

MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
Monday, June 8, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR PAUL MARTI
ALDERMAN CRAIG BACH
ALDERWOMAN MAUREEN GRAVES
ALDERMAN CHRIS GRAVILLE
ALDERMAN ANDREW STEWART
CITY ATTORNEY HELMUT STARR
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.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 11, 2009 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the May 11, 2009 Board of Aldermen minutes as submitted. There being none, Mayor Marti requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Graves. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval. The minutes of the May 11, 2009 closed session were then reviewed. Alderman Graville moved the approval of the minutes and Alderwoman Graves seconded the motion which carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 26, 2009 BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the May 26, 2009 Budget Workshop Minutes as submitted. There being none, Mayor Marti requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderwoman Graves. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2009 VOUCHER Treasurer Funk reviewed the finance report. The June voucher was reviewed. Alderwoman Graves moved to approve the voucher and Alderman Graville seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of approving the voucher.

CITIZEN COMMENTS- A resident from North Holmes expressed concerns about the sidewalks in the Holmes project and Alderman Graville addressed those concerns and the City's goals for the project.

PARK IMPROVEMENT UPDATE FROM SWT DESIGN- Jay Wohlschlaeger from SWT design presented an update on various park improvements. The Backstoppers project is expected to bid out by the end of June with construction to begin in late July or August including irrigation, drinking fountains, some pavement and benches by the playground (all partially funded by the Park Grant) and landscape around the memorial

which the Board authorized the Mayor to review and approve before bid requests are sent out. Backflow issues were reviewed with Code Enforcement Officer Hanser. Mr. Wohlschlaeger also reviewed the Park Plan Update for the Minturn property and the Board decided to hold the public hearing for that planning grant at the regularly scheduled July 13 meeting. The Board expressed a desire to keep the area very natural and preserve habitat.

REVIEW STREET IMPROVEMENT COST ESTIMATES AND AUTHORIZE BIDS

Alderman Bach reviewed cost estimates for improvements and repairs needed in the City, along with various options and the recommendations of Engineer Tom Weis. Pot hole concerns and attempted repairs were discussed by Code Enforcement Officer Hanser. Revisions of the options were discussed and noted. Alderman Bach moved for approval to send out a request for bids on the work with the revisions made by the Board. Alderman Graville seconded the motion which carried 4-0

ELECTION OF A BOARD PRESIDENT

Alderman Stewart nominated Alderwoman Graves to serve as Board President. Alderman Graville seconded the motion which carried 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING- A public hearing to approve the proposed 2009-10 budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 was opened by Mayor Marti. There were no citizen comments and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 771

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF OAKLAND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-10

Alderman Stewart moved for the first and second reading and subsequent passage of Ordinance 771, Alderman Graville seconded the motion, a quorum was confirmed and the ordinance was read by Attorney Starr. There was discussion regarding the appropriate expenditure for Street Improvements and Alderman Stewart moved to amend budget line 674 from \$70,000 to \$100,000, Alderman Graville seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 4-0. A quorum was confirmed and Attorney Starr read the ordinance a second time. The ordinance passed 4-0.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 772

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO EXECUTE LEGAL DOCUMENTS TO ADJUST THE LOT BOUNDARY OF PARK PROPERTY ON MINTURN AVENUE AND TO EXCHANGE LAND ALONG MINTURN AVENUE BY QUIT CLAIM DEED

Mayor Marti recused himself from this portion of the meeting. Alderwoman Graves took over as Board President. Alderman Stewart moved for the first and second reading and subsequent passage of Ordinance 772, Alderman Graville seconded the motion, a quorum was confirmed and the ordinance was read by Attorney Starr. There was discussion regarding the advantages to the City of the land swap including the creation of conforming lots and a more viable park property. Attorney Starr explained the legal

procedures involved. A quorum was confirmed and Attorney Starr read the ordinance a second time. The ordinance passed 4-0

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS- Mayor Marti rejoined the meeting and noted that there were no appointments at this time. Appointments were tabled until the July meeting by a vote of 4-0.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

1. Holmes Avenue Update. Alderman Bach and the City Administrator gave an update on the Holmes project. The City Administrator was authorized to have Skip Kincaid review the tree placement at 120 N. Holmes and determine if there might be a way to save the tree. She was also authorized to work with Kirkwood to make the final choice of retaining wall materials for the project. A meeting will be held on June 17, or as soon thereafter as A-date allows, to meet with owners who will need to sign TSCLs.

2. A Culvert Update was given by Attorney Starr who had reviewed documents provided to the City. Attorney Starr was authorized to send a letter to MSD advising them of the situation and to continue his research.

3. City Administrator's Report. The report was reviewed. The picnic will be scheduled for October on a date that does not conflict with the North Glendale Fun Fair. It was determined that a hearing to apply for CDBG funds would be held at the July meeting. The Board authorized Outdoor Solutions to apply Miracle Grow to flowers in the City per their cost estimate. An update on the recycling cart grant was given, and the City is waiting on further information from the County. The City Administrator's hours and pay structure were reviewed. The City Administrator will attend the June 17 meeting on flood plain issues for City Officials in the County.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Mayor Marti had no additional comments.

Alderman Graves noted complaints about bike traffic on Holmes and asked that the Police advise riders of the need to ride no more than two abreast.

Code Enforcement Officer Hanser gave a report on compliance issues in the City.

Alderman Bach had no additional comments.

Alderman Graville had no additional comments.

Alderman Stewart had no additional comments.

MISCELLANEOUS- none

These minutes accepted as submitted this 13th day of July, 2009.

Deborah LeMoine
Interim City Administrator/Clerk