

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

JANUARY 18, 2022

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 18, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Jason Law presided over the meeting. Aldermen present were: Tom Mispagel, Ward II; Justin Hensley, Ward III; Karen Vennard, Ward II; Chris Hinkle, Ward III; and Jacalyn Schauer, Ward I. Alderman Gary Torlina, Ward I, was absent. Also present were: George Ertle, City Administrator; Sarah Belcher, Assistant City Administrator; Barbara Courtney, Deputy City Clerk; Chris DiGiuseppi, Police Chief; Renee Camp, Finance Director; Derek Koestel, Public Works Director; and Louis Clayton, Community Development Director.

City Lobbying

Tom Dempsey, Founder & CEO of First Capital Advisors, gave a presentation on City Lobbying and the services that his company could offer the City. Some of the services are; individual attention, constant communications, weekly updates, use of existing relationships with committee members, and established relationships on both sides of the aisle.

A general discussion was held about the City's lobbying needs and current working relationships with State government entities.

Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/21 Audit

Victoria Dailey, Audit Director with Sikich LLP gave the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ending 6/30/21 for the City. She noted key points in the report and commented that it is the 29th consecutive year that the City has been awarded the prestigious National Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financing Reporting.

A general discussion was held about the Audit. The Board was pleased to hear that the Auditors had no points of concern and congratulated Finance

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Director, Renee Camp and staff for a job well done in achieving the award again this year.

ARPA

George Ertle, City Administrator, informed the Board of the status and recent changes to the federal government's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act). Noting that the City will receive 3.4 million total, of which we have already received 1.7 million. Leaving the remaining 1.7 million to come in the next few months. Due to the final rule being issued the use of funds will be unrestricted. One current need is to expand the police department facility to accommodate the larger number of staff and the increasing need for policing as our City continues to grow. A second is addressing the aging Parks Dept. building located at Founders Park and the need to have inside storage for the park equipment & vehicles, and suitable space for the employees.

A general discussion was held about ARPA and the best way the City could use funds. The Board would like staff to move forward looking into both expanding the Police Dept. facility and addressing the aging Parks Dept. building at Founders Park.

Aselage Property

Randy Aselage, the owner of the property located near the northeast corner of the Lake Saint Louis Blvd & Orf Road intersection, gave a presentation and answered questions regarding his proposed use of the property for a storage business. He stated the facility he would like to have would offer both interior & exterior storage and would be completely fenced in so that it could not be seen from the outside. It would also have a security camera and controlled access gate. He stated that he has exhausted all other avenues for the development of the property and feels that this is the best use for the property at this time.

A general discussion was held about the Aselage Property and the proposed use. The Board asked that Mr. Aselage provide a more detailed plan of what he proposes and continue to communicate with Louis Clayton, Community Development Director regarding the process and any

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requirements.

General Discussion

The Board had no further items for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Barbara Courtney, Deputy City Clerk