



Monday, March 28, 2022
MARCH CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Jennings via Tele-meeting Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm

When: Mar 28, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Meeting posting date: _____ initials by: _____

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Presentation of the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

B. REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 28, 2022

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS

1. Presentation by Lt. Aaron Schafer - St. Louis County Police Contract
2. Comments by public. (Please sign in. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance.)
3. Councilmember's Reports (Reports are limited to 10 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance)
4. Mayor's Report

D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. Finance Department
2. Courts
3. Jail Report
4. Building Department
5. Sewer Lateral
6. Economic Development Report
7. Public Works Report
8. Recreation Department
9. St. Louis County Police Department
10. North County Fire & Rescue
11. Emergency Management

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Ways & Means and Public Safety Committee
2. Public Works & Building Committee
3. Parks & Recreation Committee

- 4. Policy and Ordinance Committee
- 5. Municipal League
- 6. Planning Commission
- 7. Economic Development Board
- 8. Youth Commission
- 9. Senior Commission

F. LEGAL BUSINESS (Proposed Ordinances)

- 1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE 2022-2023 BUDGET.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Approval of the Revised Fuel Policy
- 2. Approval of Police Service Contract
- 3. Approval of the Budget Amendment #3
- 4. Approval of the IT contract
- 5. Approval of Disposal of Non-Operational and Obsolete Equipment
- 6. Approval of a Special Event Permit - Norwood Hills Country Club Firework
- 7. Approval of a Special Event Permit - Ascension Charity Classic
- 8. Approval of a Special Event Permit - Marlon Owens Day/Jennings Senior High School Scholarship Giveaway
- 9. Approval of the monthly bills for payment

I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

J. CLOSED SESSION

- 1. Personnel (RSMO 610:021-3)

K. Adjournment

- 1. Adjournment



**Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting
Telemeeting Via Zoom Video
March 28, 2022
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

The two thousand four hundred and thirty-first meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Video.

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Presentation of the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget.

Deletra Hudson, City Clerk, summarized the proposed 2022-2023 total revenues of \$29,355,545 and expenditures of \$26,077,298.

The public hearing was closed at 7:07 p.m.

B. REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor Austin asked for a moment of silence for Jacklin M. Owens, City Councilmember of Wellston, and Aunt of former City Councilmember, Aja Owens. Pastor Leonard Dennis of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, who had led the church for over 30 years.

2. Roll Call

Council members present: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Gary Johnson, Rose Eichelberger, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner.

Council member(s) absent: none.

Also present: Mayor Yolanda Austin; Deletra Hudson, City Clerk; and Sam Alton, City Attorney.

3. Approval of the Agenda

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the agenda for the meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

4. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 28, 2022.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 28, 2022. All in favor; none opposed.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that she would like a correction to the minutes in her report. She stated that the Public Works staff drove into her yard, not residents' yards.

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS, AND REQUESTS

1. Presentation by Lt. Aaron Schafer – St. Louis County Police Contract

Lt. Aaron Schafer stated that St. Louis County Police Department maintained since 2018 its Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) accreditation since 1998. Some other accomplishments of the department are the purchasing and use of body cameras and dash cameras in vehicles. Lt. Schafer stated that the department focused on leveraging technology.

Lt. Schafer presented the police service contract. He explained that the contract aligned with the fiscal year of the City of Jennings, making its initial term of contract was for ten months. The long-term contract of ten years will offer a longer commitment from St. Louis County Police Department and the benefit to the City will be that it will cap the contract increase to five percent or lower. Sam Alton, City Attorney, stated that the City had the right to terminate the contract with twelve months' notice. Lt. Schafer stated that an addition to the contract was a police lieutenant to the Jennings Precinct. This allows for better supervision and more flexibility for the captain and sergeants.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that residents have complained of the low visibility of police patrols. She asked what the reasoning was behind the long-term contract. Lt. Schafer stated that the long-term contract helps the City because of the increased cap.

Lt. Schafer explained the audit process for the precinct that ensures that it complies with what the contract states. He stated that there are four (4) officers on the street at all times, not including specialized units or sergeants.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson remarked that she does not receive calls back when she reports an issue to dispatch.

Councilman Johnson expressed concern over page three of the police service contract, where it stated that the City shall receive the same services as unincorporated St. Louis County. He expressed those three shifts with four patrol cars do not explain the thirty-nine police cars under the contract. Lt. Schafer stated the contract ensures that the City has access to enough cars to patrol. Councilman Johnson remarked that the City was not able to select its police captain. He proposed that the contract be discussed or adjusted. Councilman Johnson asked what other municipalities have initiated the long-term contract with St. Louis County Police Department. Lt. Schafer stated that the City of Black Jack, Valley Park, Fenton, and Wildwood had long-term contracts.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson remarked that she observed that it took a while for officers to respond to incidents. Councilwoman Brown remarked on the speedy response time and experience with officers.

Councilwoman Clower stated that she received feedback from residents who are uncomfortable with using the website to report an issue or felt that their complaint was not being followed up on. Lt. Schafer stated the complaints made are best done by phone call or email. He stated the following can be done to the complainant directly, to a councilperson, or from a supervisor to an officer.

2. Comments by the public. (Please sign in. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance.)

Louise Glen, 9608-9612 Balboa Drive, called a police officer several times to get help with trash on street. She was instructed to call City Hall. Mayor Austin stated that the street in question was the responsibility of unincorporated St. Louis County and the City could provide the telephone number to get in contact with someone. She asked Ms. Glen to leave her telephone number with the City Clerk.

Dr. Kimberly Morton, 8338 Osborn Avenue, reported the dumping of trash and weeds in Ward 3. She asked who she should report the enforcement of occupancy permits, dogs, and fences to. Dr. Morton reported that there was a small house-like shed in the driveway off Fletcher. Mayor Austin stated that it could be reported to Schona McClellon, Director of Housing, in the Building Department to be investigated.

Marietta Beck, 5476 Hodiamont Avenue, followed up on three problems on the 5400 block of Hodiamont Avenue. She wanted to know what was happening with the sinkhole in the middle of the block, approximately 5458 Hodiamont Avenue. Following up on some properties she previously reported: 5426 Hodiamont Avenue with cars in the back yard, there are five (5) cars parked there, 5458 Hodiamont Avenue squatters are there and vehicles are parked on the property, and 5454 Hodiamont Avenue, that may have been granted a temporary permit while the owners were supposed to fix the house. It has had a broken window on the front porch for two months and no improvement on the property.

Mayor Austin stated that Schona will follow up with the private property and Capt. Mann will follow up on the street. Jim Maixner, Public Works Director, stated that it was a sewer lateral issue, and the owner of the property was responsible, which was turned over to the Building Department. Mayor Austin stated it was a sewer lateral issue in which an application must be filled out by the homeowner, and it was no longer a Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) issue. Schona stated that the vehicles at 5426 Hodiamont were in the system.

Councilwoman Clower asked if there are several cars parked on the lawn like at 5458 Hodiamont Avenue that need to be tagged, and who did the tagging. Schona clarified if on private property, then it must be addressed by the Building Department but if they are parked on the street, the Police Department must be notified.

3. Councilmember's Reports (Reports are limited to 10 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance)

Councilman Stichnote thanked Jim for getting the signs advising against the feeding of ducks and speed bump placements in Koeneman Park. He asked about the parking lot lights. Jim stated that it should be done the following week. Councilman Stichnote asked about the speed bumps on Solway Avenue. Jim stated the traffic study for Solway Avenue had already been completed and they should be placing one near Dever Drive soon.

Councilman Stichnote reminded everyone to vote on Proposition U in the April municipal general election to help the City generate revenue and that it will not raise its taxes by supporting the proposition.

Councilman Stichnote asked Capt. Mann to give a report. Capt. Mann reported that assaults with firearms and violent crimes were down. He reported some troubling trends with assaults that could be contributed to domestic violence and fights in the high school. Capt. Mann stated that the Police Department was monitoring the uptake in assaults. He reported that the Police Department was working with resource officers in the high school that may be a gang-related crime. Capt. Mann reported that property crimes continue to decrease. Robberies and burglaries are down compared to 2021. Capt. Mann addressed the website email address and stated that it was helpful for the precinct to see the complaint and track it. He offered that those who are not wanting to use the email address to submit a complaint, may call the dispatch or call him at the precinct. Capt. Mann addressed the squatter issue from the complaint from Ms. Beck. He stated that it was investigated and there was no evidence of squatters at the time. It is difficult to catch after the fact and advised everyone to call during the time the incident is noticed.

Councilwoman Clower requested more patrols on Janet Avenue to assist with speeding drivers. Capt. Mann stated that he was getting numerous requests for patrols or services. He advised that if officers are not seen patrolling, then understand that they are responding to calls. Councilwoman Clower expressed resident concern that they do not see officers in the evening. Capt. Mann stated that he would put in a call to make sure that officers are visible.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that she attended the memorial service of former State Representative, Cora Faith Walker.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson also attended the St. Louis County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) town hall meetings. Where the County received feedback on how to spend and how much to spend of the funds. She stated that the deadline for the survey was March 25, 2022.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson remarked that the City's use of the ARPA funds should be used to help residents and improve the homes in Jennings.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson thanked Public Works for cleaning up the debris near Glendale Avenue and Huiskamp Avenue. She also thanked Public Works for patching up a pothole on Sharidge Drive.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson thanked Schona for helping with the resident that was operating an at-home car repair lot on Dorwood Drive. She reported that the area looked much better. She reported to Schona that on Boyce Place, a grey car that used to park in the middle of their yard has stopped parking in the yard and is parked in the driveway.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that the Marlon Owens memorial and scholarship giveaway would be on Thursday, March 31, 2022, at 5 p.m. at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, 5300 Helen Avenue.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that she was still confused about Alexandria Place, but a bunch of associations were set up and she knew she saw a check. She wanted to know from Mayor Austin what a check for \$2,000 for legal fees was for.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that there were two pitbull dogs for four days at Koeneman Park but they were finally apprehended. The next day, she received a phone call about another pitbull dog that was running loose in Jennings.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that she sent some questions to Mayor Austin regarding ARPA funds that were never answered. Mayor Austin stated that she would follow up the following day.

Councilman Wilson thanked St. Louis County Police for their presentation and their service to the Jennings Community.

Councilman Wilson requested that two speed bumps that need to be removed at 2310 Ada Wortley and one near the entrance of the school on Ada Wortley. He requested that they be used for other areas where speed bumps have been pending.

Councilman Wilson reminded everyone of the municipal election coming up on April 5. He encouraged residents to go to the St. Louis County Board of Elections website for more information. He explained that the ballot language of Proposition C, much like Proposition U, stated that the City could receive approximately \$500,000 in Use tax revenue, not counting what the City could receive in Use Tax should Proposition U pass.

Councilwoman Brown thanked Capt. Mann for sharing patrol statistics with the City Council and for his service. She also thanked the Building Department for their efforts despite staffing shortages.

Councilwoman Brown remarked on the current inflation of prices at stores. She announced that the Urban League will be conducting another food giveaway on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 8960 Jennings Station Road. She stated that all were welcome and to bring extra bags for items not already packaged.

Councilwoman Brown stated that the City now has three community gardens at 5660 & 5662 Hodiament Avenue, Clifton Avenue & McLaran Avenue, and 2640 Belle Avenue in Ward 4. To get more information about the gardens, contact David Kuchenmeister or Carol Wuesthoff.

Councilwoman Brown reported that she has gotten questions regarding Proposition U and those residents are doing their research about the proposition.

Councilwoman Eichelberger thanked Mayor Austin for the proclamation for the unexpected passing of her nephew.

Councilwoman Eichelberger had reported last month about vehicle sales taking place in the Hawaiian Grill parking lot. She thanked the Building Department for following up on the complaint, there does not seem to be cars sales taking place in the parking lot.

Councilwoman Eichelberger reached out to Metro Bus for a bench on the east side of Lucas and Hunt Road.

Councilwoman Eichelberger attended the Neighborhood Watch meeting which had low participation. Officer Davis and another resident have agreed to offer help in setting people up to attend via Zoom to help with participation in the meetings.

Councilwoman Eichelberger reported that in partnership with her church, they are hosting Suits for Seniors to help outfit and prepare male seniors graduating from Jennings Senior High School for job interviews.

Councilwoman Eichelberger urged the City Council to actively think about ways to keep Jennings youth engaged.

Councilman Johnson remarked on the debris from car accidents left on roads like Jennings Station Road and West Florissant Avenue. He asked Mayor Austin if she could call St. Louis County for help removing the debris left at the intersection. Mayor Austin stated St. Louis County was not the only responsible party for the removal of debris, and that it was the responsibility of whoever tows vehicles away from car accidents to clean the area and the Velda City Police Department, if in their jurisdiction. Councilman Johnson asked if the City of Jennings, St. Louis County and whomever could come together in a collective effort to keep the streets clear.

Councilman Johnson stated that trailers and large trucks are parked all over the City and in residential areas. They need to be tagged and removed. He stated that there were some located on College Avenue and Minnie Avenue.

Councilman Johnson stated that the car shop on Carl Avenue and West Florissant Avenue has continued to be a nuisance. He stated that there were figuratively one hundred cars on the property and overflowing to the street.

Councilman Johnson thanked Capt. Mann, Jim, and Schona for responding to his previous complaints or reported issues. He apologized to the Youth Commission for not being able to attend the March Madness Event on March 26, 2022. He echoed Councilwoman Eichelberger and recommended to the City Council that they make an effort to support the events hosted by the Youth Commission by attending.

Councilwoman Clower remarked that it should not take two to three months to remove debris from a property. She stated that Ward 4 continues to see debris and issues.

Councilwoman Clower stated that she received a phone call from Mayor Austin in January 2022, telling her as a councilmember what to say and how to say it. Councilwoman Clower stated that she was an elected official, elected by the people and she does not work for the mayor. She stated that the mayor cannot tell her how to speak for the residents. Her concern was how the mayor treats other employees, if she does it to a councilmember then what is she doing to City employees.

Councilwoman Clower reported to Jim that 5654 Helen Avenue had trash in the back of the garage and had not been resolved. She reported that in a Jennings lot between Harney Avenue and Helen Avenue, there was trash on the lot near the alley, which was reported three months ago. At 5664 Hamilton Avenue, the backyard has trash, which was reported last month. In the lot between Harney Avenue and Hodiament Avenue, on the side street, there was a couch dumped. 5458 Hodiament Avenue, there are parked cars there and Schona stated that she would investigate the property.

Councilwoman Clower also reported in the alley between Janet Avenue and Jennings Station Road, has debris to be removed. In the 5300 block of Janet Avenue, there are several potholes on the street that need to be filled. At 5474 Janet Avenue, there is trash debris in the driveway. In the neighboring property to 5427 Helen Avenue was a couch dumped on the property. She reported that at 5615 Helen Avenue has a mattress that needed to be removed. 5665 Hodiament Avenue has a mattress in the backyard. Next to 5335 Hamilton Avenue was trash debris in the

front yard. At 5650 Hamilton Avenue, has a mattress in the front of the house. Near 5739 Wilborn Drive in the alley, there was trash that needs to be removed.

Councilwoman Clower remarked to Jim that she had not seen the street sweeper for the last two Thursdays.

Councilwoman Clower stated that Pastor Leonard Dennis will be missed.

Councilwoman Clower stated that there should be more parks in Ward 4 and asked for more information on the community gardens in Ward 4.

Councilman Turner thanked Mayor Austin for leading the community. He thanked Capt. Mann for response time to calls.

Councilman Turner thanked Jim for always responding to his calls. He asked Jim about the speed bump placement on Wescott Avenue. Jim stated that the speed bump was placed.

Councilman Turner reported the blue house on Helen Avenue with trash behind it. Schona stated that the property address was added to the MyGov system.

Mayor Austin asked Jim to speak on the street sweeper. Jim reported that a few months ago, the City lost its main operator for the street sweeper and the sweeper would not operate much in the wintertime due to its need for water to function. He stated that he has another sweeper operator that has been out sweeping the streets sporadically and the City should see it out more often.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Austin thanked council members who understand that the Building Department was operating with one Director, one Code Enforcement Inspector, and one Permit Clerk when there should be approximately nine employees in the department. She also reported that there was a temporary staff member and one new hire in the Administrative Assistant I role who should be able to assist.

Mayor Austin reported that the Police Department has initiated a community camera program. Residents and businesses who have cameras can register by form to let the Police Department know where they are located to help alleviate crime in the area. Council members may also participate by filling out the form.

Mayor Austin reported that the St. Louis Lambert International Airport has released a public input survey on their Master Plan on the City of Jennings website until March 30, 2022.

Mayor Austin stated that the invitation to bid for the City Center Project will begin Tuesday, April 5, 2022, and are due May 3, 2022. The invitation to bid is located on the City of Jennings website. Jim spoke on the sanitary sewer lines near the construction site which has outdated infrastructure.

Mayor Austin gave an update on the Xograph Avenue Warehouse. She stated that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be evaluating and assessing for a couple of weeks and then the site should take three months to clean the waste from the building. Mayor Austin stated that following the clean-up of the waste would be a second phase to clear asbestos from the site. The efforts of the EPA will be saving the City approximately \$1,000,000.

Mayor Austin reported that North County Fire & Rescue was hosting the Locks for Life program. The program entails free locks to place on front doors in the case of emergency of senior citizens in which first responders would know the lock number to enter the premises to keep those senior citizens safe. If any senior citizens would like to participate in the program, contact the North County Fire & Rescue Protection District. The Fire Department was always furnishing homes with smoke detectors by placing two in every house as requested.

Mayor Austin reminded everyone to be checking the City of Jennings website. She stated that Dianna Drake, Special Services Coordinator, did a great job of updating the website. Mayor

Austin brought attention to the employment opportunities in the City. She stated that help was needed in the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mayor Austin stated that the City was grateful to the groups that have met to discuss the use of the ARPA funds. She highlighted a few areas in which the ARPA funds would be used, like small businesses and the Ring Doorbell program for residents as outlined in the budget.

Councilwoman Clower asked Mayor Austin if she was a small business owner. Mayor Austin stated that she had enough sense to not apply for ARPA funds on behalf of her small business or nonprofit.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson remarked that she did not support the use of ARPA funds to assist small businesses. Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Wilson stated that they were in support of the use of ARPA funds for small businesses.

D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved the monthly departmental reports. All in favor; none opposed.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee – Councilman Wilson stated that there were multiple meetings in March on the 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th at 5 p.m. He reported that there was participation from council members not on the committee who attended the meetings. He commended department heads for being thorough and commended Deletra Hudson for taking on her dual role as City Clerk and interim Finance Director.

2. Public Works & Building Committee – Councilman Johnson reported that there was a meeting on March 22, 2022. The committee adopted three community gardens and discussed the grass-cutting contractors.

3. Parks & Recreation Committee – Councilman Stichnote reported that there was no meeting. He stated that each council member should pick one location in each ward where they would like to see a satellite park with the Park Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman Wilson asked if there has been any consideration for dog parks. Councilman Stichnote stated that it had been discussed in the past, but it had not been discussed recently.

Councilwoman Brown asked if the plan for the City Center project could be considered for a satellite park. Mayor Austin stated that it would most likely be, but not at this time. She stated that the focus was on completing the park plan that was already in motion.

4. Policy and Ordinance Committee – Councilman Turner reported that there was a meeting, and the committee discussed the Revised Fuel Policy. He stated that there was another agenda item but that no one was present to speak on it.

5. Municipal League – Councilman Wilson stated there was an Executive Board meeting one week before the General meeting, which was held on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the Manchester Recreation Center. He recommended to the City Council that they read the Legislative Update from the Municipal League.

6. Planning Commission – Councilman Johnson stated that the Planning Commission had no meeting.

7. Economic Development Board – There was no meeting.

8. Youth Commission – There was no meeting.

9. Senior Commission – There was no meeting.

F. LEGAL BUSINESS (Proposed Ordinances)

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE 2022-2023 BUDGET.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson for Bill #2678. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance.

Councilman Johnson asked if there could be an adjustment made to the police services contract. Councilman Wilson invited him to a Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss the police services contract.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Eichelberger, for the second reading. Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2678 became Ordinance #2614 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Rose Eichelberger, Gary Johnson, Joseph Turner, and Lorraine Clower; none absent nor opposing.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Revised Fuel Policy

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the Revised Fuel Policy. All in favor; none opposed.

2. Approval of the Police Service Contract

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved the St. Louis County Police Services Contract for \$4,109,070.94. All in favor; none opposed.

3. Approval of the Budget Amendment #3

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved Budget Amendment #3 for \$45,915 to the Park Sales Tax Fund for the Routine Maintenance and Park Improvements lines. All in favor; none opposed.

4. Approval of the IT contract

On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved the recommendation of the IT contract with Arch Tech LLC for \$57,000 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. All in favor; none opposed.

5. Approval of Disposal of Non-operational and Obsolete Equipment

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the disposal of non-operational and obsolete equipment. All in favor; none opposed.

6. Approval of a Special Event Permit – Norwood Hills Country Club Firework

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved the special event permit for Norwood Hills Country Club for a firework display on July 4, 2022. All in favor; none opposed.

7. Approval of a Special Event Permit – Ascension Charity Classic

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved the special event permit to host the Ascension Charity Classic PGA Tour at Norwood Hills Country Club, September 5-11, 2022. All in favor; none opposed.

8. Approval of a Special Event Permit – Marlon Owens Day/Jennings Senior High School Scholarship Giveaway

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the special event permit to host the Marlon Owens Day Scholarship Giveaway on March 31, 2022, at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. All in favor; none opposed.

9. Approval of the monthly bills for payment.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved the monthly bills for payment. All in favor; none opposed.

I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Austin thanked those who attended the meeting in person and via Zoom. She wished everyone a safe evening.

J. CLOSED SESSION, LEGAL AND PERSONNEL (RSMO 610:021-3)

On March 28, 2022, on the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved a closed session for Personnel (RSMO 610:021-3) by the following roll call vote of councilmembers voting in favor: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Johnson, Eichelberger, Turner, and Clower; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

Also, present were Mayor Yolanda Austin; Sam Alton, City Attorney; and City Clerk, Deletra Hudson.

PERSONNEL - The following actions were taken:

a. Suspension of Correctional Officer Kellye Still

Lt. Pervis Jones recommended Correctional Officer Kellye Still for a seven-day suspension due to violation of the Offensive Behavior Policy. After discussion, the City Council believed the offense could have been life threatening towards the inmate.


On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council voted to terminate Correctional Officer Kellye Still. The motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Johnson Clower and Turner; abstaining: Fountain Henderson, none absent nor opposing.

b. Additional Pay for the Interim Finance Director

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved the recommendation by Mayor Austin to give Deletra Hudson, City Clerk, additional pay for assuming the role of Interim Finance Director in the absence of a Finance Director. The pay rate will be retroactive to April 1, 2021, and continue until one month after the Finance Director position is filled, to allow for a transition. The recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Johnson, Clower and Turner; none absent, opposing nor abstaining.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council voted by roll call votes of the following council members to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m.: Allan Stichnote, Yolanda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Rose Eichelberger, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner; none absent; none opposed nor abstained.

Approved: 
Yolanda Austin, Mayor

Attest: 
Deletra Hudson, City Clerk