



Monday, October 24, 2022
OCTOBER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Jennings Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm - Hybrid (in-person at Jennings City Hall and virtual via Zoom)

When: Oct 24, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)
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Meeting posting date: _____ initials by: _____

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. PETITION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO CHRISTIAN LOMAX TO OPERATE A COFFEE SHOP KNOWN AS KOFFEE KO, LLC AT 1280 ST. CYR ROAD, IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.
PETITIONER: CHRISTIAN LOMAX

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 September 26, 2022

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS

1. Presentations
2. Comments by public. (Please sign in. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance.)
3. Councilmember's Reports (Reports are limited to 5 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, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO CHRISTIAN LOMAX TO OPERATE A COFFEE SHOP KNOWN AS KOFFEE KO, LLC AT 1280 ST. CYR ROAD, IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Approval of the resolution calling for an election
- 2. Approval of the placement of speed bump(s)
- 3. Approval of the Proposed ARPA Budget Amendment #3
- 4. Approval of a Special Event Permit - Turkey Giveaway
- 5. Approval of the Grant Consultant contract
- 6. 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
Jennings City Hall
Telemeeting Via Zoom Video
October 24, 2022
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

The two thousand four hundred and fortieth meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom Video.

A. PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing for the petition approving a conditional use permit and granting same to Christian Lomax to operate a coffee shop known as Koffee KO, LLC at 1280 St. Cyr Road, in the City of Jennings, Missouri.

Christian Lomax reported the coffee shop will be on the lot with Subway. The hours of operation will be Monday-Saturday 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will serve espressos, different flavors of hot cocoa, different flavors of teas and prepackaged pastries.

B. REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Council members present: Councilman Stichnote, Councilman Wilson, Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Morton, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Clower, Councilman Turner and Councilwoman Fountain Henderson joined at 8:18 p.m. (Via Zoom)

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

4. Approval of the Agenda

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved the agenda. All in favor, none opposed.

5. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2022

On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2022. All in favor, none opposed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS, AND REQUESTS

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

Cortez Holloway, 5329 College Avenue, stated since the last meeting he has seen some improvements. Mr. Holloway reported he hadn't heard any gun shots but has heard some lately three days in a row on Garesche Avenue.

Freddie Bracy, 7120 Idlewild Avenue, reported Councilman Johnson did a good job on the streets Friday. He stated a house at 7021 Beulah has been vacant a long time and it's boarded up. He stated a house at 7113 Beulah has furniture sitting outside on the street. Mr. Bracy asked what are you going to do about the Church on 5320 College Avenue. Mayor Austin stated the City of Jennings doesn't own it and she doesn't know right now how far behind the taxes are. Mayor Austin asked Kellie; Economic Development to check into that property.

Kevin Ingram, 5331 College, stated this was his first meeting and his parents have lived in the area for a while. He stated he took over the property and since then his only complaints are the shootings. He stated they need streetlights by the Church on College Avenue. He reported it's dark on Garesche and College going south. He reported one of his neighbors live by there and it's dark by her property. He stated he has seen a lot of stray dogs. Mayor Austin thanked Mr. Ingram and stated Jim will look into the lighting. Mayor Austin told Mr. Ingram if he has any addresses of where the dogs are, he needs to call the Building Department to report it.

James Williams, 5618 Hamilton, reported some of the yards that were overgrown have been cut. He stated there is still a lot of trees that need to be cut. Mr. Williams reported there's a manhole in front of his home and it has a bad odor. He reported he can't sit outside on the porch because of the horrible odor. He asked the Council when are they going to move forward on the abandoned and falling down buildings in the City of Jennings.

Teresa Lowman, 5513 Belridge, asked does the City still enforce the Pit Bull Ordinance. Ms. Lowman reported one of her neighbors has a pit bull and she allows it to run loose. Ms. Lowman asked who does she call at the City Hall about it. Ms. Lowman asked Councilman Johnson about his last interview with Elliott Davis, news reporter. She asked Councilman Johnson what's the issue with wanting the monument out of Koeneman Park when it's been there for three years. She reported Councilman Johnson voted in favor of putting it up. Ms. Lowman stated it's going to cost money to remove it. So she asked what's the issue.

Councilman Johnson stated the information Ms. Lowman has is incorrect and she needs to go back and watch the interview again. Councilman Johnson stated to Ms. Lowman she can call him and have a conversation. Ms. Lowman stated she doesn't have Councilman Johnson's phone number. Councilman Johnson reported his phone number is public and that she can call him and they can discuss the issue.

Carol Weusthoff, 2126 McLaran Ave, reported the Community Garden has a lack of organization and a minor number of participates. She asked the Council if they have suggestions on how to get things geared up like it was when they first started. She reported the garden is deteriorating every year and nobody seems to know who's in control. Ms. Weusthoff stated she would like to have some help from the Council Representatives on what they can or cannot do. She reported Clifton McLaran Garden won several awards from Gateway. She reported in the last two years the leadership has failed.

Mayor Austin asked Ms. Weusthoff to explain to the residents what they can do with the garden and where it's located. Ms. Weusthoff reported it was a vacant lot with an old historic house that was in disrepair. She reported it has been around about 15 years. Ms. Weusthoff reported they started off small and they've been adding within that last year or two. She reported they have a shed that holds all the tools, and they are welcome to use them. She stated they do ask the residents to help, participate, cut the grass and pull weeds.

Ms. Weusthoff reported sometimes they have Garden Competitions and she's looking for more participation and wants the City to spread the word on their website. She reported the garden has been good for the neighborhood. She reported any Jennings residents from any Ward can participate. Mayor Austin stated if anyone wants to participate, they can contact Ms. Brown. Councilwoman Brown reported Diana has been doing a good job with getting it into the news letters and Khianna did good on the flyer.

Joanne Clay, 5562 Albia Terrace, reported at the last meeting one of the councilmembers asked if anyone has been to the 3rd & 4th Ward. She asked the Council what did they see. Ms. Clay stated we don't need a City Hall or a Community Center. She stated if they do get a new City Hall why can't it be on West Florissant in the middle of all four Wards. She reported they are about to

get \$2.9 million and asked why they can't ask the residents what they want to do with the money. Ms. Clay reported she went to the community center and picked up a flyer talking about the Ward 1 & Ward 2 Listening Tour. She reported the flyer tells you when it's going to happen and what time, but had no phone number. She reported she called the City Hall. No one knew anything about it. She reported there was a flyer about riding with the officers in the day or evening which expired in September but is still up in October. Ms. Clay asked about the list of houses that are up for sale. Mayor Austin thanked Ms. Clay.

Mary Stockard, 7045 Lena Ave, asked the Council what are Jennings's priorities and how do they keep their citizens informed. Mayor Austin reported the website is updated. They have email addresses and have made announcements. Mayor Austin stated Ms. Stockard can leave her phone number and email and she has 2 Councilmembers in her Ward that she can reach out to, which are Councilman Turner and Councilwoman Clower.

Councilwoman Clower stated some councilmembers as well as herself are questioning what Jennings's priorities are. Councilwoman Clower stated they don't need a Community Center. She reported there's a lot of vacant homes and tall grass and that needs to be the priority. Councilwoman Brown reported the Comprehensive Plan has been in place since the 90's.

Helen Coffee, 7047 Lena Ave, stated she went to the meeting Saturday morning. She stated she doesn't think a new City Hall should be priority. She stated there's other things that need to be fixed in the community before they build a new City Hall. She reported they need speed bumps, signs need to be put up, illegal dumping signs. Ms. Coffee asked Mayor Austin what are they doing about illegal dumping. Mayor Austin reported they have been working on illegal dumping and it has improved in all areas. Ms. Coffee stated not in her area. Mayor Austin asked what area are you in, Ms. Coffee stated Fairview, right behind the school. Mayor Austin asked Schona, Building Department Director, to get the area that Ms. Coffee is talking about and to get back with her.

Culeta Hendricks, 8404 McLaran Ave, stated when the residents come up to speak, they don't just want to be listened to, they want answers when they ask questions. Ms. Hendricks asked what's the City Ordinance on loud music. She reported she called the police on Saturday they came by, but they didn't talk to the homeowner, they spoke to someone outside going into the home. She reported when the police left, the resident turned their music up louder and started insulting her. Ms. Hendricks asked Mayor Austin could she clean up the City before they build a new City Hall. Mayor Austin reported things have changed. She reported Jim now has more people that are working in his department.

Rose Hennings, 6340 Lalite Ave, stated she has called multiple times about the illegal dumping, and nothing has been done about it. She stated there's barriers down the street from her house and people are barbecuing in between them and leaving trash. Mayor Austin asked Jim if he can look at that area tomorrow.

Harriet Bennett, 5533 Wilborn Dr., stated she's been living in Jennings for 50 years. She stated with the time she's been here she has seen the City go down. She asked the Council what are they going to do about the abandoned houses and vacant lots. She reported it's embarrassing to have out of town people come in and see where she lives. Ms. Bennett stated instead of using the money for a new City Hall, fix the City. Mayor Austin asked Ms. Bennett for the addresses she has that are abandoned so they can be directed to Kellie Shelton.

Councilwoman Clower reported she's been fighting for abandoned houses, tall grass and dumping since she's been onboard. She stated she has reported all these things and drives by the neighborhoods constantly and still nothing has been done. Councilwoman Clower stated it's sad that they want to build a new Recreation Center when the 3rd and 4th Wards should be the priority. She stated it's sad that Mayor Austin isn't listening and can't respond to resident's questions and concerns. She stated it's sad when residents have questions and Mayor Austin refers them to someone else. Councilwoman Clower stated the residents need to continue to report because she is doing all she can for the 3rd & 4th Ward.

2. Councilmember's Reports (Reports are limited to 5 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance)

Councilman Turner -reported he met up with the police for Coffee & Cops at the White Castle. He reported Faith & Blue had a barbeque on Helen and it was very interesting. Councilman Turner reported he attended a couple parades. Councilman Turner stated the High School Parade went well and some of the residents were happy about it and some were sad. He thanked Jim and Public Works. He reported grass is being cut. Councilman Turner reported he received a call from Ms. Lowman stating there's trash being dumped all over. Councilman Turner stated he reported it, the Inspectors went out and sent a letter to the owner within a 7-day period. He reported there were two resident complaints, and both were sent out letters. Councilman Turner reported Saturday they did a clean-up, although it was the St. Louis County's responsibility. He stated it went well and there were volunteers.

Councilwoman Clower -stated faith without work is dead and work without faith is dead. Councilwoman Clower reported on the monthly report, Jim stated he cut 224 yards in the 4th Ward, and she received calls from pleased residents. She thanked Jim. Councilwoman Clower stated Jim still isn't giving her what she wants. She stated she's asking for a detailed report with the date, address, and the street he has cut.

She stated she's tired of asking for it. Councilwoman Clower asked Jim is there a status on putting the dumpsters in the 4th Ward. Councilwoman Clower stated she would like to set up a Public Works Meeting with Councilwoman Brown so they can decorate the City with lights for Christmas. Councilwoman Clower stated if residents have any police issues they can go online and report it. She said it works, and you can call in as well. Councilwoman Clower reported the 3rd and 4th Ward is going down and when you cross over it's like you're in a different city.

Jim stated at the last Public Works Meeting there was no location agreed upon on where to put the dumpsters. He stated there were different locations brought up but noone was never agreed on. Jim stated to Councilwoman Clower that the reports are on MyGov and at the last meeting that he said he can run the report off and give her the report. Jim stated all CouncilMembers can go on MyGov and pull the same report. Councilwoman Clower stated to Jim she needs a report that she can show to the residents, the date, address, and street.

Councilman Johnson -reported October 4th he attended City Hall with Stars with Stripes, and they received an award that was presented to the City. October 15th, he attended the Homecoming Parade and there should be some complaints even though it only made it to one and a half Wards. Councilman Johnson reported October 22nd he stumbled upon Prince Hall Masons on Jennings Station Road cleaning up, so he joined in. He reported later on that day he went to a meeting at Monument of Faith.

Councilman Johnson addressed Ms. Lowman; he stated what she's talking about happened in 2019. He reported he was elected in 2018 and was very ignorant at the time. He stated he voted because he thought he was doing right by supporting Mayor Austin. Councilman Johnson stated once he recognized what was going on he has since switched his thoughts and focus.

Councilman Johnson stated he is against a new City Hall because they have to pay \$700,000 a year for the bond, \$50,000 is coming out of General Revenue, \$75,000 is coming out of Parks, \$450,000 is coming out of Economic Development, and \$125,000 is coming out of Capitol Improvements. Councilman Johnson reported all the things the residents are asking to be fixed they are taking money from that to build a new City Hall.

Councilman Johnson stated the 3rd & 4th Wards are terrible and it was stated in the meeting that there are 1,200 vacant houses in Jennings. Councilman Johnson stated he wants to spend more than \$75,000 on demolition, he stated \$75,000 is only for about 5 houses. Councilman Johnson reported within one year the City residential property has gone down \$500,000 in value. \$1.4 million in commercial value has gone down as well. Mayor Austin thanked Councilman Johnson.

Councilwoman Morton -reported 2608 Kinamore Drive looks like it's going to fall off the stilts. 7150 Garesche Avenue the grass needs to be cut. Councilwoman Morton reported Osborne Drive the potholes are still there. She stated they've been talking about pavements for the last three months and still haven't had a meeting about it with Jim. Councilwoman Morton stated after this

meeting she wants to set up a meeting with Jim. Councilwoman Morton yielded the rest of her time to Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Johnson stated Councilwoman Clower is requesting a report from the Public Works Director. Councilman Johnson stated they are talking about the strategies, the implementations and processes that are not happening. Councilman Johnson stated the money is there and they are tired of excuses. Councilman Johnson stated he wants an audit and wants to know where the \$3 million Dollars in 3 years went.

Councilman Wilson -reported Ward 2 will be having a meeting on the 29th which is Saturday at 10 a.m. He stated there are flyers and reminders going out starting tomorrow. He reported there's also a Trunk or Treat after the meeting at Gary Gore. Councilman Wilson thanked the Police Department for agreeing to do updates. Councilman Wilson thanked Schona and her inspectors. He stated there was an issue with the fence behind Walgreens he called them, and they came out. Councilman Wilson stated he isn't in the right head space right now because of the school shooting that took place earlier.

Councilwoman Brown -thanked Mayor Austin and everyone that came out to share their opinions and questions. Councilwoman Brown addressed Officer Root, she stated his consistency in providing traffic study reports each month are essential and all efforts in giving quick turnarounds for request of speed bump installations. Councilwoman Brown reported on the Neighborhood Preservation Report, she stated it's impressive because its detailing 64 vehicles that were tagged and towed without incident. Councilwoman Brown thanked Officer Root for being a team player and helping the residents eliminate nuisances in our City.

Councilwoman Brown thanked Captain Mann for Coffee with Cops on October 5th. Councilwoman Brown reported it was one of the best, residents came out and maintained a high level of enthusiasm. She reported White Castle did their part by serving gracious hospitality and tasty food. Councilwoman Brown reported October 7th Friday evening, Officer Davis (1) and Officer Davis (3) and the members of the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church created a warm welcoming atmosphere. Councilwoman Brown reported they had an enjoyable time. She reported the Faith In Blue was a great celebration as well. Councilwoman Brown thanked the Departments Heads and their team that help get the information out to the residents. Mayor Austin thanked Councilwoman Brown.

Councilman Stichnote – reported there were 280 yards cut in the 4th Ward, 145 yards were cut in 3rd Ward, 19 yards were cut in the 2nd Ward, and 71 yards were cut in the 1st Ward. Councilman Stichnote reported 39 Glendale Court there's a pit bull running loose and there's also squatters living at that address. Councilman Stichnote stated bingo is coming Thursday October 27th at 11:30 a.m. He reported there will be no bingo in the month of November. Councilman Stichnote reported he attended the Faith In Blue at Metropolitan Baptist Church, it was a great turn out. Councilman Stichnote reported the Trunk or Treat is this Saturday it starts at 3 p.m. and ends at 5 p.m. He reported November 2nd between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. you can receive a booster shot at the Civic Center.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Austin thanked the Department Heads and their staff. She reported some Departments were short, but Jim has two temp services that he's working with to get more of the grass concerns addressed. Mayor Austin stated they do have about 12 vacant positions, so if you know someone who needs a job, they can apply with a hard copy or online for the Public Works Department. Mayor Austin stated they have additional inspectors that are going out to different areas to see if it needs to be cut and they are addressing those as much as they can. Mayor Austin stated if you need information by email or phone, call the City Hall and ask for her assistant Ms. Verna, and she will make sure each department gets that information to you. Mayor Austin stated she hears their concerns, and they are making progress. She reported there are changes being made with the additional staff.

D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote the City Council approved the monthly departmental reports. The City Council approved the monthly departmental reports by the following roll call vote of Councilman Stichnote, Councilman Wilson, Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Clower, Councilwoman Morton, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Turner and Councilwoman Henderson voted all in favor, none opposed.

Councilman Johnson stated he doesn't want to approve the Monthly Departmental Reports until Jim and the Public Works Department is sure that the report Councilwoman Clower is asking for she will receive. Councilman Johnson reported she has been asking for months. Councilman Johnson stated before he agrees to the Monthly Reports he needs to know if they are clear and have a full understanding on what Councilwoman Clower wants and are they going to take the steps to get there.

Jim stated he will run off a report and Councilwoman Clower will have that report with the list of the Jennings lots and dates. Councilman Johnson asked Jim when his staff looks at the list of addresses is there any way, they can make a duplicate form that can be attached to it, so that way Councilwoman Clower will have a separate report. Jim stated yes.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

All committee reports were included in packet

F. LEGAL BUSINESS (Proposed Ordinances)

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO CHRISTIAN LOMAX TO OPERATE A COFFEE SHOP KNOWN AS KOFFEE KO, LLC. AT 1280 ST. CYR ROAD, IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2695. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance.

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

Bill #2695 became Ordinance #2630 by the following roll call vote of the Councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Dr. Kimberly Morton, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner; none abstained nor opposed.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of the resolution calling for an election

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the resolution calling for an election. All in favor; none opposed.

2. Approval of the placement of speed bump(s)

On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved the placement of speed bumps. All in favor, none opposed.

3. Approval of the Proposed ARPA Budget Amendment #3

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson seconded by Councilwoman Morton, the City Council approved the ARPA budget Amendment #3. All in favor; none opposed.

Councilman Wilson reported there was a Ways and Means Committee meeting October 11th. He listed the additions/subtractions for the ARPA Budget Amendment.

4. Approval of a Special Event Permit-Turkey Giveaway

On the motion made by Councilwoman Clower, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved the Special Event Permit-Turkey Giveaway. All in favor; none opposed.

5. Approval of the Grant Consultant Contract

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved the Grant Consultant. Councilman Johnson opposed. By the following roll call vote Councilman Stichnote, Councilman Wilson, Councilwoman Brown, Councilman Turner and Mayor Austin voted in favor. Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Morton, Councilwoman Henderson and Councilwoman Clower opposed.

Councilman Jonson reported on the history of consultants in Jennings, he stated the last two that were signed has turned from one short period of time to an extended period of time. Councilman Johnson stated he has great concerns about the consultant proposal. Councilman Johnson asked what's the purpose of the consultant. He reported they didn't answer his question of what's their plan for Jennings.

Councilman Johnson asked is it just for the City Hall. Mayor Austin reported it's a Grant Consultant contract for the City Hall and grants. Councilman Johnson asked what grants are we going after. Councilman Johnson stated that the last consultant they had worked with them for a couple months and was getting a bunch of money out of the City and they also had an Inspector Consultant that showed up whenever he wanted. Councilman Johnson stated he is concerned. Councilman Johnson asked what are the grant needs. Mayor Austin stated it's for any grant that we may need for the City.

Councilwoman Clower stated to Mayor Austin they should hold off on voting because there's a lot of confusion right now and things aren't clear. Mayor Austin thanked Councilwoman Clower. Councilwoman Morton asked Mayor Austin does she know how successful the Consultant has been in grants and how many grants have they gone after that's been successful. Councilwoman Henderson asked what is the Consultant going to do. She stated they don't know what kind of grants to look for. She stated she thought they were hiring a grant writer. Mayor Austin reported it's the same thing as the grant Consultant. Councilwoman Henderson asked how many. Mayor Austin reported it's one company but it's three people that work within the company.

6. Approval of the Monthly Bills for Payment

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved the Monthly Bills.

I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Austin thanked everyone that came out and those that are still there. She stated if anyone would like to call her, make an appointment with her assistant so they can get a clear understanding on the concerns they have.

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

On October 24, 2022, on the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Morton, the City Council approved a closed session for Personnel (RSMO 610:021-3) by the following roll call vote of Councilmembers voting in favor: Councilman Stichnote, Councilwoman Fountain Henderson (via Zoom), Councilman Wilson, Councilwoman Brown, Councilwoman Morton, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Clower and Councilman Turner; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

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

PERSONNEL - The following actions were taken:

a. Internal Transfer of Code Enforcement Inspector

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the City Council voted to approve the recommendations from Schona McClellon, Director of Housing, to promote Leslie Johnson from a part time Code Enforcement Inspector to a full time Code Enforcement Inspector. The motion was approved by the following roll call vote of Councilmembers voting in favor: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson (via Zoom) , Wilson, Brown, Morton, Johnson, Clower and Turner; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining. **APPROVED**

K. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Turner, the City Council voted by the following roll call of councilmembers in favor of adjourning at 8:56 p.m.: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson (via Zoom), Wilson, Brown, Morton, Johnson, Clower and Turner; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

Approved:


Yolanda Austin, Mayor

Attest:


Deletra Hudson, City Clerk