

MINUTES
DES PERES BOARD OF ALDERMEN
November 28, 2016
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, November 28, 2016.

ROLL CALL

The Assistant City Administrator took roll with the following board members present: Alderman Gmelich, Alderman Pound, Alderman Raczkiewicz, Alderman Kleinschmidt, Alderman Concagh and Alderman Becker. Mayor Lahr was also present.

Staff members present included: City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, City Attorney, Director of Public Safety, Director of Parks and Recreation and Director of Finance. The City Clerk was absent with excuse. At this time the Board of Aldermen, staff and citizens rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor acknowledged the presence of a boy scout in the audience and asked him to introduce himself, his troop and the merit badge he is working toward. He thanked him for his attendance and interest.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Lahr announced the first item of business was a public hearing on adopting the 2017 Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2017.

Finance Director Tracy Hansen provided a brief presentation of the proposed budget. The discussion focused on the following talking points:

- Continuation of zero Property Tax for 22nd consecutive year
- Continuation of free Curbside Trash & Recycling to 3,150 homes at a cost savings of \$238 per home per year
- Debt service paid from current revenues without a property tax
- Increase number of Full Time Employees by 1 new Public Safety Officer
- 2.00% Increase in Employee Compensation Plan

The Assistant City Administrator read the following exhibits:

- Notice of Public Hearing posted November 4, 2016 on the City Website and at City Hall
- Publication of Notice of Public Hearing in the St. Louis Countian, a newspaper of general circulation, on November 11, 2016
- Publication of Notice of Public Hearing in the Webster-Kirkwood Times on November 10, 2016
- Resolution 16-3043 Adopting the 2017 Budget and attachments thereto
- Copy of Detailed Line Item Budget as proposed
- PowerPoint Presentation on Proposed 2017 Budget Presented at the Board of Aldermen meeting held November 28, 2016

Mayor Lahr asked if any citizens wished to comment.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Lahr closed the public hearing.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Mayor Lahr asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. The City Administrator advised that a substitute bill for Bill 16-2397 was being offered under new business.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

Rich Westermayer, 917 Kinstern Drive, raised concerns about the number of vehicle burglaries in recent months, referencing an incident where his own vehicle was broken into. Chief Krumm acknowledged the problem which he stated is county-wide not just in Des Peres. He stressed the importance of keeping vehicles locked at all times in as much as most of these are crimes of opportunity from unlocked cars. He stated that the department takes these crimes seriously and does follow up investigation in cooperation with other area departments and some arrests have been made.

Mayor Lahr reiterated the City's commitment to bolstering neighborhood patrols and reducing the number of break-ins.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

No reports were submitted.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Lahr advised that the Consent Agenda consists of six (6) items. Under the Board Rules, all items on the consent agenda can be approved by a single motion and any item on the warrant list may be removed prior to the vote at the request of any individual member of the Board of Aldermen. Items on the consent agenda included:

1. Minutes of the November 14, 2016 Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
2. Warrant List Dated November 23, 2016
3. R16-3044 Authorizing a Contract with REJIS for MIS Support Services
4. R16-3045 Authorizing a Contract with A-1 Textiles for the Purchase of Bath and Hand Towels for the Lodge Des Peres.
5. R16-3046 Authorizing Renewal of a Contract with Aetna for Employee Dental Insurance
6. R16-3047 Authorizing an Application to the Missouri Department of Conservation for Authorization to Conduct a Deer Spotlight Survey and Authorizing a Contract with White Buffalo Inc to Conduct a Deer Spotlight Survey in January 2017

The Mayor asked if there are any items the board wished removed from the consent agenda. None were requested.

Alderman Raczkiewicz moved to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Alderman Becker. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Alderman Gmelich, AYE; Alderman Becker, AYE; Alderman Pound, AYE; Alderman Concagh, AYE; Alderman Kleinschmidt, AYE; and Alderman Raczkiewicz, AYE; Motion passed 6-0.

Alderman Gmelich abstained from the line item regarding Curtis Heinz on the Warrant List.

LEGISLATION – Unfinished

- 1. Bill 16-2793.1** An Ordinance Amending Section 16-79 of the Municipal Code and Adopting New Regulations in Lieu Thereof Relating to Creation of Noise in Residential Zoning Districts by Use of Power Tools, Machinery Or Other Construction Activity

The City Attorney advised that he had one small amendment to the proposed bill to add language to the following section “The above restrictions do not apply to any contractor working under contract with the United States Government, the State of Missouri, or any agencies thereof” to include the words “or political subdivisions” after the word “agencies”.

Alderman Concagh entertained a motion to amend Bill 16-2793.1 to adopt the language provided by the City Attorney, second by Alderman Kleinschmidt. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Alderman Gmelich, AYE; Alderman Becker, AYE; Alderman Pound, AYE; Alderman Concagh, AYE; Alderman Kleinschmidt, AYE; and Alderman Racziewicz, AYE; Motion passed 6-0.

Alderman Concagh read Bill 16-2793.1 for a second reading and made a motion to approve, second by Alderman Gmelich. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Alderman Gmelich, AYE; Alderman Becker, AYE; Alderman Pound, AYE; Alderman Concagh, AYE; Alderman Kleinschmidt, AYE; and Alderman Racziewicz, AYE; Motion passed 6-0.

- 2. Bill 16-2795** An Ordinance Establishing Employee Compensation for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2017 and Repealing All Ordinances in Conflict Therewith

Alderman Gemlich read Bill 16-2795 for a second reading and made a motion to approve, second by Alderman Kleinschmidt. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Alderman Gmelich, AYE; Alderman Becker, AYE; Alderman Pound, AYE; Alderman Concagh, AYE; Alderman Kleinschmidt, AYE; and Alderman Racziewicz, AYE; Motion passed 6-0.

- 3. Bill 16-2796** An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission for the Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP)

Alderman Kleinschmidt read Bill 16-2796 for a second reading and made a motion to approve, second by Alderman Racziewicz. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Alderman Gmelich, AYE; Alderman Becker, AYE; Alderman Pound, AYE; Alderman Concagh, AYE; Alderman Kleinschmidt, AYE; and Alderman Racziewicz, AYE; Motion passed 6-0.

- 4. R16-3043** Adopting the 2017 Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2017

This measure will be entertained at the BOA meeting scheduled for December 12th.

LEGISLATION – New Business

- 1. Bill 16-2797.1** An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Transportation Project

Agreement between the City, the 12796 Manchester Road
Transportation Development District and McGowan Brothers
Development; Prescribing the Form and Details of Said Agreement;
Making Certain Findings with Respect Thereto; Authorizing Other
Related Actions in Connection With the Transportation Project; and
Containing a Severability Claus (Introduction)

The City Administrator advised that the revised bill contained three changes: (1) reserves two seats on the Board of Directors for the Mayor and a second representative of the city; (2) caps interest rates on TDD notes at 7.0% and (3) provides for reimbursement of the city of any expenses incurred in review of TDD documents.

Alderman Becker introduced Bill 16-2797.1. Mayor Lahr announced that this measure would be held over until the next meeting in December.

REPORTS OF STAFF

There being no additional business to come before the regular session of the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Gmelich moved to adjourn and convene an executive session, second by Alderman Concagh at 7:31 PM. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Alderman Gmelich, AYE; Alderman Becker, AYE; Alderman Pound, AYE; Alderman Concagh, AYE; Alderman Kleinschmidt, AYE; and Alderman Raczkiewicz, AYE; Motion passed 6-0.

Minutes prepared by:

Scott Schaefer, Assistant City Administrator
Deputy City Clerk

These minutes have been approved by the Board of Aldermen.

Richard Lahr, Mayor

ATTEST:

Scott Schaefer, Assistant City Administrator
Deputy City Clerk