

# CITY OF FLORISSANT



## COUNCIL MINUTES

December 14, 2020

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, the Florissant City Council met in a virtual meeting through a Zoom platform on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. with Council President Schildroth 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: Siam, Harris, Manganelli, Eagan, Caputa, Schildroth, Mulcahy, Pagano and Parson. 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.

The City Attorney explained that the meeting was being conducted remotely because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic emergency. He stated that under the Sunshine Law, Section 610.015, when an emergency existed, the members of the City Council who are not physically present in the Council Chambers, can participate and vote remotely on all matters.

Councilman Siam moved to approve the City Council Minutes of November 23, 2020, seconded by Parson. Motion carried.

The next item on the Agenda was *Proclamations*.

A proclamation was presented for Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

The next item on the Agenda was *Hearing from Citizens*.

Ronda Sims, 510 Durwood, thanked Councilman Schildroth discussing the concern of traffic and reckless driving on 270 and the intersection of St. Anthony and St. Catherine. Ms. Sims requested a greater police presence in the area to help reduce the issues with speeding and reckless driving.

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

The next item on the Agenda was *Public Hearings*.

The City Clerk reported that Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant for amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan, the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Action Plan and the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan regarding the CARES Act/COVID19. The Chair declared the Public Hearing

32 to be open and Housing and Community Development Director, stated the City of Florissant received  
33 first and third round funding from the Federal Government Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic  
34 Security Act. The funding can be used to prepare for, prevent, and/or respond to COVID-19. The City  
35 of Florissant’s Citizen Participation Plan has been revised to: include virtual hearings, update types of  
36 declared disasters, provide possible details on possible actions, include provisions relative to  
37 Consolidated Plan citizen participation and Community Development Block Grant and HOME  
38 Investment Partnership and Emergency Solutions Grant, make minor edit that do not change current  
39 citizen participation policies, and use tools necessary to address ever changing needs.

40 Being no citizens who wished to speak, Councilwoman Pagano moved to close the Public  
41 Hearing, seconded by Caputa. Motion carried.

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

43 Councilman Mulcahy moved that Bill No. 9643 an Ordinance amending Chapter 125  
44 “Personnel”, Article V “Complaints and Grievances” by adding a new Section 125.270 “Citizens Police  
45 Review Board – Composition, Duties, and Procedures” and renumbering accordingly be read for a  
46 second time, seconded by Schildroth. Motion carried and Bill No. 9643 was read for a second time.  
47 Councilman Siam moved that Bill No. 9643 be read for a third time, seconded by Manganelli. Motion  
48 carried and Bill No. 9643 was read for a third and final time and placed upon its passage.

49 Marvin Tobias, 1826 Woodridge Ln, stated concern with standards for use of force in Chapter  
50 125 “Personnel”.

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

53 Whereupon the Chair declared Bill No. 9643 to have passed and said Bill became Ordinance  
54 No. 8657.

55 Councilman Eagan moved that Bill No. 9644 an Ordinance of the City of Florissant, Missouri,  
56 Amending Title II “Public Health, Safety and Welfare”, Chapter 210 “Offenses” Article II “Offenses  
57 Against the Person” by adding a new Section 210.200 “Regulations Concerning Laser Pointers” be read  
58 for a second time, seconded by Pagano. Motion carried and Bill No. 9644 was read for a second time.  
59 Councilman Eagan moved that Bill No. 9644 be read for a third time, seconded by Caputa. Motion  
60 carried and Bill No. 9644 was read for a third and final time and placed upon its passage.

61 Councilmen Harris and Parson stated concern with Section B regarding persons under the age of  
62 18.

63 Before the final vote all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard. Marvin  
64 Tobias stated other cities refer to the use of laser pointers rather than the possession of laser pointers.

65 On roll call the Council voted: Siam yes, Harris no, Manganelli yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes,  
66 Schildroth yes, Mulcahy yes, Pagano yes, and Parson no.

67 Whereupon the Chair declared Bill No. 9644 to have passed and said Bill became Ordinance  
68 No. 8658.

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

70 Councilman Manganelli made a motion to reappoint Don Adams, 240 Francisca Dr., to the  
71 Traffic Commission for a term expiring on December 14, 2024, seconded by Eagan. Motion carried.

72 The Chair stated that the next item on the agenda was Requests.

73 Councilman Parsons made a motion to approve the request to authorize a transfer of Special Use  
74 Permit no. 8152 from U & J Green Ent. Inc. d/b/a Jay's Lounge to Plush Hookah LLC. d/b/a Plush  
75 Lounge for the operation of a Restaurant/Lounge located at 12667 New Halls Ferry Road, seconded by  
76 Schildroth.

77 Prince Koroma, petitioner, stated the location will be a lounge and bar with the potential to be a  
78 hookah lounge later if the correct ventilation is installed. Plush Lounge will have complete renovations  
79 prior to opening which is tentatively scheduled for February 2021.

80 Motion carried and the application was accepted.

81 Councilman Parson made a motion to approve the request to authorize a liquor by the drink  
82 license for Plush Hookah LLC d/b/a Plush Lounge located at 12667 New Halls Ferry Road, seconded  
83 by Councilwoman Pagano. Before the final vote all interested persons were given an opportunity to be  
84 heard.

85 Being no persons who wished to speak, on roll call the Council voted: Parson yes, Siam yes,  
86 Harris yes, Manganelli yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, Mulcahy yes, and Pagano yes.  
87 Motion carried.

88 The Chair stated that the next item on the agenda was Resolutions.

89 Council members Eagan, Caputa, Schildroth, Mulcahy, and Parson introduced Resolution 1022  
90 "Resolution of the city council of the City of Florissant endorsing encouraging reasonable  
91 accommodations to the current orders impacting bars and restaurants." Councilman Eagan made a  
92 motion for a seconding reading, seconded by Schildroth. Motion carried, Resolution 1022 was read for  
93 a second time. Councilman Eagan made a motion for a third reading, seconded by Mulcahy.

94 On roll call the Council voted: Parson yes, Siam yes, Harris abstain, Manganelli yes, Eagan yes,  
95 Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, Mulcahy yes, and Pagano yes. Motion carried, Resolution 1022 was read  
96 for a third time. Before the final vote all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard.

97 Being no persons who wished to speak, on roll call the Council voted: Parson yes, Siam yes,  
98 Harris yes, Manganelli yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, Mulcahy yes, and Pagano yes.  
99 Motion carried Resolution 1022 passes.

100 Council members Eagan, Manganelli, Caputa, Schildroth, Mulcahy, and Parson introduced  
101 Resolution 1023 “Resolution of the Florissant City Council encouraging St. Louis County not to  
102 increase the speed limit on Howdershell Road.” Councilman Eagan made a motion for a second  
103 reading, seconded by Manganelli. Motion carried, Resolution 1023 was read for a second time.  
104 Councilman Eagan made a motion for a third reading, seconded by Mullachy.

105 On roll call the Council voted: Parson yes, Siam yes, Harris yes, Manganelli yes, Eagan yes,  
106 Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, Mulcahy yes, and Pagano yes. Motion carried, Resolution 1023 was read  
107 for a third time. Before the final vote all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard.

108 Being no persons who wished to speak, on roll call the Council voted: Parson yes, Siam yes,  
109 Harris yes, Manganelli yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, Mulcahy yes, and Pagano yes.  
110 Motion carried, Resolution 1023 passes.

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

112 Councilman Parson introduced Bill No. 9646 an Ordinance authorizing a transfer of Special Use  
113 Permit no. 8152 from U & J Green Ent. Inc. d/b/a Jay’s Lounge to Plush Hookah LLC. d/b/a Plush  
114 Lounge for the operation of a Restaurant/Lounge located at 12667 New Halls Ferry Road and said Bill  
115 was read for the first time by title only. Councilman Parson moved that Bill No. 9646 be read for a  
116 second time, seconded by Pagano. Motion carried and Bill No. 9646 was read for a second time.  
117 Councilman Parson moved that Bill No. 9646 be read for a third time, seconded by Caputa. On roll call  
118 the Council voted: Parson yes, Siam yes, Harris yes, Manganelli yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes, Schildroth  
119 yes, Mulcahy yes and Pagano yes. Having received the unanimous vote of all members present Bill  
120 No. 9646 was read for a third and final time and placed upon its passage. Before the final vote all  
121 interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard.

122 Being no persons who wished to speak, on roll call the Council voted: Parson yes, Siam yes,  
123 Harris yes, Manganelli yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, Mulcahy yes and Pagano yes.  
124 Whereupon the Chair declared Bill No. 9646 to have passed and said Bill became Ordinance No. 8659.

125 Councilman Schildroth introduced Bill No. 9647 an Ordinance amending Chapter 120, “Boards,  
126 Commissions and Committees” for the purpose of establishing an Economic Development Commission  
127 and said Bill was read for the first time by title only. Councilman Schildroth moved that Bill No. 9647  
128 be read for a second time, seconded by Eagan. Motion carried and Bill No. 9647 was read for a second  
129 time. Councilwoman Pagano moved that Bill No. 9647 be read for a third time, seconded by Caputa.

130 On roll call the Council voted: Parson yes, Siam yes, Harris yes, Manganelli yes, Eagan yes,  
131 Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, Mulcahy yes and Pagano yes. Having received the unanimous vote of all  
132 members present Bill No. 9647 was read for a third and final time and placed upon its passage. Before  
133 the final vote all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard.

134 Being no persons who wished to speak, on roll call the Council voted: Parson yes, Siam yes,  
135 Harris yes, Manganelli yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, Mulcahy yes and Pagano yes.  
136 Whereupon the Chair declared Bill No. 9647 to have passed and said Bill became Ordinance No. 8660.

137 Councilman Schildroth introduced Bill No. 9648 an Ordinance amending Chapter 125,  
138 “Personnel”, section 125.265 and section 125.270 for the purpose of clarifying grievance procedures  
139 and said Bill was read for the first time by title only.

140 The next item on the Agenda was Council Announcements.

141 Councilman Harris informed the City Council of a combined Ward 1 and Ward 8 meeting on  
142 Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 7 pm via Zoom.

143 Councilman Manganelli wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

144 Councilman Eagan stated the city lost a long-time resident, Mr. Ken Sizener, a Florissant Valley  
145 Firefighter. T.E.A.M. is asking for donations of money or canned goods for the holidays.

146 Councilman Caputa encouraged everyone to secure firearms, not in your vehicle, and to  
147 continue to be responsible. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

148 Councilman Mulcahy encouraged everyone to support local small businesses during the  
149 holidays. He reminded everyone to not leave cars running and unattended in the mornings. Mulcahy  
150 wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

151 Councilwoman Pagano wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

152 Councilman Parson mentioned the combined Ward 1 and Ward 8 meeting on Wednesday,  
153 December 16, 2020 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

154 Councilman Siam reminded Ward 9 residents of a ward meeting on Tuesday, December 15,  
155 2020 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Siam reminded everyone to wear masks, social distance, and use sanitizer to  
156 stay safe and healthy.

157 Councilman Schildroth noted on December 9, 2020 a notice of intent was posted at city hall and  
158 on the city website to change the city pension plan for the City of Florissant employees. Schildroth  
159 thanked the residents of Ward 4 for attending the virtual ward meeting.

160 The next item was Mayor Announcements.

161 Mayor Lowery thanked the council members for reminding residents regarding the vehicles left  
162 running.

163 Mayor Lowery thanked the council members part of the Citizen's Police Review Board for their  
164 hard work and dedication on the ordinance.

165 Mayor Lowery wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

166 The Council President stated that the next regular City Council Meeting will be Monday,  
167 January 11, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

168 Councilman Schildroth moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Harris. Motion carried.  
169 The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

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The following Bills were signed by the Mayor:

176 Bill No. 9643 Ord. 8657

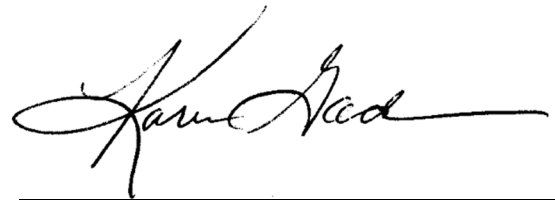
177 Bill No. 9644 Ord. 8658

178 Bill No. 9646 Ord. 8659

179 Bill No. 9647 Ord. 8660

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Karen Goodwin, MPPA/MMC/MRCC  
City Clerk