

CITY OF LAKE Saint Louis
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE/
PUBLIC WORKS
JOINT WORK SESSION

JUNE 2, 2014

The Board of Aldermen for the City of Lake Saint Louis, Missouri met in an Administrative/Finance/Public Works Joint Work Session on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room, 200 Civic Center Drive, Lake Saint Louis, Missouri.

ROLL CALL:

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

2014/15 Fiscal Year Budget

The Board discussed amendments for the proposed 2014/15 Fiscal Year Budget including:

- Add a part-time Code Enforcement Officer and cost associated with additional personnel
- Add surveillance camera for Civic Center
- Reduce funds to purchase banners from \$8,000 to \$4,000
- Set aside \$4,000 this year to purchase a new City entrance sign (may have to add additional funds in future budgets)
- Increase our Sales Tax Revenue line item to cover the aforementioned amendments

Staff was directed to prepare the amendment for consideration at the June 16, 2014 Board of Aldermen meeting.

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Board Retreat Dates

Paul Markworth, City Administrator, informed the Board the Retreat dates that Art Davis originally suggested are not going to work for everyone; however, he is available on August 21st and August 22nd. Mr. Markworth informed the Board that Alderman Vennard confirmed that she was available on the August 21st and 22nd dates.

The Board held a general discussion about optional dates. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, with the exception of Alderman Zito, were available on August 21st and 22nd. Alderman Zito said he was not sure if he was available; he would check his calendar and let Mr. Markworth know.

Strategic Abstentions and Absences in Fourth Class Cities

Alderman Pellerito said he and Alderman Schweikert thought it was important to discuss this topic and consider setting a policy by ordinance to define some of the issues identified in the article before it occurs.

Alderman Schweikert said she changed her mind as she re-read the article. She is not comfortable with drafting an ordinance at this time.

Alderman Pellerito noted he spoke with Missouri Municipal League and asked their opinion. They said they wouldn't give an opinion; it is a "gray area."

The Board held a general discussion about the article "Strategic Abstentions and Absences in Fourth Class Cities," recently published in *Missouri Municipal Review*.

Matthew Reh, City Attorney, stated he is not as optimistic as the author of the article that this body can pass legislation in contravention Missouri Law. This is a totally muddled law. There is no way to craft legislation that wouldn't result in whoever is unhappy with the outcome filing a lawsuit.

Mr. Reh said, "If you wish, I can prepare my analysis of issues outlined in the article, at your direction."

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Alderman Pellerito said, "Yes," directing the City Attorney to prepare the analysis. The Mayor and Board concurred.

Sanitary Sewer Line Insurance

Mayor Sidebottom asked the Board if they were interested in placing the Sanitary Sewer Line Insurance Program back on the ballot. He suggested it be placed on a ballot when there is another City item on the ballot, i.e., the next time the City holds a Municipal Election in April 2015.

The Board held a general discussion about this issue. The Board was unanimously in favor of placing this item on the April 2015 ballot.

RECESS:

Mayor Sidebottom announced the Work Session will recess and will reconvene immediately after the business meeting adjourns later this evening. The Administrative/Finance/Public Works (A/F/PW) Work Session meeting recessed at approximately 6:55 p.m.

RECONVENE:

Immediately after the June 2, 2014 business meeting adjourned, Mayor Sidebottom reconvened the A/F/PW Work Session meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Attorney Led Discussion Regarding BOA Meeting Process

Mayor Sidebottom asked Matthew Reh, City Attorney, to discuss procedures for conducting business during both the A/F/PW Work Session and the business meetings.

Mr. Reh gave a brief explanation and answered questions about the appropriate procedures for the "discussion items" at the A/F/PW Work Session meeting and the legislative acts that can only be taken at a business meeting or special meeting that has met all of the requirements for public notice.

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The Board directed the City Attorney to prepare a monthly update of topics for discussion at the Work Session pertaining to Municipal government. Mr. Reh said his next topic will be about the Sunshine Law.

General Discussion

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 7:47 p.m.

Donna F. Daniel, City Clerk