

CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES
June 21, 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 7:36 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

PRESENTATION

Annual Library Budget Report – Fiscal Year 2023

Mayor Arnold opened the public hearing, and Tom Cooper, Library Director, reviewed budget highlights [**Exhibit A**]. He stated that they and the consortium were able to receive some grants to offsets some costs. We will finish this fiscal year with a slight reserve and our reserve is still strong. We are returning to pre-pandemic circulation numbers, and more people are attending activities. He stated that the library board recently adopted the Library’s Bill of Rights.

Councilmember Franklin asked about staffing. Mr. Cooper stated that in the past few years he’s been trying to move salaries up. I keep trying to get closer to the possibility of a \$15 minimum wage.

Mr. Cooper stated that this is the last time he will address the Council. He is planning to retire in March 2023.

REMARKS OF VISITORS

Dave Buck, 124 S. Elm, stated that he hopes the Council will continue to work on a Strategic Plan. [**See Exhibit B**]

Riley Withers commented on budget issues and the appropriation of funding. Mayor Arnold stated that she would like to meet with him to discuss.

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

No New Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILL #9186 – THIRD READING

On motion of Councilmember Hixson Shepherd, seconded by Councilmember Bliss, **BILL #9186: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 53, THE ZONING CODE, BY PERMITTING THE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 15, 23, 131, AND 133 EUCLID AVENUE, WITH CURRENT ZONING OF “A4” SEVENTY FIVE HUNDRED SQUARE FOOT RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO BE DEVELOPED UNDER A PLANNED ENVIRONMENTAL UNIT PROCEDURE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION OF SIX SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING UNITS AND APPROVING A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ON AN APPROXIMATELY 1.09 ACRE TRACT OF LAND AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO**, having been introduced and read twice on June 7, 2022, was taken up, its title read a third time, and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9186.

Councilmember Bliss stated that she wanted to commend the developer, community, and staff who have participated in the process.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote on Bill #9186.

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that Bill #9186 was approved.

BILL #9187– THIRD READING

On motion of Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Bliss, **BILL #9187 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE DEFINING THE PAY GRADES OF THE CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES, FIXING THE COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES IN SAID CLASSIFICATIONS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE #9151, #9152, AND #9174**, having been introduced and read twice on June 7, 2022, was taken up, its title read a third time, and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9187.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote on Bill #9187

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that Bill #9187 was approved.

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NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #2022-20

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

A motion was made by Councilmember Franklin, seconded by Councilmember Richardson, to adopt **RESOLUTION #2022-20 – ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.**

Mayor Arnold thanked staff and her fellow Councilmembers for their hard work on the budget.

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that Resolution #2022-20 was approved.

Prior to approving the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Smith asked to remove Resolution #2022-22 from the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION #2022-22

DECLARING A DEFICIT REDUCTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Richardson, to adopt **RESOLUTION #2022-22 - DECLARING A DEFICIT REDUCTION POLICY FOR THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES.**

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that Resolution #2022-22 was approved.

Councilmember Franklin asked about the truck in production on Resolution #2022-21. Are we building a new truck? Mr. Peterson stated that we are not building a custom truck and we are not incurring custom fees.

Councilmember Franklin asked about the timing. Are we not getting this until 2023? I thought it was an emergency. Assistant Chief Bainter stated that that is the quickest we can get. They did a lot of research. We may still incur maintenance costs on the current truck.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mayor Arnold called for the vote on the Consent Agenda.

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

NOES: NONE

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Mayor Arnold stated that the Consent Agenda was approved.

The following Consent Agenda was approved:

- **Approval of Minutes** – June 7, 2022
- **Resolution #2022-23** – Ordering the Closure of the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund and Deposit of Public Sales Tax Receipts in the General Fund
- **Resolution #2022-24** – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for the Installation of an Access Control System at City Hall
- **Resolution #2022-25** – Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase a New Playground Piece and Shelter for Ivory Crockett Park
- **Resolution #2022-26** – Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase a Replacement Playground Equipment for Deer Creek Park
- **Resolution #2022-27** – Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase a Replacement Playground for Blackburn Park
- **Resolution #2022-28** – Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate a Contract for Professional Services for the Master Planning of the Aquatic Center Renovation
- **Resolution #2022-29** – Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase a Hot Water Storage Tank for the Ice Rink
- **Resolution #2022-30** – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into the Renewal Agreement for Microsoft Office365 Licensure
- **Liquor License Renewals** – Renewal of the 2022-2023 Liquor Licenses
- **Resolution #2022-21** – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for Purchase of a Ladder Truck for the Webster Groves Fire Department
- **Resolution #2022-31** – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into the Renewal Agreement for MAGNET Software Licenses

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Andrew Clapper was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Dan Meehan was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Angelo Austin was appointed to the Library Board.
- David Smith was appointed to the Old Webster Special Taxing District.
- Frances Barbieri was reappointed to the Personnel Board.
- Heidi Butts Wiegand was reappointed to the Crossroads Special Taxing District.
- Joshua Tonnie was reappointed to the Crossroads Special Taxing District.

Councilmember Smith asked for an updated listing of vacancies on Boards and Commissions.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Councilmember Bliss made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Smith, to go into Executive Closed Session per Attorney-Client Privileged Communications [MO Statute 610.021(1)] and Personnel [MO Statute 610.021 (3)].

Mayor Arnold called for the vote to go into Executive (Closed) Session.

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

