTD Actual	\$443,078
Actual as % of Adjusted Budget	48.8%
<b>Increase/</b> (Decrease) compared to the same quarter of FY2021	\$13,460

**Key Points:**

- Expenditures are in line when compared to the same quarter of FY21.

Councilmember Smotherson moved to accept Mr. Cole's summary of the 2nd Quarter Financial Report, it was seconded by Councilmember Hales, and the motion carried unanimously.

**L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1. Bill 9451** – AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AS ENUMERATED HEREIN FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 7168. Bill Number 9451 was read for the second and third time.

Councilmember Hales stated he heard Ordinance No. 7165 on the first reading and Ordinance No. 7168 on the second reading. Ms. Reese stated the correct Ordinance number is 7168.

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

Roll Call Vote Was:

**Ayes:** Councilmember Klein, Councilmember McMahon, Councilmember Hales, Councilmember Cusick, Councilmember Smotherson, Councilmember Clay, and Mayor Crow.

**Nays:** None.

**M. NEW BUSINESS**

*Resolutions*

- 1. Resolution 2022-1** - A Resolution for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; Budget Amendment #2

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

*Bills*

*Introduced by Councilmember Hales*

- 2. Bill 9452** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE VII OF THE TRAFFIC CODE, TO REVISE TRAFFIC REGULATION AS PROVIDED HEREIN. (*Golf Course Dr. at Alanson Dr.*) Bill Number 9452 was read for the first time.

*Introduced by Councilmember Smotherson*

3. **Bill 9453** – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR A MAJOR SUBDIVISION OF A TRACT OF LAND TO BE KNOWN AS “7579 OLIVE BOULEVARD”. (*Quik Trip Store.*) Bill Number 9453 was read for the first time.

**N. COUNCIL REPORTS/BUSINESS**

1. Boards and Commission appointments needed
2. Council liaison reports on Boards and Commissions  
Mayor Crow reported that Derek Deaver, owner of the Three Kings Public House was appointed as Chair of the Loop Special Business District. Whenever possible, Mayor Crow encouraged his colleagues to join in and watch this Board's vibrant conversations.
3. Boards, Commissions, and Task Force minutes
4. Other Discussions/Business

**O. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** (continue if needed)

**P. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Cusick stated he would like to remind everyone that a virtual State of the City Address sponsored by the U City Historical Society will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7 p.m. Mayor Crow and Mr. Rose will also be a part of this event, and the link can be found on the City's webpage under Events.

Councilmember Hales thanked Public Works, as well as the Fire and Police Departments, for their persistent endeavors during the recent winter storms.

Councilmember Smotherson acknowledged the passing of his friend, Lieutenant William Anderson; a longtime employee of the U City Police Department and resident of this community.

**Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

Councilmember Hales moved to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Councilmember Smotherson, and the motion carried unanimously.

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Crow adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:01 p.m.

LaRette Reese,  
City Clerk