

MINUTES
DES PERES BOARD OF ALDERMEN
September 28th, 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 August 24th, 2020.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

Bob & Pam Ashcraft, 1543 Fawnvalley Drive, submitted a comment via email stating that they feel that Waste Connections has provided quality service as the trash hauler for the City of Des Peres. They added that Waste Connections does a great job in communicating delays and issues, and goes above and beyond. Mr. & Mrs. Ashcraft are in support of continuing the current contract the City has with Waste Connections.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Becker announced that due to COVID-19 and the restrictions limiting gatherings to no more than 50 people, he has made the decision to cancel the annual Boards & Commissions Dinner originally scheduled for November 13th, 2020. Mayor Becker added that a gift thanking the commissioners would still be sent out, and ideas or suggestions would be welcomed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Becker announced that Katie White of the Audit & Finance Committee has resigned effectively immediately.

Alderman Kleinschmidt suggested that the aldermen reach out to their ward representatives to ensure they are still interested in serving on this commission, as member attendance has been low lately.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Becker stated that the Consent Agenda consisted of three (3) items. Alderman Concagh read a summary of the items on the consent agenda.

1. Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting of September 14, 2020
2. Warrant List Dated September 24, 2020
3. R20-3423 Authorizing Renewal of Dental Coverage for a One Year Period Ending December 31, 2021 with AETNA for Group Dental Insurance

Alderman Concagh moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Alderman Barrett. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Pound, AYE; Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Concagh, AYE; Barrett, AYE. Motion passed 5-0.

LEGISLATION (UNFINISHED)

1. B20-2893.4 An Ordinance Establishing the Annual Rate of Tax Levy For All Funds on All Real and Personal Property Located Within the City of Des Peres for the Year 2020 and Voluntarily Rolling Back All Tax Rates to \$0.0000 (Amend B20-2893.3; 2nd Reading; and Consideration for Final Adoption)

Alderman Barrett moved to adopt Bill 20-2893.4 as an amendment to Bill 20-2893, second by Alderman Concagh. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Pound, AYE; Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Concagh, AYE; Barrett, AYE. Motion passed 5-0.

Alderman Barrett read Bill 20-2893.4 for a second time.

Alderman Kleinschmidt, Aldermanic Representative to the Audit & Finance Committee, stated that the committee has raised concerns with revenues and feels that this may be a missed opportunity.

Alderman Barrett moved to approve Bill 20-2893.4, second by Alderman Pound. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Pound, AYE; Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, NAY; Concagh, AYE; Barrett, AYE. Motion passed 4-1.

LEGISLATION (NEW)

1. B20-2895 An Ordinance Authorizing a Contract with Waste Connections of Missouri Inc. For Residential Solid Waste Services for a Sixty-Six (66) Month Period Commencing January 1, 2021 and Ending June 30, 2026 with Options for Extension of Such Contract for Up to Two (2) Additional Five (5) Year Periods of Time (Introduction)

Alderman Fitzpatrick introduced Bill 20-2895, and read it for the first time.

2. B20-2896 An Ordinance Requesting that St Louis County Distribute \$47 Million of CARES ACT Funds on a Per Capita Basis to the Municipalities Within the County to be Used for Eligible Expenses, Authorizing the City Administrator to Accept CARES ACT Funding and Execute a Municipality Relief Program Funding Agreement, Confirming Agreement to Indemnify and Hold Harmless St Louis County from Such Distribution and Repealing Ordinance 2877 (Introduction; Waive Rules; 2nd Reading; & Consideration for Final Adoption)

Alderman Pound introduced Bill 20-2896, and read it for the first time.

Alderman Pound moved to waive the rules, and read Bill 20-2896 for a second time, second by Alderman Fitzpatrick. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Pound, AYE; Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Concagh, AYE; Barrett, AYE. Motion passed 5-0.

Alderman Pound read Bill 20-2896 for a second time.

Alderman Kleinschmidt asked if the City Attorney has reviewed the agreement, and if so, is he comfortable with the language. Mr. Graville answered in the affirmative.

Alderman Pound moved to approve Bill 20-2896 as presented, second by Alderman Fitzpatrick. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Pound, AYE; Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Concagh, AYE; Barrett, AYE. Motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS OF STAFF

City Administrator

City Administrator Harms requested that the Board adopt a schedule to review the 2021 Operating Budgets for the General Fund and Park Fund. Mr. Harms stated that the proposed dates and times are as follows:

Monday October 12th, 6PM
Monday October 19th, 7PM

Monday October 26th, 6PM

Mr. Harms stated that if there is no objection staff will begin drafting the meeting notices for those dates.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the regular session of the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Fitzpatrick moved to adjourn, second by Alderman Concagh at 7:15PM 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; Pound, AYE; Concagh, AYE; Barrett; AYE. Motion passed 5-0.

Minutes prepared by:

Stacey Mann, City Clerk

Mark Becker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacey Mann, City Clerk