

**MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022
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 63131, commencing at 7:01 P.M. on Monday, September 12, 2022.

ROLL CALL

The Assistant City Administrator took roll call with the following elected officials physically present: Alderman Barrett, Alderman Concagh, Alderman Osherow, Alderman Fitzpatrick and Alderman Pound. Mayor Becker was also present. Alderman Kleinschmidt attended the meeting remotely.

Alderman Concagh was absent with excuse due to a work conflict.

Staff members present included the City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, Director of Finance, Director of Public Works, Director of Parks & Recreation and Director of Public Safety. The City Clerk was absent for training purposes at the MML Conference.

BOARD WORK SESSION – Overview of the Draft [2023 Capital Improvement Budget](#)

Mayor Becker announced that a Work Session of the Board of Aldermen took place prior to the Regular Meeting on the proposed 2023 Capital Improvement Budget. The meeting was for discussion purposes only with no decisions made.

Mayor Becker asked for a moment of silence to commemorate the victims of the 9/11 attacks.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA – NONE

PUBLIC HEARING – PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2022 REAL ESTATE TAX LEVIED AT \$0.00

The Assistant City Administrator read aloud the following exhibits relative to the Public Hearing on the Proposed Property Tax:

1. Notice of Public Hearing of September 13, 2022 advertised in the St. Louis Countian and Website Kirkwood Times on August 25, 2022
2. Notice of Public Hearing posted at the following locations: (1) Des Peres City Hall, (2) Des Peres Website on August 25, 2022
3. Public Hearing announcement placed in the 2022 September Edition of the Des Peres Citizen Newsletter
4. Statement of Preliminary Assessed Value for all Real and Personal Property for 2022 provided by the Assessor of St Louis County
5. Copy of 2022 Budget which contemplates \$0.00 revenues from property taxes for general or debt service purposes
6. Tax Calculation Worksheets Provided by State Auditor's Office 6

7. B22-2963 An Ordinance Establishing the Annual Rate of Tax Levy at \$0.00 on All Real Personal Property and for the Year 2022
8. Municipal Code of the City of Des Peres

Director of Finance, Tracy Hansen, presided over a brief [presentation](#) outlining the city's obligations under Missouri law as it relates to establishing the annual property tax levy which, at the request of the Board of Aldermen, is slated for another rollback to \$0.00 for the 2022 fiscal year. The Board of Aldermen will make that determination during the Unfinished Business portion of the agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS –

Gerald Forrester (12922 Hunter Creek) voiced strong opposition against imposing a real estate tax citing financial hardship for those on fixed incomes which have not kept pace with inflation. Mr. Forrester implored the Board of Aldermen to retain the existing \$0.00 tax rate which has remained in place for 27 years.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Becker announced that there were four (4) action items currently under the Consent Agenda. At the request of Mayor Becker, Alderman Fitzpatrick read aloud those items individually:

1. Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting of August 22, 2022
2. Warrant List Dated September 8, 2022
3. R22-3611 Authorizing Issuance of a Liquor License By the Drink License Including Sunday Sales to Koibito Poke Located at 13275 Manchester Rd
4. R22-3612 Authorizing An Amended Lease Agreement with Flock Safety for an Additional Camera Location

Alderman Osherow made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pound to approve the Consent Agenda as proposed. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Barrett, "AYE", Alderman Kleinschmidt, "AYE", Alderman Osherow, "AYE", Alderman Pound, "AYE" and Alderman Fitzpatrick. "AYE". Motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Becker advised that no reports have been submitted for Board of Aldermen review or consideration.

LEGISLATION

Unfinished Business

- a. **B22- 2963 An Ordinance Establishing the Annual Rate of Tax Levy at \$0.00 on All Real Personal Property and for the Fiscal Year 2022**

Alderman Barrett read aloud B22-2963 for the second time.