

CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES
September 20, 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 8:00 p.m.

Present at Roll Call:

- Mayor Laura Arnold
- Councilmember Pam Bliss
- Councilmember David Franklin
- Councilmember Emerson Smith (via teleconference)
- Councilmember Karen D. Alexander
- Councilmember Sarah Richardson
- Councilmember Emily Hixson Shepherd

A quorum was present.

Also present:

- Dr. Marie Peoples, City Manager (via teleconference)
- Mr. Neil Bruntrager, City Attorney
- Ms. Katie Nakazono, City Clerk

REMARKS FROM THE COMMUNITY AND VISITORS

Scott MacConnell, 604 W. Glendale, addressed mowing of city-owned property by his home.

Dave Buck, 124 S. Elm, addressed the Arts. (**Exhibit 1**)

Don Lohman, 810 E. Pacific, addressed flooding and home buyouts. (**Comments made during flood discussions.**)

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

Mr. Peterson addressed Waste Management's billing error. They have billed monthly, and it should be quarterly. If residents were billed in error WM will be sending back refunds. If you have not heard from them, call them at 1-866-909-4458.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILL #9192 – THIRD READING

On motion of Councilmember Richardson, seconded by Councilmember Franklin, **BILL #9192 – ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES TO BE COLLECTED FOR THE YEAR 2022 BY THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 9157**, having been introduced and read twice on September 6, 2022, was taken up its title read a third time and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9192.

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Prior to the Third Reading of Bill #9192, a motion was made by Councilmember Bliss, seconded by Councilmember Franklin, to amend Bill #9192 to reflect the numbers from the County Board of Equalization as referenced in said Bill dated September 20, 2022.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote to amend Bill #9192.

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that Bill #9192 was amended.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote on Bill #9192 as amended.

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that Bill #9192 was approved as amended.

BILL #9193 – THIRD READING

On motion of Councilmember Hixson Shepherd, seconded by Councilmember Richardson, **BILL #9193 – ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES TO BE COLLECTED FOR THE YEAR 2022 FOR THE WEBSTER GROVES LIBRARY DISTRICT, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 9158**, having been introduced and read twice on September 6, 2022, was taken up its title read a third time and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9193.

Prior to the Third Reading of Bill #9193, a motion was made by Councilmember Bliss, seconded by Councilmember Franklin, to amend Bill #9193 to reflect the numbers from the County Board of Equalization as referenced in said Bill dated September 20, 2022.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote to amend Bill #9193.

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that Bill #9193 was amended.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote on Bill #9193 as amended.

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that Bill #9193 was approved as amended.

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BILL #9194 – THIRD READING

On motion of Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Franklin, **BILL #9194 – AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE COST OF ABATING CERTAIN NUISANCES (CUT/TRIM, REMOVE TRASH AND DEBRIS, REMOVE TREES, DUMP FEES, BOARD UP, ETC.) AS SPECIAL TAX BILLS AGAINST THE PROPERTIES HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED AND CONSTITUTING LEVIES AS LIENS ON THE RESPECTIVE PROPERTIES**, having been introduced and read twice on September 6, 2022, was taken up its title read a third time and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9194.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote on Bill #9194.

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that Bill #9194 was approved.

BILL #9195 – THIRD READING

On motion of Councilmember Franklin, seconded by Councilmember Bliss, **BILL #9195 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 8270 TO REMOVE THE LOT SPLIT APPROVAL FOR A NEW LOT AT 452 FOOTE AVENUE AND RETURNING THE PROPERTY TO ONE LOT ADDRESSED AS 446 FOOTE AVENUE**, having been introduced and read twice on September 6, 2022, was taken up its title read a third time and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9195.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote on Bill #9195.

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that Bill #9195 was approved.

BILL #9196 – THIRD READING

On motion of Councilmember Bliss, seconded by Councilmember Richardson, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND NCWPCS MPL 27-YEAR SITES TOWER HOLDINGS LLC AND A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CCATT LLC, CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP., NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC, AND NCWPCS MPL 27-YEAR SITES TOWER HOLDINGS LLC**, having been introduced and read twice on September 6, 2022, was taken up its title read a third time and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9196.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote on Bill #9196.

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that Bill #9196 was approved.

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NEW BUSINESS

FLOOD INFORMATION UPDATES – STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

AGENCY (SEMA)

Karen McHugh addressed PowerPoint (**Exhibit 2**) and answered questions.

Council questions included:

- Resident suggestion of permanent variance
- Definition of repetitive loss
- Homes built before 1978
- Buyout – ICC program

FLOOD INFORMATION UPDATES – CITY STAFF

Dr. Peoples addressed PowerPoint (**Exhibit 3**) and answered questions about financial implications for the City, tax implications, and land use. She stated that MSD is coming 10/4 to address issues related to their projects.

BILL #9197 – FIRST & SECOND READING

Councilmember Richardson introduced **BILL #9197 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION SHOW ME ZERO PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF SPEED WARNING/TRAFFIC COUNTERS AND MOTORCYCLE RADAR UNIT**, 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 #9198 – FIRST & SECOND READING

Councilmember Hixson Shepherd introduced **BILL #9198 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 4, “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS”, ARTICLE VIII, CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD, SECTION 4.410 “MEMBERSHIP”, AND SECTION 4.420 “MEETINGS” AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO**, 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.

Prior to addressing the Consent Agenda, Councilmember Hixson Shepherd stated that regarding Resolution #2022-46, she spoke with Jenny Starkey regarding the printed newsletter for older residents. They would not be mailed, but distributed to public buildings and communities. It is no cost to us. Mayor Arnold added that she thinks the goal is, since we’ve moved to mostly online communications, this is a way to reach seniors who are less often online.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Richardson, 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

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NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that the Consent Agenda was approved.

The following Consent Agenda was approved:

- **Approval of Minutes** – September 6, 2022
- **Resolution #2022-42** - Adopting the 2020-2025 St. Louis Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and to Work Toward Becoming a Safer Community
- **Resolution #2022-43** - Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase a 2023 Backhoe for the Street Department
- **Resolution #2022-44** - Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase a 2023 Tandem Dump Truck for the Street Department
- **Resolution #2022-45** - Amending the FY-2023 Budget Related to Fire House #2
- **Resolution #2022-46** - Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Liturgical Publications, Inc., to Provide Senior Newsletters for the City of Webster Groves
- **Resolution #2022-47** - Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase a 2023 F-350 4x4 Pickup Truck, and Accessories, for the Public Works Department
- **Liquor License** - Application for a Temporary Liquor License for Mary Queen of Peace Church, 676 W. Lockwood Avenue, to Sell Beer and Wine by the Drink for Consumption on the Premises Where Sold at Their Bratfest on September 25, 2022

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The following people were appointed to the Charter Review Advisory Board:

- Nicole Chaput
- Kyle Klemp
- Michael Yokley
- Tammy Behm
- Jennifer Finney
- Joseph Dugan
- Matthew Hile
- Jeanne Kirkton
- John Eppers
- Paul Dribin – Alternate
- Melissa Johnson - Alternate

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

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)]

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

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

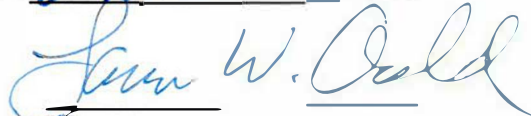
NOES: NONE

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

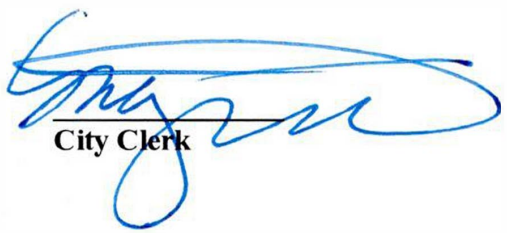
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There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m. on motion of the Mayor, duly seconded.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of OCTOBER 2022.



Mayor



City Clerk

