

**CITY OF FLORISSANT  
CITY COUNCIL**

**OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

December 11, 2017



The City Council of the City of Florissant met in open Executive Session on Monday December 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm. in the Council Conference Room 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, Pagano, Parson, Siam, Lee, Jones and Eagan. Also present was Mayor Schneider, City Clerk Karen Goodwin and City Attorney John Hessel.

The chair stated that the first item on the agenda was a presentation from the Disability Awareness Commission. Ginger Mulanax, Chair of the Disability Awareness Commission, stated introduced the other members of the commission that were in the audience. She stated that the commission wanted to make a recommendation regarding training for how to handle situations that involve service animals. Mrs. Mulanax provided a definition of a service animal. She stated that there are federal regulations on how to handle service animals. A recent incident with a service animal indicates that training is needed for the city staff. The Commission is asking the City Council to direct city agencies to refresh or provide training for the handling of service dogs.

Councilman Eagan stated that the police receive limited training about service dogs. He asked if there are certain markings or identification for service dogs. Mrs. Mulanax answered that some dogs are tattooed on their ears or thighs and microchipped. Not all dogs are required to have identification. Mrs. Mulanax provided a copy of the state statute that addresses service dogs to the city council.

Mr. Jearls stated that he would welcome a refresher course for his employees. Mrs. Mulanax stated that she would recommend a refresher course to be offered once a year. Councilman Parson asked if the commission had anyone to recommend in mind to provide training. Mrs. Mulanax stated that they would do some research and work with Mr. Jearls to set something up.

Councilman Jones asked about requiring a certain color vest. Mr. Hessel stated that he would look into this issue. Mrs. Mulanax stated that the way she reads the statute, the city could not be more stringent than the state. One commission member stated that some service animal training schools provide ID's with the training.

Justice Center Update

Lou Jearls, Public Works Director, stated that the project is moving along well. He stated that the contractors are working well together and there is a possibility that they may finish a little earlier than scheduled. Mr. Jearls provided pictures to the council of the progress that has been made at the justice center. He also provided a 3 week "look ahead" schedule and a cost breakdown.

Council discussed the digital sign and the efforts to get a better price for 3 instead of 1.

Councilman Parson asked about the indoor and outdoor lighting. Mr. Jearls stated that the cost estimate is for LED lighting.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Caputa motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jones. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

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Karen Goodwin  
City Clerk