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**CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES
COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA
DATE: TUESDAY- MAY 17, 2022**

6:30 P.M.

LOCATION – CITY HALL

IN-PERSON

AND VIA TELECONFERENCE

#4 E. LOCKWOOD AVENUE

1. BOARD/COMMISSION INTERVIEWS
2. REVIEW REGULAR AGENDA
3. MAYOR/COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER ISSUES/MEETING UPDATES
4. TOPIC:
 - Summer Meeting Schedule
5. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
6. **EXECUTIVE (CLOSED SESSION)**
RE: **1. ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS**
[MO. STATUTE 610.021 (1)]
2. REAL ESTATE [MO. STATUTE 610.021 (2)]
3. PERSONNEL [MO. STATUTE 610.021 (3)]
4. NEGOTIATED CONTRACT [MO. STATUTE 610.021 (12)]
7. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DATE: TUESDAY – MAY 17, 2022

7:00 P.M.

[NOTE EARLY START TIME]

LOCATION–CITY HALL-#4 E. LOCKWOOD

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Welcome to the regular meeting of the City Council. We welcome questions, ideas and comments from persons in attendance. Members of the audience may, however, comment only when recognized by the Mayor or Mayor ProTem if the Mayor is absent. We ask that comments be limited to **three minutes** in order to complete the agenda within a reasonable time. Comments concerning items not on the agenda should be made during the Remarks of Visitors section of the agenda, near the beginning of the meeting.

I. ROLL CALL

II. RECOGNITION – Mike and Kathy Silverman

III. REMARKS OF VISITORS

**IV. NEW BUSINESS - MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY ATTORNEY, CITY
MANAGER**

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Bill #9183 – Third Reading** – An Ordinance Levying a Local Use Tax at the Same Rate as the Local Sales Tax of the City of Webster Groves, Missouri
- 2. Bill #9184 – Third Reading** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 60, the Traffic Code, Schedule H, of the Code of Webster Groves, “Parking Prohibited,” to Provide for a Second Accessible Parking Space in Front of 612 East Lockwood Immediately East of the Existing Accessible Parking Space

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Set Public Hearing Date – Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget – June 7, 2022 – 7:30 P.M. - Council Chambers and Teleconference**
- 2. Presentation and Discussion on the Proposed FY2023 Budget**
- 3. Bill #9185 – First & Second Reading – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 “Public Ways And Places,” Article II “Excavations,” Section 10.110 Permit Required” To Increase Excavation Permit Fees Within The City Of Webster Groves**

VII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Minutes – May 3, 2022**
- 2. Liquor License – Application for Hwy 61 Roadhouse, 34 S. Old Orchard Avenue, to Sell Liquor by the Drink for Consumption on the Premises Where Sold, and on Sundays (New Owner)**

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

IX. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED SESSION)

RE: 1. ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS

[MO. STATUTE 610.021 (1)]

2. REAL ESTATE [MO. STATUTE 610.021 (2)]

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4. NEGOTIATED CONTRACT [MO. STATUTE 610.021 (12)]

X. ADJOURNMENT

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

BILL NO. 9183

ORDINANCE NO. 9183

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A LOCAL USE TAX AT THE SAME RATE AS THE LOCAL SALES TAX OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI

Whereas, the voters of the City of Webster Groves, Missouri on April 5, 2022, authorized imposing a local use tax at the same rate as the local sales tax rate in accord with the provisions of Section 144.757 RSMo. 2021; and

Whereas, the City Council of Webster Groves now desires to carry out the wishes of the voters as aforesaid by taking the steps necessary to levy and collect that tax;

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of Webster Groves, Missouri as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the approval of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by the qualified voters voting thereon at the general election held on April 5, 2022, and the authority granted by, and subject to, the provisions of Section 144.757, RSMo. 2021 and Chapter 144, RSMo. 2021, the City of Webster Groves, Missouri does hereby impose a local use tax at the same rate as the local sales tax; provided, however, that if any local sales tax is repealed, reduced or raised, the respective local use tax shall also be repealed, reduced or raised by the same action.

Section 2. The Director of Finance and Administration shall prepare and cause notice of the levying of this tax to be delivered to the Missouri Department of Revenue in accord with Sec. 144.757.1(2), RSMo. 2021.

Section 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council of Webster Groves that each and every part, section and subsection of this Ordinance shall be separate and severable from each and every other part, section and subsection hereof and that the City Council of Webster Groves intends to adopt each said part, section and subsection separately and independently of any other part, section and subsection. In the event that any part of this Ordinance shall be determined to be or to have been unlawful or unconstitutional, the remaining parts, sections and subsections shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City Council of Webster Groves and the tax levied hereby shall be effective on the first day of the calendar quarter which begins at least forty-five days after the director of revenue receives notice of approval and adoption hereof.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2022.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

**BILL #9184
ORDINANCE #9184**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 60, THE TRAFFIC CODE, SCHEDULE H, OF THE CODE OF WEBSTER GROVES, "PARKING PROHIBITED," TO PROVIDE FOR A SECOND ~~HANDICAPPED-ACCESSIBLE~~ PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF 612 EAST LOCKWOOD IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE EXISTING ~~HANDICAPPED-ACCESSIBLE~~ PARKING SPACE

WHEREAS, the Old Orchard Special Business District Advisory Commission has recommended that Chapter 60, the Traffic Code, Schedule H, be changed to provide for a ~~handicapped~~ an accessible parking space in front of 612 East Lockwood immediately east of the existing ~~handicapped-accessible~~ parking space which is located immediately east of the crosswalk; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it to be in the best interest of the public welfare and safety to enact the recommendation into law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 60, the Traffic Code, Schedule H, of the Code of Webster Groves, is hereby amended by providing for a second ~~handicapped-accessible~~ parking space in front of 612 East Lockwood immediately east of the existing ~~handicapped accessible~~ parking space located immediately east of the crosswalk.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to erect the appropriate signs carrying out the intention of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be printed in the Code of Webster Groves.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2022.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

EAST LOCKWOOD ACCESSIBLE PARKING



Recommended by the
Old Orchard Special Business District Advisory Commission

**BILL # 9185
ORDINANCE # 9185**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 “PUBLIC WAYS AND PLACES,”
ARTICLE II “EXCAVATIONS,” SECTION 10.110 PERMIT REQUIRED” TO
INCREASE EXCAVATION PERMIT FEES WITHIN
THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES**

WHEREAS, City excavation permit and inspection fees no longer cover the cost of providing these services within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has examined City excavation permit and inspection fees compared to the cost of providing permit and inspection services and has determined that these fee increases are warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 10 “Public Ways and Places,” Article II “Excavations,” Section 10.110 “Permit Required” is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 10.110. Permit Required.

No person shall make or cause to be made any excavation in any public way or place without first obtaining a permit from the City Engineer as hereinafter provided, except public work done under the authority of the Council by the employees of the City, and except as otherwise provided in emergency cases. All work done by the employees of the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District shall be immune from the requirements of this article regarding the payment of fees and submission of approved insurance policies. Each excavation shall require a separate permit for which a fee of ~~Fifty-One Hundred~~ Dollars (~~\$50100.00~~) shall be paid. If excavation is commenced prior to obtaining a permit as required above, the fee for obtaining a permit shall be ~~One-Two~~ Hundred Dollars (~~\$100200.00~~). All excavation work shall cease unless and until a permit is issued. Permits shall expire without further action by the City at 12:00 a.m. midnight of the ninetieth (90th) day after the date of issuance.

Section 2. All ordinances, parts of ordinances or provisions of the Code of Webster Groves, as amended, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be published in the Code of Webster Groves.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

Passed and Approved this ____ day of _____ 2022.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES
May 3, 2022

The City Council met this date in a regular session, in the City Council Chambers, which was available to the public in person, and via teleconference, at 7:34 p.m.

Present at Roll Call:

Mayor Laura Arnold
Councilmember Pam Bliss
Councilmember David Franklin
Councilmember Emerson Smith
Councilmember Karen D. Alexander
Councilmember Sarah Richardson
Councilmember Emily Hixson Shepherd

A quorum was present.

Also present:

Dr. Marie Peoples, City Manager
Mr. Neil Bruntrager, City Attorney
Ms. Katie Nakazono, City Clerk

REMARKS OF VISITORS

Dave Buck submitted comments in advance.[See Exhibit A].

NEW BUSINESS – MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY ATTORNEY, CITY MANAGER

Mayor Arnold announced that Councilmember Pam Bliss was selected as Mayor Pro-Tem.

NEW BUSINESS

BILL #9183 – FIRST AND SECOND READING

Councilmember Hixson Shepherd introduced, **BILL #9183 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A LOCAL USE TAX AT THE SAME RATE AS THE LOCAL SALES TAX OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI**, and at the Councilmember’s request, the Bill was read twice, first and second times by title only, and placed on the agenda for future consideration of the Council.

BILL #9184 – FIRST AND SECOND READING

Councilmember Alexander introduced, **BILL #9184 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 60, THE TRAFFIC CODE, SCHEDULE H, OF THE CODE OF WEBSTER GROVES, “PARKING PROHIBITED,” TO PROVIDE FOR A SECOND HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF 612 EAST LOCKWOOD IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE EXISTING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE**, and at the Councilmember’s request, the Bill was read twice, first and second times by title only, and placed on the agenda for future consideration of the Council.

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Mayor Arnold asked why the spaces are right next to each other and not located elsewhere in the area. Staff clarified that the Old Orchard Business District recommended this location, on the street, because the building is owned by Webster University, who therefore, owns the parking lot.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED FY-2023 BUDGET
BUDGET DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Peoples and Mr. Peterson presented information on the proposed FY 2023 budget [[Proposed Budget and Related Information](#)]. Council and staff discussed the following:

- Fund Balance Policy – There being so many questions to discuss and think through, Council agreed to set this discussion aside for the moment, and to add to a future Work Session.
- Fire – Franklin asked for a future presentation on truck staffing.
- Dr. Peoples requested direction on bringing the 29 staff members up to compensation minimums and asked about funding models with varying levels of COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment).

There was consensus to bring all 29 to minimums and Council would like to see COLA options including no COLA, a 3% COLA model, and a 5% COLA model. Administration will prepare these models.

- Dr. Peoples asked if Council supports the \$100/month insurance cost for single payer staff?

Councilmember Hixson Shepherd stated that she doesn't want anyone making less with the insurance and COLA.

Councilmember Alexander asked how many of the 77 single coverage people are included in the 29 being brought up? Dr. Peoples stated that she can provide that information

Councilmember Franklin stated that it is important to inform staff that there will be a future RFP process for insurance.

Council would also like to see a gradual build-in scenario.

- Dr. Peoples asked if they support "right sizing" the workforce to close the structural deficit?

Discussion included looking at attrition, retirement, assessing open positions before filling them, layoffs, where can we job share, are there too many individuals in one department, early retirement incentives, balance through retirement, no COLA, and the idea that we are postponing the inevitable. Do what has to be done when it has to be done.

Dr. Peoples stated that through attrition we have 6 positions out, and are still upside down. The early retirement option is a good one, not necessarily strategic. Need multiple tools.

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Council and staff discussed using ARP funds, and finding positions that would have the least impact to eliminate.

- Dr. Peoples asked about ARP – use more or less for revenue replacement?

Several Councilmembers like the 50/50 split, but would like to see various models. Staff would look at fund balance as well.

- East Central Dispatching Center – Councilmember Franklin stated that he thinks we are going to solve and figure it out. He'd be interested in a presentation from them.

Staff will invite the ECDC Executive Director to present to us. But if not, Council can contact other Councils/Aldermen.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Franklin, seconded by Councilmember Bliss, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote on the Consent Agenda.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH, ALEXANDER, RICHARDSON, HIXSON SHEPHERD, ARNOLD

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that the Consent Agenda was approved.

The following Consent Agenda was approved:

- **Approval of Minutes** – April 19, 2022
- **Resolution #2022-15** - Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for a Construction Contract for the Streets Listed in the Mill and Overlay Program for 2022
- **Resolution #2022-16** – Authorizing the City Manager to Replace the Rubber Flooring in the Ice Rink
- **Resolution #2022-17** - Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, and Authorizing Extensions of the Contracts for Navigate Building Solutions and JEMA Architects for the Completion of Fire Station #2

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No appointments to Boards and Commissions.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

No Executive (Closed) Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m. on motion of the Mayor, duly seconded.

May 3, 2022

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2022.

Mayor

City Clerk

Conrad, Jennifer

From: Dave Buck <dave@buckstl.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 9:50 AM
To: Laura W. Arnold; Pam Bliss; David Franklin; Alexander, Karen; Richardson, Sarah; Emerson Smith; Emily Hixson Shepherd; Peoples, Marie; Peterson, Eric; njbatty@aol.com; Perry, Mara; Starkey, Jenny; Nakazono, Katie; Conrad, Jennifer; Davis, Scott; Rehg, Todd; Curtis, Dale; Ellis, Brett
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Subject: WG "City of the Arts" Slogan Status???

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Mayor, City Council & City Staff,

I'm leading another big meeting at 7 pm this evening so, for the first time in a long time, I will not be able to join you in-person or on Zoom to give my verbal remarks. As such, my "Remarks of Visitors" are below for your review and consideration.

\$64,000 QUESTION: Is the City ever going to pull the trigger and definitely commit to the full & complete adoption of

"**City of the Arts**" as the official slogan of Webster Groves to be used consistently on all City media vehicles, correspondence, web sites, social media and general publicity??? What is this going to take?????

Webster Groves has historically been a champion of the arts and this effort truly advanced under then Mayor Gerry Welch. "City of the Arts" banners were first hung on select street poles 3 years ago and some sporadically still hang today. But now there is a new piece of rationale.

When **Clayton** was just getting started, its leaders decided they would build their City by putting two major strategic stakes in ground: **restaurants & the arts**. "If you build it, they will come" and they did and the rest is history.

Now consider Webster Groves. Not only is the Fine Arts huge and important, but look at the BOOM in the Culinary Arts, i.e, the wonderful and growing number of outstanding restaurants in Webster Groves, seemingly ALL packed on Friday, Saturday & Sunday evenings!

Therefore, the "City of the Arts" slogan is multi-dimensional and carries two meanings: the Fine Arts & the Culinary Arts (and for that matter, to me, it covers ANY creative business, organization or pursuit!).

Excuse the bluntness, but this is an no-brainer to me and I do not understand why it is taking the so long for the City to move on this obvious opportunity.

Thank YOU.

PEACE.

Dave
314-952-0910