

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan  
June 2, 2020

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor James Kelly on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Conference Call.

Council Members Present: Via Conference Call 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 – via Conference Call  
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance Via Conference Call:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Mark Abbott – DPW Superintendent, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

### **City Council Minutes.**

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2020.

Roll Call:  
Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Reed, to approve the minutes of the Budget Work Session held on May 27, 2020.

Roll Call:  
Ayes: Kubin, Reed, Collison, Leonard, Kelly  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

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

Mayor Kelly opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Manager Giles stated the recommended millage remains at 2 mills.

Mayor Kelly asked for Public Comments.

There were none.

Mayor Kelly closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

**Resolution 2020-10 Special Assessment.**

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

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 June 2, 2020, 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 \$105,621.31, 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, Reed, Collison, Kubin, Kelly

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**

(See the Attached)

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

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Collison, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$382,136.38.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

#### **Monthly Board Minutes.**

City Council discussed the May Monthly Board Minutes.

Moved by Reed, supported by Kubin, to receive the May Monthly Board Minutes and Place on File.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Kubin, Collison, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Audience Recognition.**

There were no comments.

**Consent Agenda.**

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

- a. Payment to Spicer Group for Professional Services – Maple Street.
- b. Payment to C & D Builders for DPW Roof Replacement.
- c. Payment to City of Alma for 2020 Assessing Contract – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.
- d. Payment to MMEA for 2020 Membership.

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Kubin, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**New Business.**

**Set Public Hearing for 2019/2020 Budget Amendments.**

Manager Giles requested members set June 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for the Public Hearing for the 2019/2020 Budget Amendments.

Moved by Kubin, supported by Leonard, to set June 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for the Public Hearing on the 2019/2020 Budget Amendments.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Kubin, Leonard, Collison, Reed, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Set Public Hearing for 2020/2021 Budget Adoption.**

Manager Giles requested members set June 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for the Public Hearing for the 2020/2021 Budget Adoption.

Moved by Reed, supported by Collison, to set June 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for the Public Hearing on the 2020/2021 Budget Adoption.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Reed, Collison, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None  
Motion carried.

### **Major Street Paving Project.**

Manager Giles requested members approve the Major Street Paving Project by Central Asphalt in the amount of \$125,301.70 which will include Michigan Avenue from M—46 south to the 127 viaduct, Olive Road from Hebron east to Corinth Street and Hubbard Street from M-46 north to just past Giddings Place.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Reed, supported by Leonard, to approve the Major Street Paving Project by Central Asphalt in the amount of \$125,301.70.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Reed, Leonard, Collison, Kubin, Kelly  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

### **City Manager Report.**

Manager Giles updated members on the Alma Transit Authority and the Airport Study. More information will follow.

### **City Clerk Report.**

None.

### **Police Chief Report.**

None.

### **Council Comments.**

Member Reed asked if the Maple Street Reconstruction Project is on schedule. Mark Abbott stated it is and should be complete mid-July.

Mayor Kelly stated he is glad the Governor eased some of the restrictions.

Member Kubin stated in the latest Executive Order pool can be open. Manager Giles stated we will continue discussions on whether or not to open this season.

### **Public Comments.**

There were no comments.

**Adjournment.**

Moved by Collison, supported by Reed to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Collison, Reed, Kubin, Leonard, Kelly

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mari Anne Ryder, City Clerk