

**MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
APRIL 25, 2022
DES PERES GOVERNMENT CENTER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Des Peres, Missouri was at the Des Peres Government Center, 12325 Manchester Road 63131, commencing at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 25, 2022.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk took roll with the following elected officials present: Alderman Barrett, Alderman Concagh, Alderman Fitzpatrick, Alderman Kleinschmidt, Alderman Osherow, and Alderman Pound. Mayor Becker was also present.

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

At this time, those present rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Certification of Election Results of Election Held April 5, 2022

The City Clerk presented the certified election results from the St Louis County Board of Election Commissioners from the April 5, 2022 election, certifying the election of Mayor Mark Becker, and Aldermen John Pound, Dean Fitzpatrick and Patrick Barrett to new two-year terms.

2. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officials

City Clerk administered Oaths of Office to the four newly elected officials.

PUBLIC HEARING – NONE

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Becker announced that there were seven (7) items currently on the consent agenda. Mayor Becker requested Alderman Fitzpatrick to read the read the seven items on the consent agenda including:

1. Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting of April 11, 2022
2. Warrant List Dated April 20, 2022
3. R22-3582 Recognition of Department of Finance for Receipt of “Triple Crown” from the Government Offices Association (GFOA) for 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; 2020 Popular Annual Financial Report; and 2021 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
4. R22-3583 Authorizing an Expanded Agreement with The Miller Group for Dual-Factor Authentication Services and Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation Relating Thereto

5. R22-3584 Authorizing a Contract with Black Rain for Purchase of Eighteen (18) Patrol Rifles with Related Accessory Equipment and Providing for Trade-in of Older Model Service Rifles and Adopting a \$10,000 Supplemental Appropriation in The Capital Improvement Fund Relation Thereto
6. R22-3585 Authorizing an Agreement with SLAIT-Health and Anthem for Renewal of Health Insurance Coverage Effective July 1, 2022
7. R22-3586 Authorizing a Contract Extension with Zimmerman Electric Ending December 31, 2022 for Electrical Maintenance Services for Public Buildings

Alderman Concagh made a motion, seconded by Alderman Barrett to approve the seven items on the Consent Agenda, as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Barrett, "AYE", Alderman Fitzpatrick, "AYE", Alderman Concagh, "AYE", Alderman Kleinschmidt, "AYE" Alderman Osherow, "AYE", Alderman Pound, and "AYE". Motion passed 6-0.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR –

- a. **Proclamation - Local Government Week**
The Mayor has issued a proclamation honoring *Local Government Week* which has been designated by the state as the first week in May.
- b. **Appointments to Boards and Commissions**
The Mayor reminded the board that they have 60 days following the April election, to designate assignments which by code are done by motion and vote in a regular meeting.
- c. **Presentation of GFOA Awards to Department of Finance**
Mayor Becker presented Finance Director Tracy Hansen and Assistant City Administrator Scott Schaefer with the Triple Crown Award

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES –

- Report of the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting held April 13, 2022

LEGISLATION

Unfinished Business –

1. **R22-3578 Authorizing Creation of Des Peres Public Safety K-9 Unit; Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to Accept Donations Regarding the Program; and Approving an Increase in the Authorized Strength to Forty-Six (46) Commissioned Officers**

Alderman Barrett read R22-3578.

Alderman Kleinschmidt expressed his concern of the cost of the dog, more specifically the annual upkeep cost. The dog will be doing a lot with nothing in return from West County Center. Alderman Kleinschmidt suggested West County

Center pay \$80,000 a year for the city to provide safety to their facility. Alderman Fitzpatrick stated the dog is more for the citizens of Des Peres to feel safe than it is for West County Center. Alderman Barrett expressed the mall is important and the safety of the community is a concern of the residents. Alderman Barrett suggested promoting the Flock Camera System to keep criminals away from West County Center. Alderman Pound stated the city needs to focus on what the mall does for the city and that The City of Des Peres needs to do whatever we can to keep the mall safe.

Alderman Barrett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fitzpatrick to approve R22-3578. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Barrett, "AYE", Alderman Concagh, "AYE", Alderman Fitzpatrick, "AYE", Alderman Kleinschmidt, "AYE" Alderman Osherow, "AYE", Alderman Pound, "AYE". Motion passed 6-0.

2. **R22-3579 Declaring Vapor Wake a Specialized Provider under the Purchasing Code; Authorizing a Negotiated Contract for Purchase of a Vapor Wake Public Safety Canine and Related Initial Training; and Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation in the Public Safety (Prop P) Fund**

Alderman Barrett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Osherow to table R22-3579 for revised recommendations. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Barrett, "AYE", Alderman Concagh, "AYE", Alderman Fitzpatrick, "AYE", Alderman Kleinschmidt, "AYE" Alderman Osherow, "AYE", Alderman Pound, "AYE". Motion passed 6-0.

New Business

1. **B22-2953 An Ordinance Repealing Sections 2-311 to 2-334 of Division 3. Purchasing Code of Chapter 2. Administration of the Municipal Code and Adopting in Lieu Thereof a Revised Purchasing Code (Introduction Only)**

Alderman Fitzpatrick read B22-2953 for the first time.

Mayor Becker announced that B22-2953 will be held over until the May 9th Board of Aldermen Meeting for consideration of passage and approval at that time.

2. **B22-2954 Authorizing a Master Agreement with George Butler Associates (GBA) for On-Call Plan Review and Building Inspection Services (Introduction Only)**

Alderman Pound read B22-2954 for the first time.

Mayor Becker announced that B22-2954 will be held over until the May 9th Board of Aldermen Meeting for consideration of passage and approval at that time.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. **Report of Director of Finance**

a. **2021 Year End Financial Report**

Finance Director, Tracy Hansen presented the 2021 Financial Performance of The City of Des Peres.

2. **Director of Public Works**

a. **Project Review - Des Peres Road Roundabout**

Director of Public Works, Steve Meyer gave a detailed synopsis of the upcoming roundabout project which is finalized in the Fall of 2022.

3. **City Administrator**

a. **Air Quality Testing at The Lodge**

City Administrator Doug Harms presented the results of the pre and post installation of the Dry Hydrogen Peroxide Synexis systems at the Lodge. The biggest impact the new system has improved is surface contamination. All costs of this project and testing were covered by a FEMA grant.

b. **Citizen Attitude Survey**

City staff has completed the review of questions in the citizen survey which ETC is prepared to move forward with in June and July after the city submits the final survey questions. ETC will then read and modify all questions to eliminate any potential leading bias in the questions themselves. The citizen survey will be sent to random 400-500 households in the City of Des Peres.

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Staff has not been notified by the Mayor or City Attorney of a request for Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Concagh made a motion, seconded by Aldermen Osherow to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:06 P.M.

Minutes Prepared by:

Amanda Hurley
City Clerk

Minutes approved by the Board of Aldermen on the 9th day of May, 2022.

Mark Becker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amanda Hurley
City Clerk