



CITY OF ST. PETERS BOARD OF ALDERMEN
LEGISLATIVE WORK SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 30, 2016

The Legislative Work Session was called to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at the St. Peters Justice Center located at 1020 Grand Teton Drive. The following were present: Mayor Pagano; President of the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Reitmeyer; Alderman Hollingsworth; Alderman Bateman; Alderman Thomas; Alderman Violet; Alderman Shea; Alderman Barclay. Also present were Russ Batzel, City Administrator; Cathy Pratt, Manager Staff Support Services; Randy Weber, Special Counsel; Patty Smith, City Clerk; and Nikki Strong with Strong Consulting Group LLC. Alderman Aytes arrived at the meeting in progress at approximately 5:15 p.m.

NEW LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE – NIKKI STRONG

Ms. Nikki Strong with Strong Consulting Group LLC provided a legislative overview and update on the November 8, 2016 election results and the current legislative landscape. She spoke of her meeting in October with Eric Greitens (current Governor-Elect) and his priority being the passing of Right to Work legislation; and the unknowns of the future Administration. Ms. Strong advised she will continue to monitor things at the Capitol in Jefferson City, and will provide future updates. Mayor Pagano inquired about whether or not the Right to Work measure would occur as a ballot proposal; however, Ms. Strong firmly indicated that this would not be an option. Ms. Strong recommended to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen an informal meet and greet with the newly elected State Senator Bill Eigel of District 23, and State Representative Phil Christofanelli of District 105; and to meet with other state elected officials throughout the year. Ms. Strong will coordinate the scheduling of this with City Administrator Batzel.

DISCUSSION/AFFECTING 4TH CLASS CITIES – MAYOR PAGANO

Mayor Pagano expressed his concerns about possible future legislation being drafted that would affect certain benefits of elected officials of Fourth Class City's, in light of recent City of Wentzville discussions. After a brief discussion, Ms. Strong agreed to only keep watch for any legislation regarding this topic and will update the Mayor and Board of Aldermen should anything be filed related to this topic.

LENGTH OF FILING TIME FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – MAYOR PAGANO

Mayor Pagano discussed the goal to draft legislation to shorten the length of the candidacy filing period requirement for municipal elections of non-partisan government; to have filing begin the first Tuesday in December and end the third Tuesday in December prior to the April General Municipal Election. He recalled his previous presentation at the 2015 Legislative Work Session and would now like to move forward with this item. Mayor

reported that at the recent St. Charles County Municipal League meeting, most of the elected officials were receptive of this proposed change. Draft language was handed out for discussion. It was agreed that this year would be much better timing to propose this change, although Ms. Strong emphasized the importance of being prepared to explain the necessity of this change and what the concerns are with the current legislation. It was noted that this change would increase the length of the campaign period. The conclusion was to communicate to the Legislators the intentions of the proposed legislation with brief talking points on the benefits; and provide a list of supporters to include the St. Charles County Municipal League members and perhaps the City Clerks group.

ALLOCATE PORTION OF THE SPECIAL INSURANCE FUND FOR SENIOR PROGRAMS – HOLLINGSWORTH

Alderman Hollingsworth discussed a Special Insurance Tax of 2 percent levied in Missouri, where 1 percent goes toward education and the other one percent goes into the General Fund. He stated that the Mid East Area Agency on Aging would like to see 20 percent of the 1 percent which goes into the General Fund, be re-allocated toward Senior Services, where an estimated \$41ML could be collected the first year. Alderman Hollingsworth emphasized that this would be a re-allocated tax and not a new tax. If the Board of Aldermen agrees, he would like to see legislation to re-allocate these funds to benefit the seniors. Ms. Strong will discuss this on Monday in her meeting with the Chief of Staff to the Budget Chairman for some feedback regarding this idea.

NON-AGENDA ITEM DISCUSSION

Alderman Barclay discussed two (2) non-agenda items, with one concerning proposed legislation to remove individual's dates of birth from voter registration records to protect citizens identity; and the other regarding the abandoned homes issue, which have been ongoing concerns previously discussed during former Board and Legislative Work Sessions.

Alderman Barclay recounted previous City resolutions adopted, urging the General Assembly to support prohibiting dissemination of a person's date of birth to the public; and Alderman Thomas added, to protect certain personal information contained in the state's birth records from disclosure. It was agreed to provide copies of these adopted Resolutions to Ms. Strong and Special Counsel Weber for preparation of language to introduce to the Missouri Legislature.

As a result of the abandoned homes discussion, it was mentioned that information from the recent National League of Cities conference was provided to City Administrator Batzel regarding a service group who assists municipalities free of charge in locating owners of abandoned homes. It was agreed that Mr. Batzel will move forward with contacting this group for further information.

Also, Alderman Barclay mentioned he is planning on submitting the Stillborn Baby Tax Exemption resolution to the Federal Government.

GOLF AND BANQUET CENTER CONSULTANT PRESENTATION – HUTSLER

Mr. Dan Emrick, Superintendent of Golf Course Operations recounted the process and gave an update on where the Consultant selection stands for the St. Peters Golf and Banquet Center project's request for proposal. A slideshow presentation given by Josh Mandell and Brennan Hartin of FGM Architects Inc. and Jim Wolterman, Landscape Consultant of SWT Design followed. Questions from the Aldermen concerning the conceptual plan were addressed. Mr. Batzel advised that this item will be placed on the December 15, 2016 Work Session and Regular Board of Aldermen meeting for consideration; and he gave an update of the timeline for this project.

MICROSOFT OFFICE LICENSE PRESENTATION – PRATT

Cathy Pratt, Manager Staff Support Services, gave a brief update regarding the Microsoft System License upgrade from Office 2007 to 2016; and explained that an upgrade will not be needed until 2025. This is a FY'17 budgeted capital purchase with \$127500 budgeted; six (6) bids were received. Staff will be recommending the low bidder in the amount of \$111860, to include new software for all city computers, which equates to 340 Licenses. Questions from the Aldermen regarding possible interface issues were acknowledged by Ms. Pratt, which will be addressed. This item will be presented at the December 15, 2016 Work Session and Regular Board of Aldermen meeting for consideration.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Batzel reminded the Board that the Pre-CIP planning meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2017 and that the full budget schedule will be sent out within the week.

Executive Session re: Litigation, Real Estate and Personnel, pursuant to Section 610.021 (1)(2)(3)(9)(12)(13)(14) & 610.022 (1-6)

No Executive Session was called at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia E. Smith
City Clerk