

MINUTES
DES PERES BOARD OF ALDERMEN
June 22nd, 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 June 22nd, 2020.

ROLL CALL

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

For the record, Alderman Kleinschmidt attended the meeting remotely by video at 7:02pm.

Staff members present included the City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, City Clerk, City Attorney, 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.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA - None

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES - None

REPORT OF THE MAYOR –

Mayor Becker reminded the Board that terms of sitting members of Boards and Commissions are nearing expiration at the end of the month. Mayor Becker asked that the Board submit any recommendations for vacancies or appointments by the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Becker stated that the Consent Agenda consisted of five (5) items. Alderman Fitzpatrick read a summary of the items on the consent agenda.

1. Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting of June 8th, 2020
2. Warrant List Dated June 18th, 2020
3. R20-3409 Designating Missouri General Insurance Agency as Agent of Record For

Purposes of Placement of Property Insurance Coverage and Authorizing a Contract for Property Insurance with Selective Insurance Company at a Premium Cost of \$101,305.00 for the 12 Month Period Commencing July 1, 2020

4. R20-3410 Authorizing a Contract with Lloyds of London for Cyber Liability Insurance Coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for the Year commencing July 1st, 2020 at a cost of \$6,572.00
5. R20-3411 Authorizing Renewal of Liquor by the Drink License to Bravo Cucina Located at 15 West County Center

Alderman Sansone moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Alderman Pound. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Pound, AYE. Motion passed 4-0.

Report of the City Clerk

City Clerk Mann stated that the Certification of Elections Results were received from the St. Louis County Board of Elections, and then administered the Oaths of Office to Alderman Pound, Alderman Fitzpatrick and Mayor Becker. Ms. Mann stated that she would swear in Alderman Barrett prior to the next meeting.

LEGISLATION (UNFINISHED) - None

LEGISLATION (NEW)

1. B20-2887 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Schedule III. Stop Signs and Schedule IV. Parking Prohibited to Provide for Additional Traffic Regulations on Public Drives in Des Peres Park.

Alderman Sansone introduced Bill 20-2887 and read it for the first time.

REPORTS OF STAFF

Report of the City Clerk

City Clerk stated that under Executive Order #5, the Office of the City Clerk upon review of the Directors of Public Works and Public Safety may grant temporary permits to local businesses to allow for outside displays and sales of goods. Ms. Mann stated that applications for J.P. Fields West and Circa Pub & Grill have been approved, and another application is currently under review.

City Administrator Harms stated that this order is in effect until July 6th, unless the Board chooses to extend it. Mr. Harms added that as of June 29th, restaurants will still only be allowed to open up to 50% of their capacity, which will continue to result in loss revenue.

Alderman Fitzpatrick moved to extend Executive Order #5 through September 1st, 2020, second by Alderman Sansone. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Pound, AYE. Motion passed 4-0.

Report of the Director of Parks & Recreation

Director of Parks & Recreation stated that all facilities have reopened to members and Dese Peres residents, with the exception of the splash pads, parks, shower facilities and saunas.

Mr. Schaffer stated that to date the only issues have been the enforcement of the mandatory face masks, which has resulted in the cancellation of two memberships.

Mr. Schaffer stated that with only being open to residents and members The Lodge has seen a drastic revenue reduction due to the loss of daily admission fees. Mr. Schaffer added that staff is considering opening up to non-members following the July 4th holiday weekend.

Mr. Schaffer stated that St. Louis County has yet to release their requirements for outdoor events, but some media outlets and surrounding cities have started to communicate what they believe those requirements might be. Mr. Schaffer stated with the information that they have it would be difficult to host the summer concert series in July and August, and is seeking direction from the Board.

Following a brief discussion, it was the decision of the Board to postpone the summer concert series until 2021.

Report of the City Administrator

Hiring Freeze

City Administrator Harms stated that Executive Order #2, signed into effect in March 2020, imposed a hiring freeze which prohibits filling any full time position. Mr. Harms added that due to turnover in four full time positions, the Director of Public Safety and Director of Public Works are now requesting approval to fill two positions, Public Safety Officer and Code Enforcement Officer.

Alderman Sansone moved to allow the hiring of a Code Enforcement Officer and Public Safety Officer, second by Alderman Fitzpatrick. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Pound, AYE. Motion passed 4-0.

Abatement of City Hall

City Administrator Harms provided the Board a memo on the bids that were received for the City Hall Environmental Abatement project. Mr. Harms stated that asbestos and lead paint have been located in the second and third floors in areas used by staff for record storage.

Mr. Harms stated that bids came in five percent under budget, and that staff is seeking direction on how to proceed. Mr. Harms stated that the Board could move forward with negotiations with the low bidder, delay the project until 2021, or delay the project indefinitely.

Alderman Fitzpatrick moved to delay the project until 2021, second by Alderman Kleinschmidt. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Pound, AYE. Motion passed 4-0.

Reopening of Meetings

Mr. Harms stated that with County lifting restriction on gatherings greater than nine people, Boards & Commissions meetings may resume, unless otherwise directed.

Following a brief discussion, the Board agreed to continue hosting the meeting virtually.

Public Forum on Proposition F

City Administrator Harms stated that a draft of the newsletter has been provided to the Board. Mr. Harms added that this will be that last print edition of the newsletter for 2020, and includes information on the August 4th ballot item, Proposition F. Mr. Harms stated that if the Board wishes to hold a public forum on Proposition F, it would be best to schedule now so staff could include the information in the upcoming newsletter.

Mayor Becker requested that a Public Forum on Proposition F be added to the July 13th agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the regular session of the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Sansone moved to adjourn, second by Alderman Fitzpatrick at 7:48PM roll call vote was then taken with the following results: A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Pound, AYE. Motion passed 4-0.

Minutes prepared by:

Stacey Mann, City Clerk

Mark Becker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacey Mann, City Clerk