

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**  
**Monday, September 14, 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. Treasurer Funk was on vacation.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 10 AND AUGUST 19, 2009 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the August 10, 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 Alderman Bach. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval. Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the August 10, 2009 Board of Aldermen minutes for closed session as submitted. There being none, Mayor Marti requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Bach. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval. Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the August 19, 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 Alderman Bach. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2009 VOUCHER Treasurer Funk had submitted his report to the Board which was reviewed. The receipt of the annual audit with a clean report was recognized, and the audit has been sent to the State of Missouri as required. The September voucher was reviewed. Alderman Graville moved to approve the voucher and Alderman Bach seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of approving the voucher.

PRESENTATION BY SWT DESIGN: Mr. Wohlschlaeger from SWT design presented the park plan for Minturn Park. A general discussion regarding the plan occurred. One citizen suggested the possibility of a community garden in the future. Vehicle and wheelchair access was discussed. The possibility of a play structure was suggested by the Board. Mr. Wohlschlaeger discussed park grant procedures and the Board discussed the need to prioritize park projects and determine what to request in this round of grant

funding. Mr. Wohlschlaeger explained the procedures for application and that points were given to projects that had at least a 5% match commitment from the City (which the City would be obligated to spend even if the grant was given for a smaller amount). The fact that this is a reimbursement grant was discussed as were City cash flow issues. It was suggested that since Loewnau is useable now and CDBG funds will likely help phase in accessible walkways over the next few years at that location, that this round of grant funds be requested for the new Minturn park plan as presented by SWT. The Board decided to set a limit on what the City would be willing to spend in one year for the project of \$50,000. The Board decided to place the final application and drawing review on the agenda for October and also to have drawings available for public review and comment at the City Picnic. Alderman Stewart moved and Alderman Bach seconded a motion to have SWT proceed with the grant application and authorizing them to spend up to \$1500 to prepare the application, to commit \$50,000 in City matching funds for improvements to Minturn Park covered by the grant, to request inquiry by SWT into the feasibility of a “climbable art” structure in the Park, and for SWT to present a prioritized list of Minturn Park improvements for grant request at the October meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Wohlschlaeger next presented the bid summary for the Backstoppers Park Irrigation and Landscape project. It was pointed out that the bids as submitted exceeded the amount budgeted for the project. Attorney Starr advised that if all bids submitted exceeded the budgeted amount for the project, all bids could be rejected, and since there is not time to rebid the project and still build before winter, the City could request cost savings suggestions from each of the bidders, and then ask for best and final offers from all three based on the cost savings ideas that the City finds acceptable. Alderman Bach moved to reject all three bids and go back to each bidder asking for a best and final offer with the City Attorney supervising any negotiations or cost savings suggestions. Alderwoman Graves seconded the motion which passed 4-0. The Mayor vetoed the motion. Alderman Graville moved to pass the motion over the Mayor’s veto, which motion was seconded by Alderman Bach and passed 4-0 by a roll call vote: Alderwoman Graves: yes, Alderman Stewart: yes, Alderman Bach: yes, Alderman Graville: yes. The City Administrator was authorized to review and approve cost savings proposals in consultation with the City Attorney.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: A resident suggested the possibility of a community garden in a City park in the future.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 777: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BID FOR IRRIGATION AND LANDSCAPE WORK AT BACKSTOPPERS PARK

Alderman Stewart moved to table Ordinance 777. Alderman Bach seconded the motion, a quorum was confirmed and the ordinance was tabled by a vote of 4-0.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 778: AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH, THE CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Alderman Stewart moved for the first and second reading and subsequent passage of Ordinance 778. Alderman Bach seconded the motion, a quorum was confirmed and the ordinance was read by Attorney Starr. Alderman Graville noted that he had reviewed the agreement. A quorum was confirmed and Attorney Starr read the ordinance a second time. The ordinance passed 4-0.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 779: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE III "TRAFFIC CODE," CHAPTER 14 "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," SECTION 14.394 SCHEDULE D "LIMITED PARKING," TO ALLOW RESIDENT ONLY PARKING ON FORTUNE LANE

Alderman Bach moved for the first and second reading and subsequent passage of Ordinance 779. Alderman Graville seconded the motion, a quorum was confirmed and the ordinance was read by Attorney Starr. Alderman Bach explained the need to limit parking on Fortune Lane, especially during the upcoming work on Holmes Avenue. A quorum was confirmed and Attorney Starr read the ordinance a second time. The ordinance passed 4-0.

RESOLUTION 2009-07: A RESOLUTION URGING VOTERS TO BECOME KNOWLEDGABLE ABOUT PROPOSITION E-911, NOVEMBER 3,2009, BALLOT ISSUE RELATING TO FUNDING FOR A COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

The Mayor discussed the need for the public to be informed about this important issue. Alderman Stewart moved and Alderman Bach seconded the resolution which passed 4-0

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

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

1. Holmes Avenue Update: The City Administrator is continuing to seek input from an arborist about tree issues along the Holmes project. Up to \$600 was authorized for an exploratory dig. Alderman Stewart and Mayor Marti agreed to look at possible relocation sites for street trees that need to be moved. Bike safety issues were addressed, stressing that reasons there is no bike path include people not wanting to give up additional green space in their yards and because the addition of a bike path would cause undesired delay and expense to the project.

2. Street Repair Update: Alderman Bach updated the Board regarding street repairs.

3. Recycling Cart Update: The timeline of the grant was discussed. The City Logo will be placed on the side of the carts as approved by the Mayor.

4. Boundary Adjustment on Minturn Update: The City is waiting on the survey to proceed.

5. Park Grant and CDBG Procedures: The Board was updated on efforts to confirm the movement of 08 funds into the account for accessibility improvements in Loewnau.

6. Potential Dumpster Code Revisions: The City Administrator and Code Enforcement Officer will review options for updating the Code.

7. Reflective Poles at Sappington and Oakland: Alderman Stewart discussed the possible advantages of some sort of sign or device to direct traffic at this location. The issue was tabled until the next Board meeting, when Alderman Stewart will also report on the no left turn sign in this area.

8. City Administrator's Report. The report was reviewed and discussed. The Board reviewed pricing from three caterers and reviewed entertainment and rental prices and options. The advantages to the City of having all aspects of the picnic coordinated by one company were discussed. The Board voted 4-0 to use Orlando's as the caterer per the pricing outlined in their offer, but adding a special dessert as negotiated by the City Administrator, and to have Orlando coordinate the entertainment and rentals for the event as set forth in the package, but requested that the music be changed to bluegrass.

#### REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Mayor Marti updated the Board on the Volunteer Stream Clean Up Day which was a success. He also pointed out the MML meeting on October 4-7.

Alderwoman Graves requested an update on the Mirror to be installed at Fortune Lane.

Alderman Bach had no additional comments.

Alderman Graville had no additional comments.

Alderman Stewart reported that Suzanne Bolten gave an excellent talk on Oakland history at the Library, and that she is working on chapters of a book about Oakland history that the Board might be interested in supporting in the future.

The Kirkwood Police Report was submitted to the Board.

#### MISCELLANEOUS- none

Alderman Graville moved to adjourn and Alderwoman Graves seconded the motion which carried 4-0.

These minutes accepted as submitted this 12th day of October, 2009.

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Deborah LeMoine  
City Administrator/Clerk

