

**MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021
DES PERES GOVERNMENT CENTER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Des Peres, Missouri met at the Des Peres Government Center, 12325 Manchester Road 63131, commencing at 7:02 P.M. on Monday, September 27, 2021.

ROLL CALL

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

For the record, Alderman Concagh attended the meeting remotely via Zoom.

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

City Clerk was absent attending the Missouri Municipal League Conference.

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

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA – NONE

PUBLIC HEARING –

Flood Hazard Damage Prevention and Protection

Assistant City Administrator read aloud the following exhibits for inclusion into the record:

1. Notice of Public Hearing of September 27, 2021 advertised in the St. Louis Countian on September 9, 2021
2. Notice of Public Hearing posted at the following locations: (1) Des Peres City Hall, (2) Des Peres Website on September 9, 2021
3. Bill 21- 2925 An Ordinance of the City of Des Peres Amending Article XI(11) – Flood Hazard Damage Prevention and Protection Section 6-175 - Provisions for Flood Hazard Reduction to Add a Compensatory Storage Requirement
4. Municipal Code of the City of Des Peres

Director of Public Works Steve Meyer offered a brief synopsis of Bill 21-2925 which amends our flood-plain regulations to modify standards for construction in the floodway in Flood Zones A and AE to require that any fill within those areas shall result in no net loss of natural floodplain storage or increase water surface elevations during the base flood. The volume of loss of floodwater due to filling in a special flood hazard area shall be offset by providing an equal volume of flood storage by excavating or other compensatory measures.

Our current regulations parallel FEMA minimum standards that allow construction on special flood hazard areas to occur as long as the result of the construction did not increase the baser flood elevation by more than one foot. This amendment requires a zero increase in flood elevations.

Our special flood hazard areas are largely focused along Two Mile Creek in Harwood Hills and along the Dougherty Ferry Road corridor.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Becker closed the Public Hearing.

CITIZEN COMMENTS –

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor announced that there were five (5) items currently on the consent agenda. At the request of the Mayor, Alderman Barrett read the items on the consent agenda including:

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Warrant List Dated September 23, 2021

1. R21-3498 Authorizing Execution of a Temporary Construction Easement for 12325 Manchester Road to MoDOT Necessary for Manchester Rad Improvements
2. R21-3499 Granting Authorization for Use of the Street Department Property as a Deer Hunting Site for Public Works Employees
3. R21-3500 Granting a Liquor by the Drink License with Sunday Sales at 13323 Manchester Road (First Watch Restaurant)
4. R21-3501 Authorizing a One Year Renewal of the Contract with Aetna for Group Dental Insurance
5. R21-3502 Authorizing an Agreement with Chase Bank for a Five (5) year contract for Banking Services

Alderman Barrett 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 Barrett, "AYE", Alderman Concagh "AYE" Alderman Fitzpatrick, "AYE", Alderman Kleinschmidt, "AYE", Alderman Osherow, "AYE", Alderman Pound, "AYE". Motion passed 6-0.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

1. Report of the Mayor
 - a. Appointment of Will Skowrya to the Parks & Recreation Commission (Ward 2)
The Mayor has submitted Will Sowkyra, 13046 Barrett Meadows Drive, to serve a three year term on the Parks & Recreation Commission ending June 30, 2024 representing Ward Two.

Mr. Skowrya is a 4 year resident of the city and has been active at St Gerard Majella service on the Executive Board of the Majella Club at his parish and also volunteers as a member of the Special Education Foundation. He has a BA in Marketing from Stetson University in Central Florida.

Alderman Kleinschmidt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fitzpatrick to approve the Mayor's recommendation for Will Skowrya to serve a three year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission . 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. Report from Aldermen, Ward 3
 - a. Re-Appointment of Caitie Zimmermann to Public Safety Commission (Ward 3)
Aldermen Concagh and Alderman Barrett recommended the re-appointment of Caitie Zimmermann to a two-year term on the Public Safety Commission as a

representative from Ward Three. Caitie lives in Berkeley Manor and has served on the commission for the past 2 years.

Alderman Concagh made a motion, seconded by Alderman Barrett to approve Alderman Concagh and Alderman Barrett's recommendation to re-appoint Caitie Zimmerman to a two-year term on the Public Safety Commission. 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

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.

- Report of the Public Safety Commission Meeting Held September 20, 2021
- Report of the Audit & Finance Committee Meeting Held September 22, 2021

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

LEGISLATION

Unfinished Business –

1. **B21-2925 An Ordinance of the City of Des Peres Amending Article XI – Flood Hazard Damage Prevention and Protection Section 6-175 - Provisions for Flood Hazard Reduction to Add a Compensatory Storage Requirement (Seconding Reading)**

Alderman Concagh read Bill 21-2925 for the second time.

Alderman Concagh made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kleinschmidt to approve Bill 21-2925. 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. **B21-2927 An Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article II of Division Regulating Door-to-Door Solicitation and Section 14-388 Regulating Solicitation in Public Roadways (Second Reading)**

Alderman Osherow read Bill 21-2927 for the second time.

Alderman Kleinschmidt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Pound to approve Bill 21-2927. 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. **Discussion of City Policy on Distribution of Premium Rebates from SLAIT-Health**

City Administrator Harms opened discussions on a request from Alderman Kleinschmidt to consider distributing refunds for a portion of health insurance premiums from SLAIT-

Health to city employees who initially made those contributions. Per Alderman Kleinschmidt, the question is being raised largely as a matter of equity to support employees who bear 100% of the costs for medical premiums in contrast to those who benefit from contributions from the city for health coverage. In this instance, refunds to employees would be approximately \$4,907 reflecting profits for the 2012-13 year and \$76,361 from the 2013-14 plan.

Per the City Administrator, these insurance reimbursements have been deposited into the General Fund and Park Fund as Miscellaneous Insurance Reimbursements since 2016 and as provided in R21-3471 enacted April 26, 2021.

After a brief discussion on the logistics for issuing refunds to employees including those not actively working for the city, Alderman Kleinschmidt rescinded his request to pursue the matter further.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Report of the City Clerk

2. Report of the City Administrator

a. Report on Sale of Surplus Fitness Equipment

At the Board of Aldermen meeting held August 9, 2021, the Board of Aldermen enacted R21-3491 authorizing purchase of \$142,042.00 in replacement exercise equipment for The Lodge and authorized staff to sell 39 pieces of equipment generally put into service from 2014-17 to the highest bidder in accordance with S2-239 of the Purchasing Code. Bids for sale of surplus equipment were received on September 2, 2021 and the surplus equipment sold to the highest bidders with a total sales price of \$17,410.00. All but one piece of equipment went to Show Me Weights (\$16,900) and one piece to Connie's Total Fitness for \$510.00.

b. 2021 GFOA Distinguished Budget Award

The GFOA *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2021 Budget* has been awarded to the City of Des Peres. This is the 8th year in which the city has received this award. Responsibility for assembly of the final budget book is assigned to the Assistant City Administrator and **GFOA also recognizes Scott Schaefer** for this accomplishment. Others contribute to the content including the Director of Finance and City Administrator.

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Aldermen Barrett to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:22pm.

Minutes Prepared by:

Scott Schaefer
Assistant City Administrator

Minutes approved by the Board of Aldermen on the 11th day of October, 2021.

Mayor, Mark Becker

ATTEST:

Amanda Hurley, City Clerk

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