

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan

May 18, 2021

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Public participation was made available by Zoom or call-in.

Council Members Present: Mayor James C. Kelly, Roger L. Collison, George T. Kubin, William R. Leonard, Thomas L. Reed (all members participated from within the City of St. Louis)

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, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

## **Public Hearing – Public Safety Special Assessment Renewal.**

Mayor Kelly opened the Public Hearing at 6.01 p.m.

Manager Giles stated there is no change in the Public Safety Special Assessment millage rate, it is proposed to remain at 2 mills.

Mayor Kelly asked for Public Comments.

There were no comments.

Mayor Kelly closed the Public Hearing at 6.01 p.m.

## **Resolution 2021 – 06 Public Safety Special Assessment Renewal.**

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Reed, and supported by Member Leonard:

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 33, Public Acts of Michigan, 1951, as amended, has created the St. Louis Fire and Police Special Assessment District (the “District”) to pay for certain costs and expenses of fire and police motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and operations (the “Assessed Costs”) and assess the costs thereof to the property specially benefitted by said fire and police protection in the District; and

**WHEREAS**, a special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of defraying the Assessed Costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed said special assessment roll, and, after due and legal notice, the City Council met on May 18, 2021, and heard objections to the distribution of the special assessment levy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council deems said special assessment roll and special assessment levy to be fair and equitable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The special assessment roll attached hereto as Exhibit A shall be designated “St. Louis Fire and Police Special Assessment Roll” (the “Roll”).
2. The Roll, in the total sum of \$108,640.43, is hereby confirmed and approved.
3. The assessments made in the Roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected and the City Treasurer is directed to distribute the special assessment levy on the taxable value of all of the lands and premises in the District.
4. The City Council shall annually determine the amount to be assessed in the District for fire and police motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and operations, shall direct the City Treasurer to distribute the special assessment levy, and shall hold a hearing on the estimated costs and expenses of fire and police protection and on the distribution of the levy. The assessment may be made either in a special assessment roll or in a column provided in the regular tax roll. The special assessment shall be distributed and shall become due and be collected at the same time as other City taxes are assessed, levied, and collected, and shall be returned in the same manner for nonpayment. If the collections received from the special assessment levied are, at any time, insufficient to meet the obligations or expenses incurred for fire and police motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and operations, the City Council may, by resolution, authorize the transfer or loan of sufficient money from the general fund of the City, to the special assessment fund. This money shall be repaid to the general fund of the City out of special assessment funds when collected.
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution Declared Adopted.

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**

**(Attached)**

#### **City Council Minutes.**

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 4, 2021, adding the date on the Senior Parade approval.

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

#### **Claims & Accounts.**

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$338,260.03.

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **Monthly Reports.**

City Council discussed the April, 2021 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to receive the April, 2021 Monthly Reports and place on file.

Ayes: Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **Audience Recognition.**

Ralph Echtenaw asked the status on the Union Mediator and the hiring of a new Police Officer.

### **Consent Agenda.**

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

- a. Payment to Plunket Cooney for Union Negotiation Fees.
- b. Payment to City of Alma for Assessing Contract Quarterly Payment.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “b.”

Ayes: Reed, Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **New Business.**

#### **Bid Award for 2021 Pavement Improvement Project.**

Manager Giles stated bids were opened Thursday and the only bidder was Central Asphalt. Manager Giles requested members award the 2021 Pavement Improvement Project to Central Asphalt in the amount of \$128,006.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to award the 2021 Pavement Improvement Project to Central Asphalt in the amount of \$128,006.00.

Ayes: Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

#### **Set Public Hearing – Draft Drinking Water State Revolving Project Plan (SRF).**

Manager Giles requested members set a Public Hearing for June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon after as the Agenda allows to receive comments on the Draft Drinking Water State Revolving Project Plan.

Moved by Collison, supported by, Leonard, to set a Public Hearing for June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon after as the Agenda allows to receive comments on the Draft Drinking Water State Revolving Project Plan.

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Set Public Hearing – 2020/2021 Budget Amendments.**

Manager Giles requested members set a Public Hearing for June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon after as the Agenda allows for 2020/2021 Budget Amendments.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to set a Public Hearing for June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon after as the Agenda allows for June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon after as the Agenda allows for 2020/2021 Budget Amendments.

Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Set Public Hearing – 2021/2022 Budget.**

Manager Giles requested members set a Public Hearing for June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon after as the Agenda allows for 2021/2022 Budget.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard to set a Public Hearing for June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon after as the Agenda allows for 2021/2022 Budget Adoption.

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**City Manager Report.**

Manager Giles updated members on the following:

1. The Insitu Thermal project is going well.
2. We have the opportunity to purchase solar energy. This item will be on the next agenda for approval.
3. Mediation assistance is needed for both Water/Wastewater/ DPW and Electric Union Divisions.

**City Clerk Report.**

Nothing to report.

**Police Chief Report.**

Nothing to report.

**Council Comments.**

Discussion was held regarding meeting in person after the June 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting.

**Public Comments.**

Ralph Echtenaw asked Chief Ramereiz if he could require new hires to work a certain length of time once they have been trained.

**Adjournment.**

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk