

CITY OF FLORISSANT



COUNCIL MINUTES

October 12, 2015

The Florissant City Council met in regular session at Florissant City Hall at 955 rue St. Francois on Monday, October 12, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. with Council President Joe Eagan presiding. The Chair asked everyone in attendance to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On Roll Call the following were present: Henke, Pagano, Schmidt, Siam, Lee, Jones, Eagan, Caputa and Schildroth. Also present was Mayor Thomas P. Schneider, City Attorney John Hessel and City Clerk Karen Goodwin. A quorum being present the Chair stated that the Council meeting was in session for the transaction of business.

Councilman Siam moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of 9/29/2015, seconded by Jones. Motion carried.

The next item on the Agenda was Hearing from Citizens.

Don Golaszenski, 1315 Del Rey, stated his respect for the public officials that take their duty to serve the City seriously. He added that he finds there is a general lack of etiquette and respect at Council Meetings.

Mark Behlmann, 768 Charbonier, stated his opinion about Proposition S and the proposed budget. Mr. Behlmann was concerned about accountability and resident input regarding Prop S funding. He asked the administration to consider the possibility of creating a "Transportation Fund" for the funds collected.

Jeff Tacina, 4635 Whisper Lake Dr., requested that a flashing warning light be installed before the traffic light on Lindbergh, at the entrance to Wal-Mart for safety concerns.

John Engelmeier, 1281 Graham Rd., appeared before the Council. Councilman Eagan stated that he had received several calls stating that 1281 Graham Rd. was not Mr.

33 Engelmeyer's home address. Mr. Engelmeyer disagreed. Accordingly, he thanked the
34 Council for clarifying and supporting the joint resolution regarding Proposition S. He
35 asked why the initial budget proposal was distributed, initially, only to the Council and
36 not the public. He did not approve of the way the City Budget was presented to the
37 residents - it gave the appearance of deception.

38 Kevin O'Donnell, 512 Rancho, although he supported Props S, he questioned
39 why political campaign signs could be posted on City property and in the right-of-way.
40 Finally, he asked if city employees could serve on the Prop S Committee.

41 The next item on the Agenda was Communications.

42 1. Email, dated 10-6-2015 from John Engelmeyer regarding the Town Hall Meeting.

43 The next item on the Agenda was Public Hearings.

44 The City Clerk reported that postponed Public Hearing #15-09-023, a request to
45 rezone properties currently zoned B-4, "Highway Commercial District" also known as
46 2520, 2702, 2700, 2635, 2685, 2705, 2749 and 2775 N. Highway 67 to a B-3 "Extensive
47 Business District" and to amend the Zoning Code, Section 405.125, B-3 "Extensive
48 Business District" paragraph B, to change item (13) from Blueprint Shop to Animal
49 Hospital had been advertised in substantially the same form as appears in the foregoing
50 publication and by posting the property. The Chair declared the Public Hearing to be
51 opened and invited those who wished to be heard to come forward.

52 Phil Lum, Building Commissioner, appeared before the Council and displayed a
53 graphic of the properties in question. Each of the property owners were contacted
54 regarding the rezoning. Two of the property owners contacted Mr. Lum with minor
55 concerns which he addressed. This request was simply a matter of housekeeping,
56 consistency, and updating of the Zoning Code. There will no longer be any properties
57 located within the "B-4 Zoning District."

58 The Chair asked if there were any citizens who would like to speak on said
59 public hearing. Being none, Councilman Schildroth moved to close Public Hearing
60 #15-09-023, seconded by Pagano. Motion carried.

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63 The City Clerk reported that Public Hearing #15-10-024 on the proposed budget
64 for the City of Florissant including the General Revenue Fund, Capital Improvement
65 Fund, Park Improvement Fund, Sewer Lateral Fund, Property Revitalization Fund, and
66 the Court Building Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning on December 1, 2015 in the
67 Council Chambers at 955 rue St. Francois on October 12, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. had been
68 advertised in substantially the same form as appears in the foregoing publication and by
69 posting the same. The Chair declared the Public Hearing to be opened and invited those
70 who wished to be heard to come forward.

71 Director of Finance, Randy McDaniel, appeared before the Council and stated
72 that the City Council was presented with a copy of the proposed budget at the last
73 Council meeting in September and was posted on the City's website the following day.
74 At that time, it would have been available to the public. The budget also includes the
75 Mayor's message which provides additional information on selected aspects of the
76 budget.

77 John Engelmeyer, 1281 Graham Rd., appeared before the Council and expressed
78 his concerns regarding the budget and disclosure. He reviewed the budget, department
79 by department and their corresponding expenses/revenues. Mr. Engelmeyer stated that
80 since he was not allowed to speak at budget work sessions, this was the only arena he
81 could express his budget concerns. He felt the budget, as presented, was confusing and
82 deceptive with no supporting documentation. He had many questions regarding the
83 mixing of various funds which have yet to be answered. In conclusion, Mr.
84 Engelmeyer asked the Council if he would be allowed to speak at the budget work
85 session.

86 The Chair asked if there were any other citizens who would like to speak on said
87 public hearing. Being no others who wished to speak, Council Lee moved to close
88 Public Hearing #15-09-024, seconded by Eagan. Motion carried.

89 Councilman Eagan moved to amend the Agenda to appoint a Council
90 Subcommittee to undertake a study of the golf course. Councilmen Lee, Schildroth and
91 Siam were appointed to the subcommittee. Motion carried.

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93 Mayor Schneider requested the appointment of John Jaworski, 13651 New Halls
94 Ferry Rd., to the Veterans Commission as a member from Ward 9 for a term expiring on
95 10-12-2018. Councilman Caputa made a motion to accept the appointment, seconded by
96 Pagano. Motion carried.

97 Council as a Whole introduced Resolution No. 981 A joint resolution of the
98 Florissant City Council and the Mayor regarding Proposition S and said Resolution was
99 read for the first time. Councilman Lee moved that Resolution No. 981 be read for a
100 second time, seconded by Schildroth. Motion carried and Resolution No. 981 was read
101 for a second time in its entirety. Councilman Caputa moved that Resolution No. 981 be
102 read for a third time, seconded by Henke. On roll call the Council voted: Henke yes,
103 Pagano yes, Schmidt yes, Siam yes, Lee yes, Jones yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes and
104 Schildroth yes. Having received the unanimous vote of all members present Resolution
105 No. 981 was read for the third and final time and placed upon its passage.

106 Before the final vote all interested persons were given an opportunity to be
107 heard. Being no persons who wished to be heard, on roll call the Council voted: Henke
108 yes, Pagano yes, Schmidt yes, Siam yes, Lee yes, Jones yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes and
109 Schildroth yes. Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 981 to have been
110 adopted.

111 Councilman Eagan introduced Bill No. 9130 An ordinance authorizing the
112 rezoning of properties currently zoned B-4 “Highway Commercial District”, also know
113 as 2520, 2635, 2700, 2685, 2700, 2702, 2705, 2749, and 2775 N. Highway 67, to a B-3
114 “Extensive Business District” and said Bill was read for the first time by title only.

115 Councilman Eagan introduced Bill No. 9131 An Ordinance amending the Zoning
116 Code, Section 405.125, B-3 “Extensive Business District” by deleting Section (13)
117 “Blueprint Shop” and moving “Animal hospital, pet shops, or pet boarding
118 establishments” from Special Use Permits to Permitted Uses and said Bill was read for
119 the first time by title only.

120 Council as a Whole introduced Bill No. 9132 An Ordinance approving the
121 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY 2016 Annual Action Plan for the
122 City of Florissant, Missouri and authorizing and directing the Mayor to submit such plan

123 to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and said Bill was
124 read for the first time by title only.

125 Councilman Eagan introduced Bill No. 9133 An Ordinance authorizing various
126 transfers within Public Works Department Accounts for end of the year budget
127 adjustments and said Bill was read for the first time by title only.

128 Councilman Eagan introduced Bill No. 9134 An Ordinance authorizing an
129 appropriation of \$20,000 from the General Revenue Fund to Acct. No. 4924
130 “Telephones” to cover expenses through the end of the fiscal year and said Bill was read
131 for the first time by title only.

132 Councilman Eagan introduced Bill No. 9135 An Ordinance authorizing an
133 appropriation of \$176,500 from the General Revenue Fund to Acct. No. 4910 “Salaries”
134 for overtime expenses for the Police Department through the end of the fiscal year and
135 said Bill was read for the first time by title only.

136 The next item on the Agenda was Council Announcements.

137 Councilman Lee stated that the City of Florissant had a great week. Channel 4
138 was at City Hall and the Food Trucks and Race to the Shrine were held in Old Town.
139 Finally, a very special, well-attended Fall Festival was held on Sunday. Also, he
140 thanked all the City employees for their efforts.

141 Councilman Jones asked everyone to donate to T.E.A.M. on St. Catherine. He
142 agreed with everyone that it was a wonderful weekend.

143 Councilman Schildroth reminded everyone that he would be holding a Ward 5,
144 Proposition S meeting on Oct 19th at JFK at 7 p.m. He congratulated BJ’s Bar on
145 winning the best pizza in St. Louis award in the Riverfront Times. Sauce Magazine ran
146 a very complimentary article regarding “Pearl Café” in Florissant.

147 Councilman Henke agreed that it was an exceptional weekend for Florissant.
148 There were no incidents and everyone had a great time. The employees did an
149 outstanding job and he is proud to be the Councilman of Ward 6.

150 Councilman Eagan stated that he attended all four events and it truly was an
151 incredible weekend for Florissant. He was overwhelmed with the amount of work done
152 by city employees. He wished Italian Americans Happy Columbus Day.

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154 The next item on the Agenda was Mayor Announcements.

155 Mayor Schneider stated a very well attended Town Hall Meeting was held on
156 Oct. 1st. On Oct. 19th there will be a town hall meeting for all wards to discuss Prop S
157 On Oct 29th there will be one more informational meeting to discuss Prop S at the Eagan
158 Center. There were many well attended events in the City last weekend that residents
159 enjoyed. He thanked all the employees and volunteers who worked very hard at
160 planning the fall festival. The Mayor suggested a new slogan for the City: “Florissant,
161 the way the world ought to be.”

162 The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2015 at
163 7:30 pm.

164 Councilman Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Siam. Motion
165 carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.m.

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173 The following Bills were signed by the Mayor:

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Karen Goodwin City Clerk