

CITY OF FLORISSANT



COUNCIL MINUTES

October 24, 2022

The Florissant City Council met in regular session at Florissant City Hall, 955 rue St. Francois on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with Council President Eagan presiding. The Chair asked everyone in attendance to stand and join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

On Roll Call the following Councilmembers were present: Caputa, Schildroth, Mulcahy, Pagano, Parson, Siam, Harris, Manganelli, Eagan. Also present was Mayor Timothy Lowery, City Clerk Karen Goodwin, and City Attorney John Hessel. A quorum being present the Chair stated that the Council Meeting was in session for the transaction of business.

Councilman Manganelli moved to approve City Council Budget Meeting Minutes from October 3, 2022 and October 12, 2022 and City Council Meeting and Executive Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2022, seconded by Caputa. Motion carried.

The Chair stated the next item on the agenda was *Proclamations*.

Sid Statun, President of the Missouri Purple Hearts Association, read about the Purple Heart Award from then and now. He noted Florissant is the 156th city to be dedicated as a Purple Heart City. Mayor Lowery was presented a plaque for the City of Florissant for their dedication and support of veterans. Mayor Lowery noted this was a great honor for the residents, veterans on the Council, and the VFW Post and Commander. The City Clerk read the Proclamation in its entirety.

The City Council and Mayor presented a Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness. The City Clerk read the proclamation in its entirety.

The City Council and Mayor presented a Proclamation for Extra Mile Day. The City Clerk read the proclamation in its entirety.

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

Ashley Bernaugh, 523 Chapel Cross Dr, noted she is the president of the PTA at Jana Elementary School. She stated she would like the Council and City's support in the coming months as they find a new place for students to attend school in person and wait for Jana Elementary to become a safe place once again.

The Chair stated the next item on the agenda was *Communications*.

1. Letter received October 18, 2022 from Ann Schultz regarding Patterson Road and motorized vehicles on the trail.

2. Letter received October 19, 2022 from Leticia Word regarding Patterson Road and motorized vehicles on the trail.

The Chair stated that the next item on the agenda was *Public Hearings* of which there were none.

The Chair stated that the next item on the agenda was *Second Readings*.

Councilman Mulcahy moved that Bill No. 9823 an Ordinance authorizing an amendment to Special Use Permit 8751 to allow for an outdoor cooking area for Kingston 10 located at 1157-1159 N. Highway 67 be read for the second time, seconded by Caputa. Before the vote, all interested persons were given an opportunity to speak.

Councilman Mulcahy moved that Bill No. 9823 be read for a third time, seconded by Parson. Motion carried and Bill No. 9823 was ready for a third time and placed upon its passage. Before the final vote, all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard.

On roll call the Council voted: Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, Mulcahy yes, Pagano yes, Parson yes, Siam yes, Harris yes, Manganelli yes, and Eagan yes.

Whereupon the Chair declared Bill No. 9823 to have been passed and become Ordinance No. 8830.

The Chair stated the next item on the agenda was *Board Appointments*.

Councilman Mulcahy made a motion to appoint Dan Sullivan, 510 Clark, was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission as a member from Ward 5 with a term expiring on October 24, 2026. Seconded by Schildroth, motion carried.

Councilman Harris made a motion to appoint Lou Jearls, 1355 Swallow Ln, was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission as a member from Ward 1 with a term expiring on October 24, 2026. Seconded by Caputa, motion carried.

The Chair stated the next item on the agenda was *Requests*.

Councilman Parson moved to approve the Request for a Full Liquor by the Drink license for Plush Lounge located at 12667 New Halls Ferry Road, seconded by Eagan.

John Hessel, City Attorney, noted he did not take this position lightly and noted Mr. Koroma's politeness during conversations. Mr. Hessel stated he became aware of an amendment to the Articles of Organization for Plush Lounge Hookah, LLC which was recently filed indicating a recent business partner who is a convicted felon. He noted, per State Law and City Ordinance, a liquor license cannot be issued when a business partner is a convicted felon. Mr. Hessel stated his advice is to deny the liquor license for Plush Lounge.

On roll call the Council voted: Caputa no, Schildroth no, Mulcahy no, Pagano no, Parson no, Siam no, Harris no, Manganelli no, and Eagan no. Motion carried, liquor license failed.

The Chair stated that the next item on the agenda was *Bills for First Reading*.

The Council as a whole introduced Bill No. 9824 an Ordinance adopting the budget for the City of Florissant for the fiscal year commencing on December 1, 2022 and ending on November 30, 2023 and providing for its effective date was read for the first time.

Councilman Eagan introduced Bill No. 9825 an Ordinance to amend Title II, Chapter 245 “Parks & Recreation” of the Florissant City Code, section 245.180 “Fees for Use”, to adjust fees for use of various park facilities.

The next item on the Agenda was *Council Announcements*.

Councilman Schildroth noted Wards 5 and 7 will hold their annual meeting on November 9, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Municipal Court Building, 4575 Washington.

Councilman Parson reminded residents of the joint Ward 8 and 9 on Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30pm at the James J. Eagan gymnasium. Mr. Parson sends his condolences for those effected by the Central Visual and Performing Arts School shooting.

Councilman Manganelli thanked everyone who attended the Food Truck Knights for the year. He wished his wife a happy birthday.

Councilman Caputa called on the Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Elected Officials, to clean up the Jana Elementary site and the Federal Elected Officials. He noted these organizations need to step up and clean up so these students can go to school together and not be split between schools.

Councilman Eagan noted there were two vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Commission, one which was vacated by Mr. Tim Lee. He thanked Mr. Lee for his years of service on the commission and the City Council.

The next item on the agenda was *Message from the Mayor*.

Mayor Lowery stated he is completely supportive of every comment about Jana Elementary School and needs the trust for the students to be safe back in the school and it is not conducive for them to be split between different schools. He thanked Ashley Bernaugh for her work and dedication to the students. Mayor Lowery noted he has received many calls about the 10% increase that Spire would like to put on gas bills and he has sent a letter to the Missouri Public Service Commission. He stated the letter notes this is not a good time for an increase in gas bills after Covid. On Sunday, November 6, the city will have their Veteran’s Day Parade beginning at 1pm and the Florissant Veteran of the Year is Ron Scanlon. The Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit will be coming to Florissant on


97 Saturday, November 19 from 10:30 am to 3:30pm at the James J. Eagan Center with a ceremony at
98 1:30pm.

99 The Council President stated the next regular City Council Meeting will be Monday, November
100 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

101 Councilman Siam moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Schildroth. Motion carried. The
102 meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Karen Goodwin, MPPA/MMC/MRCC
City Clerk

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107 The following Bills were signed by the Mayor:

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Bill No. 9823

Ord. No. 8830