

## CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES

January 17, 2023

The City Council met this date in a regular session, in-person in the Council Chambers, and via Zoom, at 7:33 p.m.

Present at Roll Call: Mayor Laura Arnold  
Councilmember Pam Bliss  
Councilmember David Franklin  
Councilmember Emerson Smith  
Councilmember Karen D. Alexander (via Zoom)  
Councilmember Sarah Richardson (via Zoom)  
Councilmember Emily Hixson Shepherd

A quorum was present.

Also present: Dr. Marie Peoples, City Manager  
Mr. Peter Bruntrager, Acting City Attorney  
Katie Nakazono, City Clerk

### REMARKS FROM THE COMMUNITY AND VISITORS

Dave Buck, 124 S. Elm Ave. (See Exhibit A)

Carl Wolff, 3 Clydehurst Drive, addressed adopting a new International Building Code, either 2018 or 2021, which would bring about a more progressive interpretation related to solar panels on residential roofs. He is looking for clarification. Mayor Arnold invited Mr. Wolff to meet with her on Thursday morning, or another time that would work for him. He had a copy of a design, and Councilmember Franklin asked for a copy. Mayor Arnold said that she would share a copy with the Council.

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

No new business.

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#### **BILL #~~9212~~ #9215– FIRST & SECOND READING (Bill # revised per scrivener’s error correction.)**

Councilmember Hixson Shepherd introduced **BILL #~~9212~~ #9215 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A CULVERT, NEW GUARDRAIL, NEW SIDEWALK, CURB RAMPS AND RECONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE PAVEMENT ON ELM AVENUE AT SHADY GROVE CREEK [FEDERAL PROJECT NO. STBG-5577(639)]**, 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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**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** – January 3, 2023
- **Resolution #2023-01** – Engaging the Services of WM Financial Strategies, as Municipal Advisor to the City, and Gilmore & Bell, P.C., as Bond and Disclosure Counsel to the City

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

No appointments.

Mayor Arnold invited all to go online and view the United WE initiative related to the City partnering with United WE to collaborate in increasing the number of women on boards and commissions. She announced that there will be a training event in early February – details are online.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION (Start time 8:13 p.m.)**

Councilmember Bliss made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Franklin, to go into Executive Closed Session per Attorney-Client Privileged Communications [MO Statute 610.021 (1)], Personnel [MO Statute 610.021 (3)], and Negotiated Contract [Mo Statute 610.021 (12)]. Mayor Arnold called for the vote to go into Executive (Closed) Session.

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that they would go into Executive (Closed) Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the Regular Meeting ended at 7:44 p.m., and Council reconvened the Work Session. The above closed session was then called to order at 8:13 p.m., and was adjourned at 9:43 p.m., on motion of the Mayor, duly seconded.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY 2023.

  
Mayor

  
City Clerk

**Nakazono, Katie**

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**From:** Dave Buck <dave@buckstl.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2023 10:11 AM  
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**Subject:** Dave Buck's "Remarks from the Community & Visitors", Webster Groves City Council Regular Meeting, January 17, 2023

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Given that your strategic planning process is still on-going, this shares what I think Webster Groves can learn from three cities – **Ladue, Clayton & University City** – where Barb & I lived, worked, played and raised a family before moving to Webster 23 years ago.

**Ladue**, population 9,000, has the highest median household income of ANY city in Missouri with over 1,000 people. They are laser-focused on their unique identity, as Ladue knows EXACTLY who they are, who they ARE NOT, where they are headed & who they wish to attract. **Is Webster finally ready to fully define & focus on its unique identity?**

**Clayton**, population 17,000, was built by putting two stakes in the ground - restaurants & the arts – and the rest is history. And what's driving Webster's popularity & identity today – restaurants & the arts, i.e., the

fine arts & the culinary arts. **Is Webster finally ready to own “City of the Arts” across all sectors of our community?**

**University City**, population 35,000, and the famed U City Loop was created with YOUTH in mind. At age 36, David Franklin is a Millennial and the youngest person on City Council. But almost 30% of Webster’s population is YOUTH 24 years and younger, known as Gen Z. Laura, these are OUR kids and you know they have a very different world view than we do. **Is Webster finally ready to create a Gen Z or Youth Advisory Board, comprised of kids from Webster U, the school district and other schools in the city, to advise City Council with their unique perspectives, insights and ideas?**

I CERTAINLY HOPE SO! Thank YOU!