

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan  
May 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Roger L. Collison on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Roger L. Collison, George T. Kubin, William R. Leonard, Elizabeth A. Upton

Council Members Absent: Mayor Thomas L. Reed (excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles  
City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder  
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Justin Gargano – Resident, 5 high school students

Mayor Pro Tem Roger Collison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Public Hearing – Public Safety Millage Renewal.**

Mayor Pro Tem Collison opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. and asked for Public Comments.

There were none.

Mayor Pro Tem Collison closed the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m..

## **Resolution 2022-05 Special Assessment.**

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

**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 17, 2022, 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 \$114,728.95 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: Leonard, Upton, Kubin, Collison

Nays: None

Resolution Declared Adopted.

**EXHIBIT A**  
**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**

**Attached**

### **City Council Minutes.**

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 3, 2022. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Claims & Accounts.**

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$310,374.45. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Monthly Reports.**

Members discussed the April, 2022 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to receive the April, 2022 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Audience Recognition.**

There were no comments.

### **Consent Agenda.**

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

- a. Payment to Action Traffic Maintenance for Guard Rail Repair.
- b. Magnet 2021 Annual Report – Receive.

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

### **New Business.**

#### **Ratification of Tentative POAM Agreement.**

Manager Giles requested members ratify the Tentative POAM Agreement.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to ratify the Tentative POAM Agreement. All ayes carried the motion.

#### **Continuing Services Agreement – OHM.**

Manager Giles requested members approve the Continuing Services Agreement from OHM for M-46 Water Main Construction in the amount of \$147,500.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Upton, to approve the Continuing Services Agreement from OHM for the M-46 Water Main Construction in the amount of \$147,500.00. All ayes carried the motion.

**Addition to Agenda.**

**Annual Senior Parade.**

Manager Giles requested members approve the Annual Senior Parade and temporary street closures for May 26, 2022 at approximately 8:00 p.m. following graduation.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to approve the Annual Senior Parade and temporary street closure May 26, 2022 at approximately 8:00 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

**City Manager Report.**

Manager Giles requested members set a Special Meeting for a Budget Work Session on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard to set a Special Meeting for a Budget Work Session on June 15, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Manager Giles explained the Load Shedding Plan to members.

Manager Giles informed members that the Fire Board approved the purchase of a new pumper truck.

Manager Giles thanked member Collison for his help in the POAM negotiations.

**City Clerk Report.**

Nothing to report.

**Police Chief Report.**

Nothing to report.

**Council Comments.**

Member Leonard stated he is still getting complaints about the solid waste cart service. A flyer will be mailed with all utility bills to help with any confusion.

**Public Comments.**

Justin Gorgano, resident, said maybe put the information on the City Web Page and the e-mail newsletter. Manager Giles stated the information is on the website and it can be placed in the e-newsletter again.

**Adjournment.**

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk