

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

OCTOBER 3, 2016

The Board of Aldermen for the City of Lake Saint Louis, Missouri met in an Administrative/Finance/Public Works Joint Work Session on Monday, October 3, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Schweikert was present and presided over the meeting. Aldermen present were Mike Potter, Ward II; Gary Turner, Ward I; John Pellerito, Ward III; Jason Law, Ward III; Karen Vennard, Ward II; and Gary Torlina, Ward I. Also present were: Paul Markworth, City Administrator; Donna Daniel, City Clerk; Mike Force, Police Chief; Derek Koestel, Public Works Director; George Ertle, Assistant City Administrator; and Mike Pavlakes, Chief Building Inspector.

Amend Tree Code for Better Visibility of Undeveloped Sites

Paul Markworth, City Administrator, said elected officials and staff have had conversations with Mr. Leahy about tree removal on his six (6) acres of land on Technology. Mr. Leahy is here to discuss his request that the Code be amended to allow removal of all trees on his commercial property (six [6] acres on Technology).

Ryan Leahy and Mike Daniel identified themselves to the Board as the owners of the commercial property across from ABC Daycare. They thanked the Board for helping them to clean up the site, noting it is a work in progress.

Mr. Leahy said he was appreciative of the City staff and Board's help in regard to allowing them to remove the dead and diseased trees on the property, but he was also here to ask the Board to consider amending the Code to allow removal of all trees for commercial property along the highway corridor. The amendment would allow them to remove trees from the site so that (1) they can maintain it better, (2) prospective buyers can view the property from the street, or (3) be able to walk the site.

Mr. Daniel concurred with Mr. Leahy's assessment that they have lost potential buyers because they weren't allowed to remove trees from the property.

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Mr. Leahy suggested the Board consider allowing commercial property owners to place money into escrow (based on the value of the trees that are removed from the commercial property) that could be used to plant trees elsewhere in the City. He said he hopes the Board will amend the Tree Preservation Code for commercial property.

The Board held a general discussion about the Tree Preservation Code. The consensus of the Board was they were not in favor of amending the Tree Preservation Code. They noted if healthy trees were removed from the lot it should occur after approval of a site plan.

Police Policy Manual and Daily Training Bulletin Services Using Lexipol

Paul Markworth, City Administrator, said Senate Bill 5 began a discussion among municipal police departments to move toward a peer review of department policies. Mike Force, Police Chief, and his staff have researched several certification programs and believe that Lexipol is the best program for the department at this time.

Chief Force provided information and answered questions about his recommendation that the City purchase Police Policy Manual and Daily Training Bulletin Services from Lexipol. He noted the proposal he received from Lexipol for \$18,002 is \$3,000 more than the \$15,000 that was budgeted.

The Board held a general discussion about the police certification programs. They agreed with Chief Force's recommendation and directed staff to prepare a bill to enter into an agreement with Lexipol for consideration at the next meeting.

Pool Fence Setback

Mike Pavlakes, Chief Building Inspector, said his department has not had a problem with the section of the Code that states a fence cannot be closer than 7 ½ ' to a property line without gaining written approval from the neighbor, and in no circumstances can it be closer than 4' from the property line.

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Mr. Pavlakes went on to say that it is rare that anyone has made a request to place their pool fence closer than 7 ½ ' to the property line. In his opinion, this stipulation does not serve a purpose.

The Board held a general discussion about the Code pertaining to pool fence setbacks. The consensus of the Board was to amend the Code, removing the reference to 7 ½ ' with the neighbors permission, and keeping the requirement that a pool fence cannot be closer than 4' from the property line. Staff was directed to submit this issue to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motorist Speed Data Related to Traffic Calming

Derek Koestel, Public Works Director, gave a power-point presentation and answered questions about traffic speed data gathered for residential streets. Mr. Koestel noted the data shows that speeding is not prevalent.

The Board held a general discussion about the presentation.

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 6:47 p.m.

Donna F. Daniel, City Clerk