

MINUTES
DES PERES BOARD OF ALDERMEN
April 27, 2020
DES PERES GOVERNMENT CENTER

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Des Peres, Missouri was held at the Des Peres Government Center, 12325 Manchester Road commencing at 7:00 PM on Monday April 27th, 2020.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk took roll with the following board members present: Alderman Pound, Alderman Sansone, Alderman Fitzpatrick, Alderman Kleinschmidt, Alderman Barrett and Alderman Concagh. Mayor Becker was also present.

For the record, Alderman Kleinschmidt attended the meeting remotely by video.

Staff members present included the City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, City Attorney, City Clerk, Director of Finance, Director of Parks & Recreation, Director of Public Safety and the Director of Public Works.

At this time the Board of Aldermen, staff and citizens rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – None

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Mayor Becker stated that a request for an Executive Session for the purposes of consulting with legal counsel has been made.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES - None

REPORT OF THE MAYOR –

Mayor Becker stated that the City Clerk has prepared a memo on all members whose terms are due to expire before June 30th, 2020 as well as a list of current vacancies on Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Becker reminded the Board that the Municipal Code requires that the Board within 60 days of a general election make Board assignments for the next year and should be made by motion and vote at a regular meeting. Due to the postponement of the General Election until June 2th, assignments will need to be done prior to August.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Becker stated that the Consent Agenda consisted of two (2) items. Alderman Concagh read a summary of the items on the consent agenda.

1. Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting of April 13, 2020
2. Warrant List Dated April 23, 2020

Alderman Concagh moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Alderman Sansone. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Concagh, AYE; Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Barrett, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Pound, AYE. Motion passed 6-0.

LEGISLATION (UNFINISHED) - None

LEGISLATION (NEW) - None

REPORTS OF STAFF

Report of Director of Parks & Recreation

Director of Parks and Recreation stated that the Department is waiting on the announcement of the County Executive on March 4th, where the Department anticipates a new order will be made which will allow for the re-opening of the Lodge.

Mr. Schaffer stated that Lodge employees are preparing for a May 18th re-opening, and for the pools to open after Memorial Weekend to avoid a large opening weekend crowd. Mr. Schaffer added that all aquatic programs are being reviewed.

Mr. Schaffer stated that to date only thirteen kids have been registered for the summer camp program, and that given the size and time period for the camp, it is the recommendation of staff to cancel the summer camp program while still allowing contract camps to operate. Mr. Schaffer added that CYC and area schools have cancelled all field reservations for the season.

Mr. Shaffer gave a brief update on the tennis court project at Des Peres park, stating that the courts have been completed, but are waiting on the concrete sidewalks to be poured.

Report of Director of Public Safety

Director of Public Safety stated that for the protection of the Public Safety employees, the Department has been divided and are working at the Public Safety Building as well as The Lodge, while the building is not being used. Mr. Hall stated that Public Safety moved into The Lodge on March 23rd with no issues, and thanked the Parks Director for being so accommodating.

Report of Director of Public Works

Director of Public Works stated that no applications for review by the Planning & Zoning Commission have been received, but two applications for the Board of Adjustment have been submitted and scheduled for May 25th.

Mr. Meyer stated that the Streets Department is back to normal staffing and hour.

Report of City Clerk

City Clerk stated that Business and Liquor License Renewals are due on June 30th, 2020. Ms. Mann requested that business owners be provided additional time to pay their business renewal fees without penalty. Staff recommended that liquor license renewals not be included.

Alderman Sansone moved to waive late fees and penalties for business license renewals through September 1st, 2020, second by Alderman Concagh. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Concagh, AYE; Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Barrett, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Pound, AYE. Motion passed 6-0.

Reports of City Administrator & Director of Finance

City Administrator Harms stated that the Mayor & Board have already suspended \$1.8 million in capital projects, and staff is reviewing all operating budgets to identify savings resulting from suspension of all non-essential operating expenses. Mr. Harms and Ms. Hansen provided the Board sales tax assumptions, an estimate of sales tax loss for 2020, and lost sales tax based on certain variables. Ms. Hansen stated that the Finance Department should have the numbers for March sales tax around May 10th.

Ms. Hansen provided to the Board the current fund balances.

Alderman Fitzpatrick requested a work session be held to review the sales tax numbers once they start to come in.

Alderman Fitzpatrick moved to suspend the Des Peres Newsletter for 2020, second by Alderman Sansone. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Concagh, AYE; Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Barrett, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Pound, AYE. Motion passed 6-0.

Alderman Kleinschmidt moved to cancel the managed deer hunt, second by Alderman Barrett. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Concagh, AYE; Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Barrett, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Pound, AYE. Motion passed 6-0.

Alderman Fitzpatrick moved to cancel the contribution for the annual Freedom Fiesta, second by Alderman Sansone. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Concagh, AYE; Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Barrett, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Pound, AYE. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board requested that decisions regarding the Summer Concert Series and Employee Merit Increases be delayed until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the regular session of the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Barrett moved to adjourn to enter into Executive Session for purposes of consulting with legal counsel, second by Alderman Concagh at 8:20 PM. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Concagh, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Pound, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Barrett, AYE; Fitzpatrick, AYE. Motion passed 6-0.

Minutes prepared by:

Stacey Mann, City Clerk

Mark Becker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacey Mann, City Clerk