

**STUDY SESSION**  
**Expanded Outdoor Dining**  
CITY HALL, Fifth Floor  
6801 Delmar Blvd., University City, Missouri 63130  
**Monday, September 26, 2023**  
6:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

*(Please be advised due to technical difficulties, no audio recording is available for this meeting)*

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At the Study Session of the City Council of University City held on Monday, August 14, 2023, Mayor Pro Tem Smotherson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Councilmember Stacy Clay;  
Councilmember Aleta Klein  
Councilmember Steven McMahan;  
Councilmember Jeffrey Hales (*excused*)  
Councilmember Dennis Fuller  
Mayor Terry Crow (*excused*)

Also in attendance were City Manager, Gregory Rose; City Attorney, John F. Mulligan, Jr.; and Derek Deaver, Chair of Loop Special Business District.

**2. CHANGES TO REGULAR AGENDA**

None

**3. EXPANDED OUTDOOR DINING**

Mr. Rose introduced Derek Deaver, Chair of the Loop Special Business District, who came to speak on expanding the outdoor dining policy. Mr. Deaver proposed expanding the option for outdoor dining from a few months of the year to year around as long as the weather permitted. He stated there are several vacancies in the Loop and perhaps the expanding dining could increase business. In his experience, since COVID, people enjoy and some even prefer to be out in the open air. Those restaurants that have participated to date found the additional seating to be successful. He stated that in the past parking had been an issue, but he believes that issues no longer exist. He also stated the majority of businesses are in favor of the expanded policy.

He proposed an upgraded look, with uniformed fencing and maybe a central color scheme. Businesses could have their logos visible on the fencing, making it more inviting.

Councilmember Clay stated that he would like to see nicer parklets for the outdoor spaces.

**Q.** What is the funding source would be?

**A.** 50% would come from the business and 50% would come from LSBD

Councilmember Klein stated she would like to see more businesses participate.

**Q.** Why would a business not want to join/participate?

**A.** No negative feedback has been received; the owners like it and patio business is up 20%

Pro Tem Smotherson asked if thought had been given to have heaters and/or a type of covering?

**A.** He stated some type of heater might be nice. No covering or awing have been discussed

Councilmember Fuller stated he would like the cement blocks removed, a uniformed fencing with the primary difference being the business logos.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Crow thanked Mr. Ribble for his presentation and closed the Study Session at 6:15 p.m.

LaRette Reese  
City Clerk, MRCC