



**CITY OF FLORISSANT
CITY COUNCIL**



WORKSHOP

June 19, 2017

The City Council of the City of Florissant met in an open Work Session on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm. in the Arts and Crafts Room at the James J. Eagan Civic Center at #1 James J. Eagan Center Drive, with Council President Jackie Pagano presiding. On Roll Call the following Council members were present: Caputa, Schildroth, Henke, Pagano, Schmidt, Siam, Lee, Eagan. Jones was excused. Also present was Executive Assistant Cheryl Entwistle, Finance Director Randy McDaniel, Police Chief Tim Lowery and Public Works Director Lou Jearls. Permit Inspection Clerk Dianne Lehmann.

BUDGET-MID YEAR REVIEW

Mr. McDaniel reviewed revenue and discussed handouts.

Telephone Tax — Mr. McDaniel stated that the pattern since 2012 has decreased because this is basically an uncollected tax. Councilman Henke mentioned this is a battle for all municipalities. Mayor Schneider mentioned he will be attending a State Municipal League Meeting this Thursday in Columbia and will discuss this topic.

Golf Course — Mr. McDaniel pointed out that the numbers shown on this sheet appear down, when actually adding the numbers through May, compared to last year, the figures are up \$30,000 plus. This was due to the timing of the posting in finance. Tim Lee mentioned there is a committee meeting next Monday before the Council Meeting to discuss extending the golf cart lease.

Maintenance – Mr. McDaniel noted that the maintenance revenues are down \$33,000 — Now using two outside companies to cut grass.

Councilpersons Eagan and Pagano asked “Why are we not charging the same amount?” Councilwoman Pagano asked how the city can justify City vs. contractors cost being different. She feels that at all other meetings we were told that contractor and city charged the same. Staff noted that the city is allowed to recoup the cost of the service but no more.

Councilman Parson asked why are we using contractor as well as employees? Staff indicated that this was due to the volume.

Councilman Eagan would like to obtain a list of all city properties that we/contractors are cutting.

Councilman Lee asked Mr. McDaniel to let him know the turn-back amount from last year's budget.

Police

Chief Lowery and Captain Randy Boden discussed the police department budget. Council persons Pagano and Lee discuss the fact that the police department budget is the largest budget and they do not propose to change it. There is no way take they want to take away from public safety

Proposition P

Chief Lowery stated that they are looking at body cameras or vehicle cameras. They are also considering a shooting simulator for training and other equipment. They are reviewing LAGERS for a new retirement package. All of the money will be coming out of Prop P funds

Computer update

Steve Wiersmueller presented a recap on the Filemaker Pro work. Database development is limited and data redundancy is a problem. There is a discovery process with "skeleton key" going on now.

Propositions A&R update

Diane Lehmann and Lou Jearls discussed handouts provided. Mrs. Lehmann stated that there are 8,000+ rental properties, including apartments, and 498 still need to renew their rental licenses. They then reviewed the revenue vs. expenditure report for the Crime Free program.

Councilwoman Pagano would like to see a separate account set up for rental/vacant properties. Council does not want to see this go into General Revenue. This would be a separate fund. Council would like to draft a bill that all A & R Money be put into an A & R Funds only and establish a procedure to follow.

Councilmembers expressed a desire to see figures on the new cost for increased enforcement of the Crime Free program, not the existing costs of inspections, etc.

Councilpersons Caputa, Eagan and Pagano expressed a need to establish guidelines for the three strike rule.

Proposition S Update

Mr. Jearls gave an update on the funds generated by Proposition S and the major street repairs being scheduled. Mayor Schneider thanked Councilman Schildroth for keeping Prop S on the burner for 2 years. Councilman Schildroth added Councilmen Lee & Caputa's names.

Court Update

Phil Lum discussed handout presented. He stated that the bids came in very competitive and under the estimates by approximately \$440,000. Construction started June 12th, 2017. Councilman Lee would like to get together to discuss Item #2 (Landscape). Council would like to have more input. They do not understand why it has taken so long to get construction started.

Public Works Projects

Tom Goldkamp discussed handout presented. Councilmen Caputa and Siam would like a list of street lights that are being installed.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Lee moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Eagan. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 pm.

Karen Goodwin
City Clerk