

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan  
February 4, 2020

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James C. Kelly on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 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

Council Members Absent: Thomas L. Reed (excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles

City Clerk: Mari Anne Ryder

Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Bobbie Marr – Finance Director, Melissa Allen – former Mayor Pro Tem, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Mayor Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **City Council Minutes.**

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 21, 2020. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Claims & Accounts.**

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$279,076.82. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Monthly Board Minutes.**

City Council discussed the January, 2020 Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to receive the January, 2020 Monthly Board Minutes and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

### **Audience Recognition.**

There were no comments.

## **Consent Agenda.**

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

- a. Payment to Detroit Pump for WWTP Pumps.
- b. Payment to Spicer for Prof. Svc. – Water Network GIS.
- c. Payment to Spicer for Prof. Svc – Electric Utility GIS.
- d. Central Dispatch Information – Receive.

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

## **New Business.**

### **Resolution 2020-05 Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification.**

City Manager Giles requested members adopt Resolution 2020-05. The Resolution authorizes the implementation of the MEDC recommendations necessary to receive Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) selected the City of St. Louis to participate in the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis has participated in the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Program, including entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with MEDC and undergoing an evaluation of the City’s redevelopment practices as reported in the Redevelopment Ready Communities Assessment Evaluation of Findings dated January 2019, and

**WHEREAS**, the MEDC has developed a program for certifying Redevelopment Ready Communities, and the City of St. Louis desires to achieve that certification by implementing best practices and recommended strategies for redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, the program includes evaluation the partnerships with City boards and commissions related to development including the City Council, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, after review of the Redevelopment Ready Communities Assessment Report, the City of St. Louis is willing to complete the tasks as outlined; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of St. Louis authorizes the implementation of the MEDC recommendations necessary to receive Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification.

Yeas: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Kelly

Nays: None

Resolution Declared Adopted.

**IT Services Renewal.**

Manager Giles requested Council Members approve the Proposal from Rehmann (formerly Trivalent) for IT Framework and Safe Vault Backup services for three years in the amount of \$44,196 and \$6,582.72 annually.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Kubin, to approve the Proposal from Rehmann (formerly Trivalent) for IT Framework and Safe Vault Backup services for three years in the amount of \$44,196 and \$6,582.72 annually. All ayes carried the motion.

**City Manager Report.**

Manager Giles stated the A.L.I.C.E. training City staff recently participated in was excellent training.

**City Clerk Report.**

None.

**Police Chief Report.**

None.

**Public Comments.**

There were no comments.

**Council Comments.**

All were in agreement that Chief Ramereiz and Officer Rugenstein did an outstanding job training City staff on Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate (A.L.I.C.E.).

Member Kubin stated he would like staff to consider using DDA money and a Community Development Block Grant to resurface, chip seal with fog overcoat, the downtown alleys in the near future.

**Adjournment.**

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk