

CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES
November 1, 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 (via zoom)
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

PROCLAMATION

The Mayor and Council recognized Rebecca Now for her service as Executive Director of the Webster Groves/Shrewsbury/Rock Hill Chamber of Commerce.

REMARKS FROM THE COMMUNITY AND VISITORS

Dave Buck, 124 S. Elm Ave., addressed Strategic Planning, etc. [Exhibit A]

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

No New Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILL #9202 – THIRD READING

On motion of Councilmember Hixson Shepherd, seconded by Councilmember Richardson, **BILL #9202 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 60, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 60.975, SCHEDULE H OF THE CODE OF WEBSTER GROVES, “PARKING PROHIBITED”, TO RESTRICT PARKING ON LOCKWOOD COURT**, having been introduced and read twice on October 18, 2022, was taken up its title read a third time and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9202.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote on Bill #9202.

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that Bill #9202 was approved.

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BILL #9203 – THIRD READING

On motion of Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Richardson, **BILL #9203 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS THROUGH THE MISSOURI SECURITIES INVESTMENT PROGRAM**, having been introduced and read twice on October 18, 2022, was taken up its title read a third time and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9203.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote on Bill #9203.

MEMBERS VOTING:

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

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that Bill #9203 was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

FLOOD BUYOUT DISCUSSION

Dr. Marie Peoples reviewed the applicable PowerPoint [**Exhibit B**], and answered questions. Ms. Perry answered questions as well. Responses to questions not readily available this evening, would be provided by staff at a later date. The Mayor and Council each addressed their current sentiment about the proposed options available, but no action/final decision was made on this date.

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

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that the Consent Agenda was approved.

The following Consent Agenda was approved:

- **Approval of Minutes** – October 18, 2022
- **Resolution #2022-59** – Amending the Budget for FY-2023 Related to Deficit Reduction
- **Resolution #2022-60** – Amending the Budget for FY-2023 Related to Fire House 2
- **Resolution #2022-61** – Adopting the Sustainability Plan Policy for the City of Webster Groves

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

No appointments.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

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

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

MEMBERS VOTING:

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


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 meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m. on motion of the Mayor, duly seconded.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of November 2022.



Mayor



City Clerk



Nakazono, Katie

From: Dave Buck <dave@buckstl.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 10:38 AM
To: Laura W. Arnold; Pam Bliss; Alexander, Karen; Richardson, Sarah; Emily Hixson Shepherd; David Franklin; Emerson Smith; Peoples, Marie; Peterson, Eric; njbatty@aol.com; Perry, Mara; Starkey, Jenny; Nakazono, Katie; Conrad, Jennifer; Davis, Scott; Rehg, Todd; Curtis, Dale; Ellis, Brett; Sarah Riss; Sebastian Bellomo
Cc: Toni Hunt; Kathy Hart; Gerry Welch; info@injurylawstl.com; Bill Newhouse; Clark Hotaling; Farrell Carfield; croftrj@sbcglobal.net; Jaime Mowers; newsroom@timesnewspapers.com
Subject: Dave Buck's Remarks in WG City Council Meeting, 11/1/22

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May I first make a "Win-Win" proposal: I will attend your next 3 hour strategic planning session this Saturday morning from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm IF some of you attend our first-ever "Webster Sings" singing talent show for 2 hours this Saturday evening from 7 pm - 9 pm in the Community Music School Concert Hall on the Webster University campus!

My apologies for my continued interest in this area, but I like strategic planning, believe in it, have done a lot of it and I am delighted you are working on creating a new strategic plan for the city.

As such, I can't stop thinking about the great challenge and huge opportunity in front of you. In that regard, tonight I share, what is in my opinion, one of essential questions of strategic planning:

What is your HIGHER PURPOSE? More specifically, what is the HIGHER PURPOSE of Webster Groves city government, as comprised of City Council & City Staff?

This is not about your purpose, but your HIGHER PURPOSE because they can mean very different things.

HIGHER is inspired by the familiar Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. The 5 levels of its famous pyramid start at the bottom with basic, functional Physiological & Safety needs, but then ladders up to higher level & deeper personal emotional needs for Love & Belonging, Esteem, and Self-Actualization, defined as achieving one's full potential as a human being.

And, to me, Purpose and Mission are not the same. Mission is about action in the future. Whereas Purpose is about why you were put here in the first place.

So, let's return to my original question, now asked as a fill in the blank:

The HIGHER PURPOSE of Webster Groves city government, as comprised of City Council & City Staff, is

I'll be the first to admit it if I am wrong, but my bet and hope is that your HIGHER PURPOSE is ultimately deeper, more personal & more meaningful to your residents than is your basic, functional purpose of providing city services, etc.

Asked differently, what is at the top of our Webster Groves community's hierarchy of needs pyramid??? And isn't fulfilling that need what your true HIGHER PURPOSE is all about???



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Flooding Relief Update

November 1, 2022

Background

- **On August 8, 2022, President Biden declared a major disaster for several areas, including St. Louis County.**
- **The declaration includes damage sustained due to weather-related events July 25 – 28, 2022.**
- **The City sent two NOIs – one for substantially damaged properties and one for the other less damaged properties before 9/23/22.**





Damaged Properties

<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Substantially Damaged?</u>	<u>Percent Damaged</u>	<u>Year in SFHA</u>	<u>Year Built</u>	<u>Month/Year Purchased</u>
Linda Joyce Hopson	843 N Forest	Yes (Repetitive Loss)	100	1978	1962	12/1986
Kaylah K Homire	844 E Pacific	Yes (Repetitive Loss)	100	1978	1961	03/2011
Bridget J Moran	1051 Kuhlman	Yes	100	1978	1940	05/2012
Kimberlin H Wilkins	834 N Forest	Yes	64.4	1978	1962	03/2012
Timothy Quinn	838 E Pacific	Yes	90.7	1978	1954	10/2017
Abby G Deshane	839 N Forest	Yes	100	1978	1962	10/2017
Kari L Gahn	1048 Kuhlman	No	13.1	1978	1953	06/2008
Peter Kang	808 E Pacific	No	9.4	1995	2000	11/2021
Mary Ann Mueller	828 N Forest	No	24.5	1978	1987	06/1998
Alys Adams	835 N Forest	No	21.2	1978	1961	01/2020
William Dahm	828 E Pacific	No	13.4	1978	1922	04/2005
Carol Y Crooks	817 N Forest	No	14.8	1978	1938	07/2011



Financial Implications for City

The City's cost to acquire homes, according to the current SEMA-provided information, is, roughly, as follows:

Substantially Damaged Properties	\$303,920
Not Substantially Damaged Properties	\$582,928
Repetitive Loss	\$57,873
All Homes Currently Requesting Buyouts	\$944,721

Amounts listed above are estimates based on information from SEMA and Planning & Development research.

Fundamental Questions

- **Are acquisitions, "buyouts", of substantially damaged properties the City's role?**
- **Considering the budgetary realities, are buyouts of substantially damaged properties the City's priority?**
- **Other questions for consideration:**
 - **If buyouts are approved, what impacts would there be to City investments (infrastructure/services)?**
 - **If buyouts are approved, does the purchase set a precedent for future flooding events?**



Council Options

- **Wait for a final decision from FEMA regarding approvals on buyouts.**
- **Make purchases without waiting for FEMA's decision.**
- **Determine that the City will not move forward on buyouts without FEMA determination.**



Questions?