

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
APRIL 26, 2021  
DES PERES GOVERNMENT CENTER**

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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 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 26, 2021.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Alderman Barrett and Alderman Sansone were absent with excuse.

Staff members present included the City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, City Clerk, City Attorney, Director of Finance, Director of Public Safety and Director of Public Works. At this time the Board of Aldermen and staff rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA – NONE**

**ELECTION RESULTS**

The City Clerk entered into the record the official Certification of Election results from the April 6, 2021 election, which was received Thursday, April 22, 2021.

Judge Billings administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Alderman from Ward I, James Osherow. Mr. Osherow's family was present and pictures were taken. Judge Billings also administered Oath of Office's to incumbent Alderman for Ward II, Jim Kleinschmidt and incumbent Alderman for Ward III, Sean Concagh.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND PETITIONS**

Mayor Becker welcomed Boy Scout Troop 685, who had eleven members in attendance. The Boy Scouts stayed after the meeting to ask the Mayor and Board of Aldermen questions to earn their merit badges.

Assistant City Administrator Scott Schaefer read an email from Des Peres resident Bob Ashcraft that stated: "In regards to the City of Des Peres 2021 Concert Series, I am of the opinion that it should be canceled for the following reasons: COST: How can we justify entertainment when we are laying off employees? COVID-19: People of today do not care what the rules are – they do what they want to do. You cannot control them."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Mayor announced that there were four items currently on the consent agenda. At the request of the Mayor, Alderman Concagh read the items on the consent agenda including:

1. Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting of April 12, 2021
2. Warrant List Dated April 22, 2021
3. R21-3471 Authorizing An Agreement with SLAIT-Health and Anthem for Renewal of Group Medical Insurance Coverage Effective July 1, 2021

4. R21-3472 Authorizing An Agreement with Gaehle Grading to Carry Out Drainage Improvements at Des Peres Park Including Asphalt Repairs and Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation Relating Thereto

Alderman Kleinschmidt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fitzpatrick to approve the consent agenda, as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Concagh, "AYE", Alderman Fitzpatrick, "AYE", Alderman Osherow, "AYE", Alderman Pound, "AYE"; Alderman Kleinschmidt "AYE". Motion passed 5-0.

## REPORT OF THE MAYOR

- a. **2021 Board Appointments**

Mayor Becker reminded the Board of Aldermen that they have 60 days from the date of the election to hold an organizational meeting to determine board assignments. By ordinance such assignments must be voted on and adopted by motion at a regular meeting.

- b. **Discussion of 2021 Budget and Delayed Adjustments to Employee Compensation**

Mayor Becker announced that the 2021 Budget and Delayed Adjustments to Employee Compensation would be held over until May 10, 2021 in a Work Session Meeting for discussion.

- c. **Discussion of Process for Appointment of Director Parks and Recreation**

City Administrator informed the Board of Aldermen that he interviewed 11 applicants for the position of the Parks and Recreation Director. City Administrator asked the Board of Aldermen if they wanted to be part of the hiring process. The Board of Aldermen decided to let the City Administrator and Department Heads be involved with the second round of interviews and Mayor Becker will be involved in the final interview. The City Administrator anticipated he would have a recommendation by the first Board of Alderman Meeting in May.

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The Mayor acknowledged that written reports or minutes of the following Boards and Commission who have met since our last meeting have been submitted to the Board of Aldermen.

- a. Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting of April 12, 2021
- b. Public Safety Commission Meeting of April 19, 2021

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or discussion relating to those reports. Hearing none, he ordered them filed and received.

## LEGISLATION

### Unfinished Business – NONE

### New Business

1. **B21-2911** An Ordinance Amending the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City

## of Des Peres Relating to Military Leave (Introduction)

Alderman Kleinschmidt Read Bill 21-2911 for the first time. Mayor Becker announced that this bill would be held over until the May 10, 2021 meeting for second reading and consideration for passage and approval at that time.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

#### **1. Report of the City Clerk**

#### **2. Report of the City Administrator**

##### **a. Request from Power Play, 12878 Manchester, to Allow Temporary Use of Outside Spaces for Client Training**

Power Play, located at 12878 Manchester Road, submitted an application for an Outdoor Permit to allow them to conduct business activities outside their business including client wind sprints, tire flipping and tire hitting on the eastern and rear driveways. The rear driveway directly abuts homes on Wood Valley Court.

Mayor stated he has gotten multiple phone calls from the residents complaining about the noise.

Alderman Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kleinschmidt to hold a Public Hearing next Alderman Meeting to discuss this issue. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Concagh, "AYE", Alderman Fitzpatrick, "AYE", Alderman Osherow, "AYE", Alderman Pound, "AYE"; Alderman Kleinschmidt "AYE". Motion passed 5-0.

##### **b. Director of Finance – 2020 Summary Financial Report & 1st Quarter 2021 Performance**

The Director of Finance presented the Board of Aldermen with the City of Des Peres financials. She focused on three things – Year End 2020 Performance, First Quarter Financial Performance and Sales Tax 2021 vs budget expectations for the first quarter.

##### **c. Director of Public Safety - Request to Hire Additional Public Safety Officer**

The Director of Public Safety requested that the Board of Aldermen allow him to fill a vacant Public Safety Officer position that has been vacant since early 2020.

Alderman Pound stated that he believes Public Safety is the number one concern in the City of Des Peres.

Alderman Pound made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kleinschmidt to authorize the approval of the vacant Public Safety Officer position. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Concagh, "AYE", Alderman

Fitzpatrick, "AYE", Alderman Osherow, "AYE", Alderman Pound, "AYE"; Alderman Kleinschmidt "AYE". Motion passed 5-0.

**d. Interim Director of Parks & Recreation- Update on 2021 Concert Series and Latest Health Department Protocols.**

Assistant City Administrator presented the Board of Aldermen with a presentation on the Updated 2021 Summer Concert Series and the latest protocols with the St. Louis County Health Department.

Assistant City Administrator stated outdoor gatherings that involve 500 or more people are allowed subject to approval from the St. Louis County Health Department. The City of Des Peres would be responsible for establishing and enforcing health and safety guidelines. Assistant City Administrator provided pros and cons on if we should go through with having the 2021 Concert Series or not. He also provided four different types of approaches ranging from most restrictive to least restrictive.

Alderman Fitzpatrick stated he is 100% behind this concert series and if people are uncomfortable with coming to the concert, they simply won't come.

Alderman Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Alderman Concagh the right to prepare the 2021 Concert Series with Plan B-the Reasonably Cautious Approach or Plan C-the More Relaxed Approach. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Concagh, "AYE", Alderman Fitzpatrick, "AYE", Alderman Osherow, "AYE", Alderman Pound, "AYE"; Alderman Kleinschmidt "AYE". Motion passed 5-0.

**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 Kleinschmidt to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:34 P.M.

Minutes Prepared by:

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Amanda Hurley  
City Clerk

Minutes approved by the Board of Aldermen on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

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Mark Becker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amanda Hurley  
City Clerk

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