



**CITY OF FLORISSANT  
CITY COUNCIL**

**WORKSHOP**

September 15, 2016



The City Council of the City of Florissant met in an open Work Session on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm. in the Council Chambers at the Florissant City Hall, 955 rue St. Francois, with Council President Jackie Pagano presiding. On Roll Call the following Council members were present: Caputa, Schildroth, Henke absent, Pagano, Schmidt, Siam, Lee, Joes. Eagan was excused. Also present was Mayor Schneider and City Clerk Karen Goodwin and City.

Councilwoman Pagano made a motion to amend the agenda to move the discussion of “litter” to before the discussion of “Economic Development”, seconded by Schildroth, motion carried.

Councilman Henke asked for a moment of silence for those who have suffered from the heroin epidemic.

Court building update - Lou Jearls, Public Works Director, Phil Lum Building Commissioner, and Judge Boyle.

Mr. Jearls stated that bids out for the asbestos removal and the demolition work for the new court building. A proposal is on its way for the digital sign so they can put it out for bids. Kaybee Electric is submitting a proposal on the parking lot lighting. Nova contracts are signed. The package for bids for the interior upgrade should go out in 60-90 days. Mr. Jearls reviewed additional information regarding the details of the upcoming bid process.

Spray Services is the contractor for the asbestos removal services. Discussion was had regarding some details of the asbestos removal and demolition. Discussed completion dates

Discussion was had regarding the design and finish of the court building.

Code Enforcement

Mayor Schneider stated that the administration is going to recommend a police officer for the code enforcement and a code enforcement officer in the upcoming budget

Councilwoman Pagano asked about grass cutting. Mr. Jearls stated that they are still having to remind people. The contractor for grass cutting has not been bid out yet.

Councilman Jones asked about the read only access to the public works database. He feels it would be easier on the council if they could look up houses when they are out in their neighborhood. Councilman Caputa agreed. Councilman Henke asked about a cost for a “scrubbed” version of the database. Councilman Eagan stated that he is concerned is what is available to the public. Mayor Schneider stated that the administration was not prepared to speak on this topic.

Councilman Lee discussed the process of reporting code violations. He stated that he doesn’t think the code specifies 30 days to comply. He discussed real estate assessed value history and in comparison to other cities. He presented maps showing the houses that have sold in the respective wards. He is concerned about the property values. He proposed taking a part time position at \$20 per hour, 20 hours a week for exterior drive by inspections. Mayor directed Mr. Jearls to work with Mrs. Brooks-White for a job description for a less experienced person to look for obvious violations.

Judge Boyle explained the process when a property gets to the courts. Council discussed several problem properties and some possible solutions.

## Litter

Councilman Siam expressed his concern about the excessive amount of litter especially in the commercial areas. He asked if other council members had the same issues. Councilwoman Pagano discussed a streetscape program she proposed working with the businesses to donate for a trash can (sponsor) bringing the school kids in to help as well. Councilman Henke discussed a possible “trash awareness” campaign. The Mayor suggested that education would be helpful. Councilman Eagan stated that he believes Bi-State has an adopt a bus stop program. He also encouraged the mayor to discuss enforcement of the littering ordinance with Chief Lowery. Councilman Siam suggested signage about littering. Mayor suggested using the digital signs to inform and educate the public.

5 minute break.

## Economic Development

Bob Russell, Economic Development Director gave an update on the pending new businesses. He stated that the restaurants have been held up by St. Louis County for their permits. Council discussed options. Mr. Russell discussed the jewel banquet centers, Grandview shopping center. Discussion was had regarding the new owner of Grandview shopping center.

Mr. Russell discussed the responsibilities of the Economic Development director. He maintains a database of available properties. The city is a subscriber of Datanet that provides the demographics of available properties. He gave a history of the economic development department.

Councilwoman Pagano asked about a service that will do demographics and do a “resume” for the city”. Mr. Russell stated that he is aware of this service and it will cost \$40,000 and there are no guarantees.

Council discussed economic development. Councilman Eagan discussed a sub-committee to help economic development. Eagan volunteered to be on the committee as well as Henke, Jones, Lee. Councilmen Schmidt and Siam also volunteered. Council discussed the makeup of the committee.

Council discussed the list of vacant commercial properties. Councilman Lee asked for a copy of the list that Mr. Russell developed.

Council discussed the committee make up and who wanted to serve on the committee. Councilwoman Pagano stated that she would take all of the comments into consideration and made a decision on the sub-committee at a later date.

Councilman Lee moved to call for a closed meeting to discuss real estate matters pursuant to Section 610.021(2) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, seconded by Jones. On Roll Call the Council voted: Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, Henke yes, Pagano yes, Schmidt yes, Siam yes, Lee yes, Jones yes and Eagan yes. Motion carried. The Council proceeded into closed session.

The Council discussed real estate matters.

Councilman Lee moved to open the closed executive session, seconded by Henke. On roll call the Council voted: Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, Henke yes, Pagano yes, Schmidt yes, Si-

am yes, Lee yes, Jones yes and Eagan yes. Motion carried. The City Council opened the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Schildroth motioned to adjourn, seconded by Eagan. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm.

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Karen Goodwin  
City Clerk