

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY
CITY HALL, Fifth Floor
6801 Delmar Blvd., University City, Missouri 63130
Monday, October 10, 2022
6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At the Regular Session of the City Council of University City held on Monday, October 10, 2022, 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 Aleta Klein
Councilmember Steven McMahon
Councilmember Jeffrey Hales; (*excused*)
Councilmember Tim Cusick
Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson

Also in attendance were City Manager, Gregory Rose; City Attorney, John F. Mulligan, Jr.; Director of Planning & Zoning, Dr. John Wagner; Director of Human Resources, Amy Williams; Deputy City Manager/Director of Economic Development, Brooke Smith; Fire Chief Bill Hinson; Police Chief Larry Hampton, and Director of Public Works/Parks, Recreation & Forestry, Darren Dunkle.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Mulligan stated the Developer has requested that the following three minor changes be made to Item M (3); Bill 9488, and the City Clerk has made these changes to the official version of the Bill, subject to Council's approval.

1. In the 5th Whereas Clause - "Watkins Consolidation" has been changed to "Final Plat"
2. Section 3, paragraph 1 - "and the Landscape Plan dated July 15, 2022" has been deleted
3. Section 3, paragraph 3 - "and resident" has been deleted

Councilmember McMahon moved to approve the Agenda as amended, it was seconded by Councilmember Smotherson, and the motion carried unanimously.

D. PROCLAMATIONS

None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 27, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes was moved by Councilmember Smotherson, it was seconded by Councilmember Klein, and the motion carried unanimously, with the exception of Councilmember Cusick who was absent from this meeting.

F. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None

G. SWEARING IN TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None

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

Request to Address the Council Forms are located on the ledge just inside the entrance. Please complete and place the form in the basket at the front of the room.

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, 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 whether your comment is on an agenda or a non-agenda item. If a name and address are not provided, the comment will not be recorded in the official record.

Diane Bonds, 8665 Spoon Drive, U City, MO

Ms. Bonds stated she lives two doors from the creek and as a result of the recent flooding has become concerned about the overgrown weeds, trees, and debris that has accumulated over time. She stated she was also curious whether the City had any plans to add more developments to this section of the City since that would ultimately start encroaching on her street, and she is not interested in moving or selling her home.

Mayor Crow informed Ms. Bonds that the City Manager or a member of his staff would contact her with answers to her questions.

Carolyn Horth, 1135 Burch Lane, U City, MO

Ms. Horth stated it seems as though the only communication residents in many of the flooded areas have received is through the media. There has been no communication from the City, and the list she and her neighbors were provided about the 24 homes being bought out on Burch appears to be incorrect. She stated everyone has been left in limbo wondering why more homes were not included; whether they will be forced to reside on a street with only three neighbors, or simply what they should do next. So, when should they anticipate receiving accurate information about the buyouts and the process that will occur thereafter?

She stated two other pet peeves are the tax abatement that's being handed out and the plan to either move or replace City Hall. Ms. Horth stated she understands there is supposed to be a balance between the abatement and the increased revenue that a business brings in, but the City also has to pay for any infrastructure needed to sustain that development; which means that residents may not be getting a significant bang for their bucks. So perhaps, there is a need to be a little more cautious about utilizing this strategy.

City Hall is absolutely gorgeous, and she thinks the City should do all that it can to maintain its historic value rather than tearing it down or leaving it to sit vacantly. And there is also a project on Delmar towards Skinker that she would like to get more information about.

Ms. Horth thanked Council for all of the work they perform and vowed to become more involved in the things that are going on in her community.

Mayor Crow informed Ms. Horth that Dr. Wagner would be in contact with her to answer questions regarding the buyouts. However, there is no movement today or in the foreseeable future to abandon City Hall, and in fact, monies have been set aside to help maintain its historic value. He stated it is Council's desire to relocate the Police Department from the temporary trailers they currently reside in, into a permanent home, which will be located in the Annex sitting behind City Hall.

I. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Easement Vacation – Public walkway between 511 and 519 Westview Drive

Mayor Crow opened the Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m., and after acknowledging that there were no written comments or requests to speak, the hearing was closed at 6:41 p.m.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Renewal Contract
2. MS Office 365 Renewal (SHI Inc.)
3. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Tree Removal & Replacement Contract
4. Leaf Collection Contract
5. Cochran Engineering Supplement Agreement – Groby (STP) Project
6. Groby 2025 STP Grant Application

Councilmember Cusick moved to approve Items 1 through 6 on the Consent Agenda, it was seconded by Councilmember McMahon, and the motion was carried unanimously.

K. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT - (vote required)

1. Employee Recognition Awards (Flood Relief Efforts)

Mr. Rose asked that the Mayor and Council recognize those employees that exceeded the City's expectations in the performance of their duties during and after the historic flood on July 26th. He then asked the Director of Human Resources, Amy Williams, if she would facilitate these recognitions.

Ms. Williams stated although tonight's recognitions are focused on the events associated with the flood, the City conducted an employee luncheon celebrating every member of staff.

All of these teams went above and beyond to bring normalcy back to the City, and the attention given to every aspect of their job is greatly appreciated.

Facilities and IT Departments - Nominated by Dawn Beasley and presented by Brooke Smith, Deputy City Manager and Director of Economic Development.

1. Daniel Carter
2. Jim Burkemper
3. Bernard, Steven
4. Michael Green
5. Ricky Bisch
6. Ricky Chambers
7. Antonio “Tony” Bracy
8. Mike Carlin - Received numerous nominations for his tireless efforts to ensure continued successful operations of the teams during very chaotic times.

Planning and Development – Nominated by Tim Scott and Presented by Director John Wagner.

Code Compliance/Property Maintenance Division

1. Dennis Stringfield
2. Jim Blizzard
3. Rachel White
4. Ebony Haggins
5. Mike Luong
6. Cherie Young
7. Tim Scott – Nominated by John Wagner

Front Office Clerical Staff

1. Barbara Mathis
2. Ronda Young
3. Cynthia Zumwalt

Police Department - Nominated by UCPD Management Team and Presented by Chief Larry Hampton

Dispatchers on Duty:

1. Janai Clabon
2. Cassandra Reed
3. Chantel Trevino
4. Dashauna Price
5. Robyn McIntosh

Officers on Duty:

1. Lt. Jesse Meinhardt
2. Sgt. Reginald Hope
3. PO Thomas Carney; (*Retired*)
4. PO Theodore Jackson
5. PO Rolandis Woodland
6. PO Joshua Mosley
7. PO Louis Bruno
8. PO Kim Douglas
9. PO Joshua Stigers
10. PO Anthony Bradley

Officers that Assisted:

1. Sgt. Lott
2. Po David Colp
3. Jeremiah Belcher
4. Jake Goldstein
5. Kyle Giamanco
6. Justin Donaldson
7. Jamesha Howard
8. Kelly Ricketts
9. Stephen Jones

Finance Department

1. Represented by Assistant Director, Paula Battle

Fire Department – Presented by Chief Bill Hinson

1. Battalion Chief Joel Myers
2. Captain William Gruendler
3. Captain James Cage
4. Pvt. Tim Hughes
5. Pvt. Robert Herrick
6. Pvt. Taylor Jordan
7. Pvt. Maurice Williams
8. Pvt. Aaron Moon
9. Pvt. Zachary Heberlie
10. Pvt. Richard Black
11. Pvt. Ryan Dorsey
12. Pvt. Joshua Wilson
13. Deputy Chief Gary Wilmoth
14. Deputy Chief Fred Kramer

Public Works, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry – Presented by Darren Dunkle

Streets Division

1. John Gates
2. Ron Dade
3. Josh Dewitt
4. Lisa Johnson
5. Anthony Poke
6. Jeff Suttle
7. Jeff Douglas
8. Daryn Stewart

Front Office

1. D'Marco Williams
2. Todd Strubhart

Sanitation – Heavy and Light Equipment Operators

1. Dennis Lockett
2. Chris Connor
3. John Houston
4. Orlando Bolden
5. John Brown
6. Antoine Cotton
7. Rama Ensley
8. Steven Green
9. Maurice Posley
10. Walter Wilkins
11. Shaunee Blanks

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry

1. Todd Strubhart - Deputy Director of Parks Maintenance & Operations
2. Mike Warmbold - Supervisor of Park Operations
3. Janet Carter
4. Tom Brushwood
5. Jacob Kaiser
6. Allen Hopkins
7. Richard Cullins
8. Mike Warmbold
9. Rick Green
10. Dwayne Reid
11. Brian Strautmann
12. Don Ryan
13. Mike Murphy
14. Mike Lavender
15. Zach Gant
16. Juan Taylor
17. Brandin Williamson

Mr. Rose concluded by acknowledging the importance of having a team effort to provide these high-quality services and noted his appreciation for all of the work his staff performs.

Mayor Crow thanked each employee, as well as their families, for the sacrifices made and dedication to keeping this City safe.

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

M. NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions - (vote required)

1. **Res 2022-12** – Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Amendment #4

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

Bills - (Introduction and 1st reading - no vote required)

Introduced by Councilman Cusick

2. **Bill 9487** - AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND SURRENDERING A PUBLIC WALKWAY BETWEEN 511 and 519 WESTVIEW DRIVE. Bill Number 9487 was read for the first time.

Introduced by Councilman Smotherson

3. **Bill 9488** - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PHASE II OF THE PROPOSED MARKET AT OLIVE DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 8630 OLIVE BOULEVARD. Bill Number 9488 was read for the first time.

N. COUNCIL REPORTS/BUSINESS

1. Boards and Commission appointments 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)

Aren Ginsberg, 430 West Point Court, U City, MO

Ms. Ginsberg stated that TNR volunteers partnered with Op-Spot and the Green Center on Sunday, October 2nd, to host this year's Pet Vaccination Clinic. The Clinic provided:

- 31 rabies shots;
- St. Louis County tags and Certificates of Vaccination for \$15.00;
- 22 Canine and Feline Distemper Shots, and
- 6 microchips

Ms. Ginsberg stated TNR volunteers remain busy trapping, neutering, and vaccinating community cats at no cost, and they have coordinated with local rescues helping more than 70 cats get adopted. But unfortunately, community cat food, water, and shelter continue to spark misunderstandings with the City's Code Enforcement. Therefore, they would respectfully request that Section 210.130 of the Municipal Code be amended to add food, water, and shelter to the list of permitted acts.

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

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

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Crow thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

LaRette Reese,
City Clerk, MRCC

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City Hall remodeling-- not a priority

Tax Abatement--Needs to stop

Delmar-east- redevelopment into what? City Money\$\$ How Much\$\$ Return on investment\$\$\$???

Flooded Residence----300 Homes initially-then 24 --the more--
:List made public without being complete---Incompetent--

Carol K. Horth
1135 Burch Lane

