

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan

April 6, 2021

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Roger L. Collison, George T. Kubin, William R. Leonard, Thomas L. Reed

Council Members Absent: None

City Manager: Kurt Giles

City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder

Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – Public Works Superintendent, Don Scherzer – Spicer Group, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Member Kubin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## **City Council Minutes.**

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 16, 2021. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 23, 2021. All ayes carried the motion.

## **Claims & Accounts.**

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$392,130.16. All ayes carried the motion.

## **Monthly Board Minutes.**

City Council discussed the March, 2021 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Reed, to receive the March, 2021 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

## **Audience Recognition.**

Manager Giles stated a Public Hearing was set for the Traffic Control Order and it was later discovered it was not needed.

Mayor Kelly opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 and asked for Public Comments. There were none. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:10.

## **Consent Agenda.**

Mayor Kelly requested approval/receipt of Consent Agenda items “a” through “d” as shown below:

- a. Payment to DuBois – Cooper for Replacement Pump at Bethany Pump Station.
- b. Payment to Boarder States for Electrical Cable.
- c. Payment to OHM for Professional Services – Sanitary Sewer Improvements.
- d. Payment No. 3 to John E. Green for Fine Screen and Fume Hood Replacement.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “d.” All ayes carried the motion.

## **New Business.**

### **Michigan Avenue/Pine Street Water Main Replacement.**

Manager Giles requested members approve final payment for Michigan Avenue/Pine street Water Main Replacement to Spicer Group in the amount of \$18,990.00 and final payment for Maple Street Reconstruction Project d to Spicer Group in the amount of \$37,275.00.

Discussion was held.

Don Scherzer stated contractors did not meet the completion dates and there were inspection day overages which caused Spicer Group more work.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve final payment for Michigan Avenue/Pine street Water Main Replacement to Spicer Group in the amount of \$56,265.00. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Resignation from Parks Commission.**

Manager Giles requested members accept the resignation of Sally Church from the Parks Commission.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to accept the resignation of Sally Church from the Parks Commission with regret. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Traffic Control Order # T117-1-132.**

Manager Giles requested members approve Traffic Control Order #T117-1-132 which prohibits parking on either side of Maple Street and no parking on the east side of Maple Street (south east corner) in the tree lawn 50 feet south from the right of way of Chestnut Street.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to approve Traffic Control Order #T117-1-132.

Ayes: Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **Enhancement Area sidewalk Replacement – Pine to Franklin Street on both sides of M-46.**

Manager Giles requested members approve the proposal from Seifert Concrete for the enhancement area sidewalk replacement from Pine to Franklin Street on both sides of M-46 in the amount of \$23,034.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the proposal from Seifert Concrete for the enhancement area sidewalk replacement from Pine to Franklin Street on both sides of M-46 in the amount of \$23,034.00. All ayes carried the motion.

### **MPPA – Generating Capacity Purchase Planning for Years 2030 through 2035.**

Manager Giles requested members approve the Power Purchase Commitment Authorization recommended by MPPA for the years 2030 through 2035 in the maximum commitment amount of \$243,000.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve Power Purchase Commitment Authorization recommended by MPPA for the years 2030 through 2035 in the maximum commitment amount of \$243,000.00.

Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **City Manager Report.**

Manager Giles informed members of the following:

1. There was a power outage last week which affected the Industrial Park and Prison. Repairs were made in about 2 ½ hours.
2. MDOT Bid Letting was last Friday for the State Street Reconstruction Project and Crawford Contracting was low bidder.

### **City Clerk Report.**

Nothing to report.

### **Police Chief Report.**

Chief Ramereiz informed members of the following:

1. Next week is prescription drug take back week.
2. Officer Stacer has completed training and will begin working on his own this week.
3. Clapp Park Security Camera is ordered.
4. An auction will take place soon on the number of unclaimed bikes.
5. Complaints have been received on the amount of foot traffic near Dollar General.

### **Council Comments.**

Member Collison asked if the grant money has been received for the basketball court at Lincoln Park. Manager Giles

stated it will be on a reimbursement basis and work should begin in June.

Member Collison asked if a Video surveillance sign would be placed at Clapp Park.

Member Reed inquired on Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and the current vacancies on City Boards.

Mayor Kelly asked when the speed trailer will be placed and stated he received the letter from MAGNET requesting annual finance funds.

**Public Comments.**

None.

**Closed Session to discuss Collective Bargaining Strategy with IBEW**

**Groups.**

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to go into Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. for a strategy and negotiation connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Closed session ended at 7:29 p.m.

**Return to Open Session.**

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to return to open session at 7:29 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

**Adjournment.**

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk