



CITY OF FLORISSANT  
BUDGET MINUTES  
OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2016



The City Council met on Saturday, October 22nd, 2016 for a budget work session on the FY 2016-17 proposed budget at 8:30 am in the Council Chambers at 955 rue St. Francois. Council members in attendance included: Schildroth, Henke, Pagano, Schmidt, Siam, Lee, Eagan, Caputa and Jones. Also in attendance were Mayor Thomas P. Schneider, Director of Finance Randy McDaniel and City Clerk Karen Goodwin. Council President Pagano stated that a quorum was present and the meeting was brought to order.

Courts: Judge Dan Boyle, Court Clerk Anna Davis

Judge Boyle gave a brief description of the operations of the judicial department. He stated that the recall of the warrants has increased the work load over the past year. He stated that there may be a new Supreme Court rule that could require one of the clerks to be segregated to handle prosecutor roles. This interpretation is being evaluated and the rule does not go into effect until July 1<sup>st</sup>. He asked that the staff person who was planned to be cut, not to be cut.

Councilman Caputa asked if this is state or federal legislation. Judge Boyle answered that this is a state rule. The rule is 37.04 best practices. Court will have to certify that they are operating under best practices. Judge Boyle stated that there would be a local court rule and implementation.

Councilman Eagan asked if this new legislation was an offshoot of Senate Bill 5. Judge Boyle stated that this is a different rule but addresses some of those issues. Councilman Eagan asked if the courts would be agreeable to opening up the new building for other courts in other municipalities.

Councilman Henke asked if the new Crime Free bill would impact the courts. Judge Boyle stated that the number of cases may increase.

Councilman Jones asked about the reduction red light cameras. He stated that this was the reason that pulling a clerk from courts to public works came up.

Mayor stated that the part time person that was being borrowed by public works will be returned to courts.

Council discussed the talks with other municipalities about using the court facilities.

8:54 - Golf Course, Todd Schmidt, Don Ryan, Andy Sprunt

45 Todd Schmidt gave a brief overview of the proposed budget for the golf course. They are  
46 asking for a full time employee to replace a part time position and a bump in pay for the golf  
47 course manager. He explained the various changes in the budget.

48 Councilman Lee made a statement from the Golf Course sub-committee. Goals have been set  
49 and it looks liked they will be meeting those goals.

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51 Councilman Lee asked about the reduction of the part time salaries in anticipation of adding a  
52 full time person. He asked if they could object to more part time help.

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54 Mr. Ryan discussed the advertising efforts and the results. Loyalty cards, coupons.

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56 Councilman Jones stated that he feels the golf course has come a long way. He is not in favor of  
57 additional raises or employees.

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59 Councilman Henke presented some information about the golf course in relation to other parks  
60 amenities offered to the residents.

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62 Councilman Eagan asked what the requested raises amounted to. Club house manager –  
63 \$5,200 increase, FT positions – step 1 grade 2. The number of rounds and tournaments has  
64 increased. Council discussed the improvements the golf course has made over the past year.

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66 Andy Sprunt discussed the equipment being requested. Council discussed.

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68 9:45 - Parks and Recreation – Todd Schmidt, Bob Laramie, Cheryl Thompson

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70 Todd Schmidt gave a brief overview stating that there are no changes in the civic centers  
71 budget.

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73 Summer playground budget stays the same.

74 Pools Salaries – season is not changing. Only increase on is increase in utilities.

75 Aquatic center – no changes

76 Parks – No changes – part time park employees moved to the park improvement fund.

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78 Park improvement fund – merchandise reduced. Increases in building maintenance .

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80 Councilwoman Pagano asked about future plans for Koch park. Cheryl Thompson stated that  
81 the integrity of the pool is such that adding to it would be throwing money away. The pool is  
82 losing approximately 8000 gallons a day which is significantly less than it was. Council discussed  
83 repairs of Koch pool. Councilman Eagan asked about the possibility of replacing Koch pool with  
84 a splash pad.

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86 Councilman Lee asked about the life of the pool facilities. He said they need to start thinking  
87 about a long term strategy for the replacement or repair of the pool facilities. He asked when  
88 the last time the lake was dredged. Mr. Schmidt answered that it was in 1999. Mr. Lee asked if

89 the lake should be dredged at the same time the lake will be drained. He would like to see  
90 some estimates for dredging.  
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92 Councilman Lee stated that he thought that the council had discussed not putting salaries in  
93 park improvement fund as well as insurance money as well.  
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95 Council discussed a potential agreement with the City of Hazelwood for park facilities. The  
96 discussed the usage of the pools.  
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99 10:31 am -Public Works. Lou Jearls, Kathy Blasingame, Gary Meyer,, Aaron Tossey,, Phil Lum,  
100 John Druelinger, Greg Koester, Tom Goldkamp.  
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102 Lou Jearls gave a brief overview of the proposed budget and gave highlights of the changes.  
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104 Health Department  
105 Councilman Lee asked about the overtime being requested. He suggested that a contractor  
106 should be used for the grass cutting. Lou jearls promised to get a bit out for grass cutting.  
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108 Greg Koester asked for support of an additional C-person.  
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110 4800 account. Public Works -Lou Jearls gave an overview of the changes in personnel being  
111 proposed.  
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113 Councilwoman Pagano asked about the definition of a code enforcement inspector.  
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115 Councilman Lee asked about the classification of capital improvement. He also asked about the  
116 revenue coming in from propositions A&R– would it be prudent to separate out the revenue  
117 and the expenditures from A&R. Council discussed how the money received from A&R would  
118 be used and accounted for.  
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120 Capital Improvement – Capital additions. Council discussed street lighting.  
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122 Street fund - anticipating \$1.5 m. Councilman Lee asked for a list clearly noted that the funds  
123 from Proposition S were used.  
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125 Sewer Lateral – no changes – no capital additions. Lee asked how many sewer laterals have  
126 been done and how many have been denied. Lee asked about the code enforcement officer for  
127 the sewer lateral. Lou Jearls stated that this position is replacing the civil engineer position.  
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129 Theater – Sean Robertson, Theater Director  
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131 Sean Robertson gave a brief background and introduction. He presented a brief overview of his  
132 proposed budget. He discussed the grants and aid received by the various entities who support  
133 the arts.

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135 Additional funds are being requested for the St. Louis Family Theatre. The Junior League had a  
136 partnership with the City of Florissant. The Junior League has withdrawn from the Family  
137 Theater series. He explained that they do not want to loose the family theater series which is  
138 why he is asking for the funding.

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140 Councilman Caputa asked about the attendance, Mr. Robertson answered that the attendance  
141 went down briefly but is back up to a good level at this point.

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143 Councilman Lee asked if the city would continue to pursue the grants. Sean answered yes.  
144 \*\*Councilman Lee asked about adding back into the summer playground theater program. Mr.  
145 Robertson stated that he would he like to have it put back in.

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147 Media – Kerry Luster

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149 Kerry luster said that his budget is mostly the same except for a slight increase for the  
150 contractors. He has looked into the audio situation. He plans to bring in an engineer to go  
151 through the equipment to find out what the problem is. Council discussed the issues with the  
152 sound system and speakers.

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154 Housing Department – Carol O’Mara

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156 Presented her budget as presented and asked for the staff back that was cut in last years  
157 \*\*budget. She asked for a part –time volunteer coordinator and eventually the full time  
158 position back. She also asked for a change of the the administrative assistant position to a  
159 community development specialist and moving it from grade 4 to grade 5.

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161 Police Department – Chief Lowery, Major Boden.

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163 Chief Lowery gave an overview of the proposed budget. The change to 12 hours shifts should  
164 help with overtime.

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166 \*\*Councilman Schildroth asked about additional speed signs. He discussed asking for 2  
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169 Mayor asked about putting a digital information sign at the police department. These signs are  
170 in key locations for communicating to the public. He said they may want to ask the council for  
171 an additional \$20,000 for signage.

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173 \*\*Chief Lowery stated that the motorcycle program has gone over well this year and has not  
174 included in his budget. Each bike is approx - \$17,000.

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176 \*\*Councilman Lee asked if they had enough park police, Chief stated that they could always use  
177 more and they have a retired officer they could hire right now if they had a position.  
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179 Senior Department  
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181 Randy gave an overview of the Senior Department Budget. He addressed the request for  
182 funding for an appreciation lunch for the tax preparers.  
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184 Administration Budget  
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186 Randy McDaniel reviewed the budget and discussed the city attorney's fees. He stated that he  
187 may have to come back and ask for more before the end of the year.  
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189 Mr. McDaniel gave an overview of the 2017 Expenditure highlights. Councilman Lee asked  
190 about the outstanding debt and when they would be paid off.  
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192 \*\* Mr. McDaniel requested that the charge card fees for parks be added to parks professional  
193 service acct. 4750.  
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195 Councilwoman Pagano asked if the city bid out the insurance. Mr. McDaniel stated that the  
196 insurance was bid out. Council discussed dependent coverage increases as opposed to the  
197 increase pay.  
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199 Council discussed long term solutions to the declining revenues and increased expenses.  
200 Council discussed potential early retirement ideas.  
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202 Councilman Eagan asked that Mr. McDaniel to research some ideas for early retirement. Mr.  
203 McDaniel asked for some direction from Mr. Lee.  
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205 Mayor discussed the possibility of reinstating the property tax. Mr. McDaniel stated that he  
206 would have to check into whether or not it is possible to reinstate without passing it again.  
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208 Council President Pagano stated that the next meeting will be on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2-16 at 6 pm in  
209 the Council Chambers.  
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211 There being no further discussion, Councilman Lee moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by  
212 Schildroth, meeting adjourned at 2:16 pm.

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Karen Goodwin  
City Clerk