

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

JANUARY 20, 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, January 20, 2015, at 5:30 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: John Pellerito, Ward III; Karen Vennard, Ward II; Jason Law, Ward III; and Mike Potter, Ward II. Alderman Tony Zito, Ward I, and Alderman Gary Torlina, Ward I, were absent. Also present were: Paul Markworth, City Administrator; Donna Daniel, City Clerk; Steve Schertel, Community Development Director; Renee Roettger, Finance Director; Derek Koestel, Public Works Director; Eric Sterman, Assistant City Administrator; Darren Noelken, Parks and Recreation Director; and Mike Force, Police Chief.

Economic Development Incentives

Jim Mello, Armstrong Teasdale, gave a presentation and answered questions about incentives and economic development. He suggested, if the Board considers adopting an Economic Development Incentive Policy, keep it general (incentives and how they can be utilized can change). A policy can be used to “promote” Lake Saint Louis as a City that is open for business (City has used incentive tools in the past to benefit the City), and to “educate” by providing a description or summary of incentives that may be available and how the City will process requests for incentives that could be used to benefit the City.

The Board held a general discussion about economic development incentive policies. Staff was directed to prepare a draft policy for the Board’s consideration.

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Security Access Control

Paul Markworth, City Administrator, informed the Board that the City's security access control system has failed on three (3) occasions. Staff proposes the solution would be to upgrade the hardware and software. Staff has determined this repair/upgrade to purchase and install equipment at a total cost of \$24,771.00 is an unbudgeted "emergency purchase," and proposes money come from the following sources:

\$10,000 from the DWI escrow account
\$4,000 from the inmate security fund escrow
\$3,500 DVR upgrade line item in PD budget
\$3,500 security camera at City Hall line item in budget
\$3,771 from General Fund reserve

The Board held a general discussion about staff's request to make the emergency purchase. Alderman Pellerito asked about union vs. non-union labor. Derek Koestel, Public Works Director, explained that the City is required to pay prevailing wage on a construction project (if it meets the criteria). Alderman Pellerito asked if it was appropriate to use DWI escrow account funds for this purchase. Mr. Markworth said he and Chief Force have determined this is an appropriate use of the funds. The Board authorized staff to make the "emergency purchase".

Employee Discount for Park Programs

Darren Noelken, Parks and Recreation Director, presented staff's recommendation to allow City employees to attend park programs at a discounted rate. Mr. Noelken said there are several benefits to having employees attend park programs. He noted it is a common practice in our neighboring municipalities to offer a discount to employees. Mr. Noelken said he recommends employees receive the resident rate.

The Board held a general discussion about staff's request for an employee discount for park programs. The Board unanimously approved the request to offer employees a resident-rate discount for park programs.

General Discussion:

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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 6:45 p.m.

Donna F. Daniel, City Clerk