CITY OF LAKE SAINT LOUIS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE/
PUBLIC WORKS
JOINT WORK SESSION

FEBRUARY 17, 2015

The Board of Aldermen for the City of Lake Saint Louis, Missouri met in an Administrative/Finance/Public Works Joint Work Session on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 200 Civic Center Drive, Lake Saint Louis, Missouri.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Schweikert was present and presided over the meeting. Aldermen present were: Jason Law, Ward III; Mike Potter, Ward II; Gary Torlina, Ward I; and Karen Vennard, Ward II. Alderman John Pellerito, Ward III, and Alderman Tony Zito, Ward I, were absent. Also present were: Paul Markworth, City Administrator; Donna Daniel, City Clerk; Steve Schertel, Community Development Director; Derek Koestel, Public Works Director; Eric Sterman, Assistant City Administrator; Darren Noelken, Parks and Recreation Director; Mike Force, Police Chief; and Mike Pavlakes, Chief Building Inspector.

First Responder Day

Paul Markworth, City Administrator, said Alderman Torlina suggested the City have a First Responder Appreciation Day. Mike Force, Police Chief, provided information on what other cities have done. Chief Force noted issuing a proclamation of support or appreciation for first responders was adequate.

Alderman Law suggested sending one or two Lake Saint Louis officers to the National Memorial Day event in Washington D.C. The annual event is held in May. Alderman Torlina said he would also like to have a proclamation to recognize the police, firemen and EMT's.

The Board held a general discussion about opportunities to show appreciation for our first responders. Chief Force was directed to discuss this (sending officers to the National Memorial Day event) with other county police chiefs to learn if they were interested too. It would be nice if St. Charles County Law Enforcement went as a group – one officer from each agency.

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Parking Problems in the Saratoga Subdivision

Alderman Vennard said Welsh Drive in the Saratoga subdivision has experienced parking problems for several years. It appears that there are not enough parking spaces for the multifamily units. She suggested maybe we should only allow parking on one side of the street.

The Board held a general discussion about the parking issues in Saratoga. Staff was directed to review the complaints and bring a recommendation to the Board about how to address the problem.

Ambassador's Membership Request

Mayor Schweikert received requests from members of the Lake Saint Louis Ambassadors. They would like to have City representation in their club, which meets weekly. The cost is $25 a month to be a member.

There was a general conversation about attending the weekly Ambassador meetings. The Board was not in favor of paying the monthly membership dues or in attending weekly meetings. The consensus of the Board was to send one person from the Board of Aldermen or staff (assigned on a rotating basis) to attend one meeting a month to give an update on the City. Mayor Schweikert said she would relay the Board's response to the Ambassadors.

2009 International Building Code

Alderman Vennard asked the Board to consider if some of the code provisions the City adopted in the 2009 International Building Code relating to home-building energy efficiency should be optional rather than mandatory, such as:

- Insulating basement walls
- Putting R38 insulation in the attic
- Requiring windows and doors have low E glass
- Requiring a drainage letter from an engineer after spot shooting foundations

Alderman Vennard asked if a developer could be allowed to use the Code that was in place at the time their development was approved.

Mike Pavlakes, Chief Building Official, informed the Board that, prior to adoption of the 2009 International Building Code, the City was using 1999 BOCA Codes. Mr. Pavlakes explained that St. Peters is currently allowing developments to be governed by the building code that was in effect at the time their project was approved; however, St. Peters' staff has said it is an enforcement nightmare. St. Peters' staff has also informed him that they will be moving away from this practice with their adoption of the 2015 building code. Mr. Pavlakes noted that it has been suggested that ability to obtain government insurance and/or federal loan approval may be negatively affected if energy conservation is not a factor.

Alderman Vennard informed the Board that the developer of Titan Homes believes that the terms of his development agreement are not being honored (enacted when the older building code was in place). Alderman Vennard said he told her that if he is required to build per the requirements in the new code, it will have a negative impact on his development.

She asked the Board to continue this discussion to allow a representative from Titan Homes to appear before them to express his concerns on this issue. The Board directed staff to continue this item for discussion.

General Discussion

The Board held a general discussion on the following topics:

- Thanked the Public Works Department; snow plowing went well - no complaints
- Holding a Town Hall Meeting for the public to meet and hear from our State Representatives and Senator
- Alderman Vennard gave a report on the Missouri Municipal League Legislative Conference. She and Mayor Schweikert attended.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board in the Administrative/Finance/Public Works Joint Work Session, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

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Donna F. Daniel, City Clerk