

CITY OF FLORISSANT



COUNCIL MINUTES

September 19, 2017

The Florissant City Council met in regular session at Florissant City Hall, 955 rue St. Francois on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. with Council President Pagano presiding. The Chair asked everyone in attendance to stand and join Webelos Cub Scout Pack #829 in the reciting Pledge of Allegiance.

On Roll Call the following Councilmembers were present: Lee, Jones, Eagan, Caputa, Schildroth, Henke, Pagano, Parson and Siam. Also present was Mayor Thomas P. Schneider, City Attorney John Hessel and City Clerk Karen Goodwin. A quorum being present the Chair stated that the Council Meeting was in session for the transaction of business.

Councilman Lee moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2017, seconded by Parson. Motion carried.

Mayor Schneider announced the passing of actor Jeffrey Lloyd, a member of the theatre community who performed often at the Florissant Theatre. He was an active member of the Hawthorne Players and many other community theatre productions. He will be greatly missed by friends, theatre patrons, and family.

The Chair stated the next item on the agenda was Hearing from Citizens.

John Engelmeyer, 1281 Graham Rd., stated that he appreciated that the discussion of the proposed court building had been brought out into the chambers for the benefit of the public. He also stated that the recent Ward 5 & 7 Meetings were the most productive and open that he has ever attended. Conversely, the recent senior town hall meeting did not address any concerns/questions of the residents. He thanked Councilwoman Pagano and the City Clerk for responding to all this emails.

31 Paul Young, 525 Mullanphy, stated that the speeding on Mullanphy and Patterson Lanes
32 continued to be a problem has become quite dangerous. He thanked all law enforcement officers for
33 their service, especially the Florissant Police.

34 Brian Hallows, 695 Mescalero, expressed his concern about protecting service dogs and their
35 owners from aggressive, at large-dogs. He asked the Council to pass legislation that would enact this
36 type of protection. At the minimum, he asked for additional training for animal control employees
37 when dealing with these type of situations. Councilman Eagan responded to Mr. Hallows that he had
38 contacted the Director of Public Works to research the issue and he would be getting back to him in the
39 near future.

40 The next item on the Agenda was Communications of which there were none.

41 The next item on the Agenda was Public Hearings.

42 The City Clerk reported that Public Hearing #17-09-021 to be held this night on a request to
43 rezone the property located at 22 Floweridge Lane for Darin Tucker from R-4 Single Family Dwelling
44 District to R-6 Multiple Family Dwelling District to allow for the construction of a duplex had been
45 advertised in substantially the same form as appears in the foregoing publication and by posting the
46 property. The Chair declared the Public Hearing to be open and invited those who wished to be heard
47 to come forward.

48 Mr. Tucker, petitioner, 1365 Night Drive, appeared before the Council and gave a brief
49 overview of the proposed area to be rezoned. He stated that his wife's family owns an apartment
50 complex at Rosetta and Thompson and which he maintains. The adjacent vacant lot in question was
51 overgrown with trees and vegetation, which he found necessary to cut down and clean up for safety
52 reasons. Ultimately, he purchased the property and displayed "before and after" pictures to the
53 Council. He would now like to build a single level duplex on the site for additional income and for his
54 mother. The lot abuts all the apartment buildings on Thompson and his duplex will fit in nicely with
55 the apartment buildings. He was denied a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission.
56 He talked to all the neighbors and no one objected to the duplex. He submitted a petition sheet with all
57 the neighbors' signatures.

58 Councilman Eagan stated that this piece of property is very unique and located on the cusp of
59 residential property. The property northeast of the lot is a condominium complex. He supports the
60 new construction and noted that it would be contiguous to the existing "apartment type" structures. He
61 felt the duplex would be a good fit for the neighbored. Also, Mr. Tucker had not been notified in a

62 timely manner, causing him to miss the first Planning & Zoning meeting. P & Z denied his request at
63 the next meeting by a 2 to 3 vote without a full board present. Councilman Eagan felt the request
64 needed to be looked at by the Council.

65 Councilman Lee stated that the existing apartments are pre-existing non-conforming uses. The
66 duplex will not be located in an all single family residential neighborhood. Mr. Tucker hoped to bring
67 his mother to live in one side of the duplex and rent the other side.

68 Councilman Henke stressed that although it was not definitive, the final vote could have very
69 well been a different outcome if the P & Z Commission would have had a full board. He agreed that it
70 would be a positive proposal for this site and good for the area.

71 Councilman Schildroth noted that, historically, it was rare when the Council opposed the
72 recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission. But he felt in this case, the petitioner had
73 done due diligence with the neighbors and not been notified of the first P & Z meeting. He agrees with
74 Councilman Eagan.

75 Mike O’Fallon, Campion Lane resident, stated that he was very happy that a Florissant resident
76 was willing to invest in the city. Mr. Tucker keeps his property pristine and well cared for.

77 The Chair asked if there were any citizens who would like to speak on said public hearing.
78 Being no citizens who wished to speak, Councilman Eagan moved to close P.H. #17-09-021, seconded
79 by Caputa. Motion carried.

80 The City Clerk reported that Public Hearing #17-09-022 to be held this night on a request to
81 authorize an amendment to Special Use Permit No. 3472 to allow for an addition of a UPS business for
82 the property located at 1545 S. New Florissant Road had been advertised in substantially the same form
83 as appears in the foregoing publication and by posting the property. The Chair declared the Public
84 Hearing to be open and invited those who wished to be heard to come forward.

85 Pat Hardin, petitioner, appeared before the City Council and stated that UPS would like to
86 install an automated UPS – Access Point Locker at the Circle K Gas Station. When UPS has packages
87 that are undeliverable or when a customer is not at home, this program allows the residents to have a
88 secure, local, neighborhood location at which to pick up their package. The package will not be sent
89 back to Earth City so the customer won’t have to take off work to retrieve the package. The lockers
90 will be open 24 hours, well-lit and installed with three cameras. It is a safe way to pick up a package.
91 They currently have 6 Access Points installed in the metropolitan area.

92 In response to Councilman Schildroth's question, the petitioner explained how the process
93 would work. Mr. Hardin explained that if UPS can't leave a package, they will leave a notice with a
94 special number printed on it. The number can be used as a tracking device or a means to pick up the
95 package at the locker. At the locker, the customer scans in the special code and inserts his/her
96 identification. Once verified, the locker will open. There are several forms of identification that can
97 be used. If all else fails, a "live" call button will be available. There will be 68 lockers of various
98 sizes, all approximately 2 feet in depth. They hope to have the drivers visit the locker the same day
99 that the delivery attempt was made. This drop off at the locker would be approximately 5 p.m. so the
100 customer could pick it up the same day. Customers could also schedule a pick up/ drop off in advance
101 as well. Packages stay in the lockers for up to 7 days. Councilman Schildroth stated that he has
102 elderly constituents who have had their packages stolen in the past, especially during the holiday
103 season. He stated that he is in favor of this request.

104 Councilman Parson stated that he appreciated the convenience of this service. That being said,
105 he expressed his concern about the busy location of the gas station and the increase in traffic that will
106 occur. In response, the petitioner stated that they put approximately 15-20 packages a day in the
107 lockers at other locations, but it will depend upon the business flow at this location. There will never
108 be a parade of UPS trucks delivering or picking up at the gas station at the same time.

109 After the P & Z meeting, UPS contacted the gas station and suggested the possibility of
110 restriping their lot to increase the efficiency of the traffic flow. They agreed to monitor the flow and
111 make changes when necessary. UPS will remove the shrubs, level the site and install a concrete pad.
112 The landscaping will be replaced. The maximum time for installation will could be a week. Brightly
113 colored concrete bollards will be installed for protection and the unit will be ADA accessible.

114 Mr. Hardin stated that there are three cameras on site and are graffiti resistant. In the four states
115 that he covers, there has never been a robbery or incident. Most of the units are bolted into the
116 concrete and he will confirm that this is the case with this unit. The unit will be anchored according to
117 Florissant code.

118 Kevin O'Donnell, 512 Rancho Lane, asked if a customer subscribed to this service for a fee or
119 will it be automatic. Mr. Hardin stated that it was a free service. If a customer wanted to redirect the
120 package to another city, for example Kansas City, there would be a fee.

121 The Chair asked if there were any other citizens who would like to speak on said public hearing.
122 Being no other citizens who wished to speak, Councilman Schildroth moved to close P.H. #17-09-022,
123 seconded by Eagan. Motion carried.

124 Councilman Schildroth moved that Bill No. 9303 An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to
125 B-5 Ordinance No. 7582 to allow for exterior alterations including a blade sign for the property located
126 at 1232 Graham Road be read for a second time, seconded by Henke. Motion carried and Bill No. 9303
127 was read for a second time. Councilman Schildroth moved that Bill No. 9303 be read for a third time,
128 seconded by Parson. Motion carried and Bill No. 9303 was read for a third and final time and placed
129 upon its passage. Before the final vote all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard.

130 Kevin O'Donnell, 512 Rancho Lane, asked when the A & W portion would be opening. Mr.
131 Lee stated that they are open now. Before the final vote all other interested persons were given another
132 opportunity to be heard. On roll call the Council voted: Lee yes, Jones yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes,
133 Schildroth yes, Henke yes, Pagano yes, Parson yes and Siam yes. Whereupon the Chair declared Bill
134 No. 9303 to have passed and said Bill became Ordinance No. 8343.

135 Councilman Eagan moved that Bill No. 9304 An Ordinance to approve the final subdivision
136 plat of St. Sophia, dividing one lot into two lots for the property located at 936 Charbonier Road be
137 read for a second time, seconded by Siam. Motion carried and Bill No. 9304 was read for a second
138 time. Councilman Eagan moved that Bill No. 9304 be read for a third time, seconded by Caputa.
139 Motion carried and Bill No. 9304 was read for a third and final time and placed upon its passage.

140 Before the final vote all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard. On roll call
141 the Council voted: Lee yes, Jones yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, Henke yes, Pagano yes,
142 Parson yes and Siam yes. Whereupon the Chair declared Bill No. 9304 to have passed and said Bill
143 became Ordinance No. 8344.

144 Councilman Siam moved that Bill No. 9305 An Ordinance to authorize a Special Permit for a
145 digital sign for the property located at 2040 N. Highway 67 be read for a second time, seconded by
146 Henke. Motion carried and Bill No. 9305 was read for a second time. Councilman Siam moved that
147 Bill No. 9305 be read for a third time, seconded by Henke. Motion carried and Bill No. 9305 was
148 read for a third and final time and placed upon its passage. Before the final vote all interested persons
149 were given an opportunity to be heard. On roll call the Council voted: Lee yes, Jones yes, Eagan yes,
150 Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, Henke yes, Pagano yes, Parson yes and Siam yes. Whereupon the Chair
151 declared Bill No. 9305 to have passed and said Bill became Ordinance No. 8345.

152 Councilwoman Pagano moved that Bill No. 9307 An Ordinance appropriating the Community
153 Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for the 2017 Fiscal Year for the City of Florissant be read
154 for a second time, seconded by Caputa. Motion carried and Bill No. 9307 was read for a second time.
155 Councilwoman Pagano moved that Bill No. 9307 be read for a third time, seconded by Siam. Motion
156 carried and Bill No. 9307 was read for a third and final time and placed upon its passage. Before the
157 final vote all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard. On roll call the Council voted:
158 Lee yes, Jones yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, Henke yes, Pagano yes, Parson yes and
159 Siam yes. Whereupon the Chair declared Bill No. 9307 to have passed and said Bill became
160 Ordinance No. 8346.

161 The next item on the agenda was Board Appointments.

162 Councilman Henke moved to reappoint Patty Sosa, 690 rue St. Francois, to the Landmark
163 Historic District Commission as a member from Ward 6 for a term expiring on 4/28/2020, seconded by
164 Eagan. Motion carried.

165 Councilman Parson moved to reappoint Loretta Ashford, 3010 Newgate, to the Citizens
166 Participation Committee as a member from Ward 8 for a term expiring on 4/9/2018, seconded by
167 Schildroth. Motion carried.

168 Councilwoman Pagano moved to accept the Mayor's appointment of Nadia Williams, 2318
169 SuCasa, Apt B, to the Youth Advisory Commission as a member from Ward 2 for a term expiring on
170 9/19/2020, seconded by Jones. Motion carried.

171 Councilwoman Pagano moved to accept the Mayor's appointment of Nalani Williams, 2318
172 SuCasa, Apt B, to the Youth Advisory Commission as a member from Ward 2 for a term expiring on
173 9/19/2020, seconded by Jones. Motion carried.

174 Councilman Schildroth introduced Bill No. 9308 An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to
175 Special Permit No. 3472 to allow for an addition of a UPS business for the property located at 1545 S.
176 New Florissant Road and said Bill was read for the first time by title only.

177 Councilman Eagan introduced Bill No. 9309 An authorizing an appropriation of \$900,000 from
178 the General Revenue Fund to Acct. No. 4050 "Professional Services" to cover expenses from a class
179 action agreement and said Bill was read for the first time by title only.

180 The next item on the Agenda was Council Announcements.

181 Councilman Parson informed the residents that he supports a foundation that fights pediatric
182 cancer. The Quasi Prince Foundation started in Florissant and supports families and children with

183 brain tumors. On December 10th from 9-11 a.m. they will be hosting a free pancake breakfast at the
184 Eagan Center. He reminded residents to establish a “Florissant Five,” which involved asking residents
185 to establish a relationship with at least 5 of their neighbors on their street. Getting to know your
186 neighbors and establishing personal relationships helps to decrease crime in the neighborhoods.

187 Councilman Schildroth informed residents that St. Louis County was almost finished working
188 on the Washington Street Project. Also, he asked citizens to have patience with the Graham Road
189 construction. He stated that the recent 5 & 7 Ward Meeting was very well attended and very
190 informative. The Fall Festival will be held October 8th in Old Town. He commended Councilman
191 Parson on his excellent speech which he gave at the recent 9/11 memorial service. He thanked all the
192 police officers for the extra hours worked and their dedication to citizens’ safety.

193 Councilman Lee commented on the excellent new sound system installed in Council Chambers.
194 The Fall Festival, to be held October 8th, will have numerous events scheduled all day for people and
195 pets of all ages. He congratulated City Attorney John Hessel on being named “Lawyer of the Year.”

196 Councilman Jones stated that he is not happy with the city’s contracted trash service and the
197 promises they failed to keep. Also he encouraged residents to volunteer/donate to the T.E.A.M. Food
198 Pantry.

199 Councilman Eagan announced that the Florissant Police Benevolent Association will be hosting
200 a golf tournament on 9/29 at the Florissant Golf Club.

201 Councilman Caputa stated that Suicide Prevention Awareness Walk and Softball Tournament at
202 St. Ferdinand Park were very successful and attendance has increased over last year. Also, he
203 encouraged residents to secure their firearms and not leave them in their vehicles. All residents should
204 leave their porch lights on for added security. In regards to the recent news articles regarding
205 Florissant, he felt the Council should have been made aware of the recent changes in personnel.

206 The next item on the Agenda was Mayor Announcements.

207 Mayor Schneider stated that the recent disc golf tournament at Dunegant Park was very well
208 attended and a great success. He congratulated Councilman Parson on the well-attended and successful
209 Prince Foundation parade held in Florissant. The recent Senior Town Hall Meeting held on
210 September 14th at the Eagan Center was very well attended. Christian Hospital will be investing in a
211 new Siteman Cancer Center at the Florissant Campus scheduled to open in 2019.

212 The next City Council Meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

213 Councilman Caputa moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Henke. Motion carried. The
214 meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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220 The following Bills were signed by the Mayor:

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Bill No. 9303 Ord. 8343

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Bill No. 9304 Ord. 8344

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Bill No. 9305 Ord. 8345

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Bill No. 9307 Ord. 8346

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Karen Goodwin, City Clerk