

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**  
**Monday, February 9, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR PAUL MARTI  
ALDERMAN CRAIG BACH  
ALDERWOMAN MAUREEN GRAVES  
ALDERMAN ANDREW STEWART  
CITY TREASURER CHARLES FUNK  
CITY ATTORNEY HELMUT STARR  
INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK DEBORAH LEMOINE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER- by Mayor Marti at 7:00 p.m. at the Webster Groves Christian Church.

ROLL CALL- showed that all Board members were present except Alderman Graville.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 12, 2009 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the January 12, 2009 Board of Aldermen minutes as submitted. There being none, Mayor Marti requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Bach so moved, seconded by Alderman Stewart. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2009 VOUCHER Treasurer Funk presented the finance report, including expenses related to the new park monument. The February voucher was reviewed. Alderman Stewart moved for the approval of the voucher, seconded by Alderman Bach. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of approving the voucher. Treasurer Funk excused himself from the meeting after being wished a Happy Birthday.

REVIEW OF A REQUEST FROM PREMIERE EYE ASSOCIATES TO LEASE SPACE IN THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 9859 BIG BEND- The Board heard a request from Larry Hetisimer, leasing agent for Dan Wind, that Premiere Eye Associates be allowed to lease space in the 9859 Big Bend building pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement governing use of that property. Mr. Hetisimer assured the Board that the use would comply with the parking regulations of the lease, which are five spaces per 1,000 square feet. Mr. Hetisimer noted that other tenants are currently underparking. The Board was satisfied that the use presented no problems in terms of parking or waste, and was consistent with the professional office uses allowed in the agreement, such as a dentist office. Alderman Stewart moved that the Premiere Eye Clinic use (with parking to comply with the one space per 200 square feet of leased space requirement) be allowed as consistent with the "professional office" uses set forth in the settlement agreement. A quorum was confirmed and Alderman Bach seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS- Officer Olsen reported on his research into the possibility of adding Oakland citizens to the system that makes calls to residents in Kirkwood. The cost and capacity to do this has not yet been determined. Kirkwood Electric, who owns the system, will keep the City updated. In the event that the police do send out a citizen alert in the future, City Administrator LeMoine will be notified so that a city e-mail alert can be sent.

REVIEW OF SIGN CHANGES AT BETHESDA - Mayor Marti invited those present from Bethesda to present their proposed sign changes at this point in the meeting. Don Cognata and Patrick Smith (Dale Signs) reviewed the proposed seven directional signs, the Big Bend entry sign changes (which lower the height of the sign), changing one existing sign to a wall sign, and a new sign on the face of the rehabilitation center. All proposed signs have been submitted to Mr. Hanser and as presented comply with the code. City Attorney Starr noted that the temporary identification sign on Big Bend may be approved by the Mayor, and the Mayor upon review of the application approved the sign. Bethesda will apply for permits for all other signs, except the directional signs which have been reviewed and will not require permits. Bethesda committed to putting the sign lights on timers if neighbor complaints are received.

#### RESOLUTION 2009-02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AUTHORITY FOR 2009 FUNDING OF CITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS The resolution was read by City Attorney Starr. A quorum was confirmed. The benefits of receiving CDBG funds was discussed. City Administrator LeMoine was asked to confirm that the language of the exhibit is made broad enough to cover removal of utilities from sidewalks, possible improved pedestrian access over the bridge, or sidewalk access in Loewnau Park. Alderwoman Graves moved and Alderman Bach seconded the Resolution which was approved 4-0.

#### SPECIAL DISCUSSION

1. Holmes Avenue Update: Alderman Bach updated the Board on the Holmes project. The Board was pleased with the format of the Public Forum, and reviewed all citizen comments from that meeting. Alderwoman Graves commended Mayor Marti for his explanation of the City's reasons for including sidewalks on both sides of the street, and the rest of the Board concurred that sidewalks on both sides are best for the City. Mayor Marti reported that the Library is in support of the changes on their property and will sign an agreement to that effect. The procedure for obtaining other easements was discussed. Alderman Bach explained that the possibility of adding another chicane is being reviewed by the engineer. The merits of chicanes to slow traffic were discussed. The Board expressed their commitment to work to slow traffic on Holmes, and Mayor Marti offered to meet with Chief Plummer to discuss the issue. Alderwoman Graves suggested exploring the option of a mirror on the hill to aid visibility, which the Mayor will explore with the Chief.

2. Designation of Emergency Contacts: The Board reviewed the need for emergency contacts for the City in the case of an emergency and unanimously decided that Mayor

Marti, Alderman Bach and City Inspector Hanser be named as emergency contacts with the authority to act on behalf of the jurisdiction and meet with local, state and federal disaster officials in the case a Declaration of Disaster is issued. The Board also authorized ordering 10 Red Cross Emergency kits for use by those named and others who have completed CERT training.

3. Review of Potential Cell Tower Fees: The Board expressed interest in charging fees for cell towers in the City to the extent allowed by law, and asked the City Administrator and City Attorney to look into the procedures to do this.

4. Review of salt status and approve purchase of additional salt: The City has only ten tons of salt remaining available with the City of Glendale. The City of Kirkwood has agreed to sell the City salt as needed for the remainder of the season for \$75 per ton. The Board unanimously approved this purchase.

5: Review Scope of Work for Backstoppers Irrigation Project: The Board discussed the merits of an irrigation system at the park and the funding offered by the grant (62.7k paid by grant, 43k by City) and approved the scope of project awarded by the Commission. The Board also determined that they would like to bid the addition of landscape for the memorial at the park at the same time.

6. Discuss projects for use of CDBG funds: The Board would like to explore the use of CDBG funds for utility pole removal from sidewalks, enhancing the pedestrian crossing at Oakland, and putting accessible park paths at Loewnau Park.

7. Discuss potential projects for federal funding: The Board reviewed efforts being made by East-West Gateway and the Municipal League to create lists of potential projects for federal stimulus funds. East-West Gateway will only consider a project on Sappington and the cost of seeking a grant for Sappington is estimated to be \$3,800. Because there is no cost in attempting to have projects listed on the County list, and because the Long Range Planning Committee and Board have already identified several projects in the City that are in need of funding, the Board authorized the City Administrator and Mayor to seek funding for previously identified storm sewer projects, Sappington Road Enhancements and Argonne Street and Culvert Improvements.

8. The City Administrator's Report was reviewed.

#### REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Alderman Graves noted that it might be desirable to someday enclose the playground area at Backstoppers Park.

Alderman Stewart noted that the new memorial at the Park is beautiful. He also suggested that in light of Scout volunteer efforts we might consider naming the new Minturn Park "Scout Park."

Alderman Bach noted that the City will be able to better guide Scout efforts in the new park after the design work is complete. He asked the City Administrator to check the status of the Landscape contract for the City. He asked the Mayor to confirm daily police patrols in the City when he meets with Chief Plummer. He noted that street repairs may be necessary this year on Madison and other locations due to water main breaks this

winter. He noted that there are now 6 CERT graduates in Oakland and suggested that kits purchased from the Red Cross be supplied to graduates and Aldermen for disaster response.

Mayor Marti had no additional comments.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

None.

A move to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Graves, seconded by Alderman Bach and carried 4-0.

These minutes accepted as submitted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

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Deborah LeMoine  
Interim City Administrator/Clerk

February Action Items:

Park Plan Grant Reimbursement

Contact Jay re inclusion of landscaping at Backstoppers Memorial

Order 10 Red Cross Kits

Review Landscape Contract and timing for next bid

Update no truck ordinance

Revise exhibit to CDBG contract

Talk with Weis re easement procedures, sprinkler heads in Backstoppers Park

Paul to talk with Chief Plummer

Look at cost last election on new tax

Look at possible new cell tower fees

Review new Ameren Agreement with HMS

Talk to utilities about moving poles from sidewalks

Confirm Business License Payments