

**MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OCTOBER 24, 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 7:02 P.M. on Monday, October 24, 2022.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk took roll call with the following elected officials physically 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, Director of Finance, Director of Public Works, and Director of Parks & Recreation.

BOARD WORK SESSION – Previous to the Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting, discussion ensued regarding Des Peres Deer Management Program.

CITIZEN COMMENTS –

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting of October 10, 2022
2. Warrant List Dated October 20, 2022
3. R22-3621 Authorizing a Contract with Preferred Network Services dba/ Personal Assistance Services (PAS) to Provide Confidential Employee Assistance Programs for Full-Time Employees and Their Families
4. R22-3622 Authorizing Execution of a Municipal Certification of Intent to Participate in Project Funding for the Operations, Maintenance and Construction Improvement Taxing Sub-Districts Involving the Deer Creek and Sugar Creek Watersheds

Alderman Barrett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Concagh to approve the Consent Agenda as proposed. 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", and Alderman Pound, "AYE". Motion passed 6-0.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Becker acknowledged the following advisory reports submitted by the various Boards and Commissions:

- a) Report of the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting held October 12, 2022

LEGISLATION

Unfinished Business -

A. B22-2965 An Ordinance Appointing Gilmore & Bell as Special Tax and Disclosure Counsel and Authorizing an Agreement Engaging Gilmore & Bell for the Issuance of Certificates of Participation (2ND Reading)

Alderman Osherow read B22-2965 for the second time.

Alderman Barrett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Osherow to approve B22-2965. 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", and Alderman Pound, "AYE". Motion passed 6-0.

B. R22-3618 Motion To Reconsider R22-3618 - Authorization to Proceed with Planning for Building Projects Relating to Improvements to the Street Maintenance Garage, Government Center and Public Safety Building

Mayor Becker introduced R22-3618.

Alderman Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Alderman Concagh to reconsider R22-3618. 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", and Alderman Pound, "AYE". Motion passed 6-0.

Alderman Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kleinschmit to table R22-3618. 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", and Alderman Pound, "AYE". Motion passed 6-0.

C. R22-3620 Authorization to Proceed with Planning for Improvements to the Street Maintenance Garage; Authorizing Transfer of \$2,400,000 in General Fund Reserves to the Capital Improvement Fund for the Street Maintenance Garage Project

Alderman Pound introduced R22-3620.

Alderman Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kleinschmit to approve R22-3620. 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", and Alderman Pound, "AYE". Motion passed 6-0.

New Business –

- A. B22-2966 An Ordinance Authorizing a Professional Services Contract with The Farnsworth Group for Architectural Services for Improvements and Renovations to the Street Garage and Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation in the 2022 Capital Improvement Fund (Introduction)**

Alderman Concagh read B22-2966 for the first time.

Mayor Becker stated B22-2966 will be held over until the November 14th meeting for second reading and passage/approval at that time.

- B. R22-3623 Approving Task Order #11 with Navigate Building Solutions to Serve as Owners Representative for the Street Maintenance Garage Project**

Mayor Becker read R22-3623.

Alderman Kleinschmidt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fitzpatrick to approve R22-3623. 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", and Alderman Pound, "AYE". Motion passed 6-0.

- C. R22-3624 Approving Task Order #12 with Navigate Building Solutions for a Conceptual Analysis of up to Three Alternative Options for Construction of a New Government Center Building as an Alternative to Renovations and Improvements to the Government Center Building for Code Compliance, Deferred Maintenance and to Meet Future Space Needs**

Mayor Becker read R22-3624.

Alderman Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kleinschmidt to approve R22-3624. 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", and Alderman Pound, "AYE". Motion passed 6-0.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Discussion – Deer Management Program

At the September 26th meeting, there appeared to be some interest in revisiting the decision to contract with White Buffalo for a deer hunt in January 2023 (\$60,000) and to take Suburban Bowhunters on their offer to cull deer herds "for free" or at least to entertain their request to reduce the parcel size needed for an archery hunt from 2-acres to 1-acre or perhaps even a half-acre. The Department of Conservation has not authorized members of Suburban Bowhunters to hunt out of season or take deer in excess of the limit per hunter per permit. They would only be allowed to hunt during deer season with lesser seasons in some parts of the state. Alderman Kleinschmidt suggested doing a joint management program, where White Buffalo and Suburban

Bowhunters could both hunt. Alderman Kleinschmidt also suggested reducing the 2-acre minimum to 1-acre. Alderman Fitzpatrick stated the main concerns are the safety of the residents and to reduce the number of deer. Des Peres resident, Nancy Staley asked the board what are their goals for certain quantitative areas. Assistant City Administrator stated to keep the deer to the west of the highway. Alderman Barrett questioned if White Buffalo are worth the \$50,000 that we spend on them yearly, and wonders if it would be better to save that money. Mayor Becker advised staff to come up with legislation for next board meeting.

2. Report of the City Administrator

a. Employee Petition – Study of Pension Plan Conversion to Defined Benefit

Design A petition signed by 58.3% of Des Peres' full-time employees has been filed requesting that the city consider alternatives to the present pension plan. Per national statistics, 75% of local government employees are covered by traditional Defined Benefit Plans. In St Louis County all cities with employee pension plans use the DB, St Louis County, City of St Louis and 50% of fire protection districts in the county. Only Des Peres, Chesterfield and Kirkwood provide defined contribution plans along with 50% of fire districts. IF the city goes to a Defined Benefit Plan, the City Administrator strongly recommends that it be done through LAGERS (a statewide pension plan for local government employees) and not as a stand-alone Des Peres Plan where the risk of compliance and cost of administration and investments are the responsibility of the city. Mayor Becker directed the City Administrator to do a 2-month study with Lagers to see what's involved.

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 Concagh to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:51 P.M.

Minutes Prepared by:

Amanda Hurley
City Clerk

Minutes approved by the Board of Aldermen on the 24th day of October, 2022.

Mark Becker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amanda Hurley
City Clerk