

# CITY OF FLORISSANT



## COUNCIL MINUTES

November 9, 2015

The Florissant City Council met in regular session at Florissant City Hall at 955 rue St. Francois on Monday, November 9, 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: Pagano, Schmidt, Siam, Lee, Jones, Eagan, Caputa, Schildroth and Henke. 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 Lee moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of 10/26/2015 and Budget Meeting Minutes from 10/17/2015, seconded by Siam. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was Hearing from Citizens.

Rita Powers, 110 Seville, Ct., stated that she lived behind the newly constructed Wal-Mart. She stated that Wal-Mart has not held up to the agreement that they made at the Council Meetings. She stated that she had structural and geological engineers visit her property and they both agreed that the land was subsiding. She is concerned about safety issues. Also, there are often people working in her backyard and she would like to know what they are doing. Ms. Powers stated that Wal-Mart is very "confidential" about it. She asked who is responsible for the deterioration of her property and would like the city to respond.

Todd Allen Signs, 1125 Boulder Dr., stated that he would be playing Santa Clause at Shriner's Hospital and asked for donations of toys or funds to a worthy cause.

The next item on the Agenda was Communications of which there were none.

33 The next item on the Agenda was Public Hearings.

34 The City Clerk reported that continued Public Hearing #15-10-025, A request to  
35 authorize a Special Use Permit to Amigo Food, LLC d/b/a Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill  
36 to allow for the operation of a restaurant/grocery store for the property located at 758 S.  
37 New Florissant Rd. had been advertised in substantially the same form as appears in the  
38 foregoing publication and by posting the property. The Chair declared the Public  
39 Hearing to be re-opened and invited those who wished to be heard to come forward.  
40 Councilwoman Pagano stated that she had not heard from Mr. Felix in order to visit the  
41 site prior to the meeting. Since Mr. Felix was not in present, Councilwoman Pagano  
42 moved to postpone Public Hearing #15-10-025 to 11/23/15, seconded by Schmidt.  
43 Motion carried.

44 Councilman Siam moved that Bill No. 9136 An Ordinance granting a Special  
45 Use Permit to New York Grill, Inc. d/b/a New York Grill for the location and operation  
46 of a carry-out restaurant for the property located at 540 N. Hwy. 67 be read for a second  
47 time, seconded by Henke. Motion carried and Bill No. 9136 was read for a second time.  
48 Councilman Henke moved that Bill No. 9136 be read for a third time, seconded by  
49 Schildroth. Motion carried and Bill No. 9136 was read for a third and final time and  
50 placed upon its passage. Before the final vote all interested persons were given an  
51 opportunity to be heard. Seeing none, on roll call the Council voted: Pagano yes,  
52 Schmidt yes, Siam yes, Lee yes, Jones yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes, Schildroth yes and  
53 Henke yes. Whereupon the Chair declared Bill No. 9136 to have passed and said Bill  
54 became Ordinance No. 8179.

55 Mayor Schneider requested the appointment of Larry Link, 180 Lynn Meadows,  
56 to the Senior Commission as a member from Ward 7 for a term expiring on 10-8-2018.  
57 Councilman Schildroth made a motion to accept the appointment, seconded by Jones.  
58 Motion carried.

59 Mayor Schneider requested the appointment of Diane Shayne, 4 St. Rose Ct., to  
60 the Senior Commission as a member from Ward 5 for a term expiring on 10-24-2018.  
61 Councilman Schildroth made a motion to accept the appointment, seconded by Jones.  
62 Motion carried.

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64 Councilman Pagano moved to re-appointment Tineen Hinton, 210 Gerald, to the  
65 Citizens Participation Committee as a member from Ward 3 for a term expiring  
66 12/12/2016, seconded by Schmidt. Motion carried.

67 Councilman Caputa moved to re-appointment Judy Huskey, 1485 Keeven, to the  
68 Citizens Participation Committee as a member from Ward 3 for a term expiring  
69 6/11/2016, seconded by Lee. Motion carried.

70 Council as a Whole introduced Resolution No. 983 A Resolution authorizing the  
71 Mayor of the City of Florissant to make application under the Municipal Parks Grant for  
72 planning services at Manion Park for an inclusive playground and said Resolution was  
73 read for the first time. Councilwoman Pagano moved that Resolution No. 983 be read  
74 for a second time, seconded by Jones.

75 Councilman Eagan moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Schildroth. Motion  
76 carried. Councilman Schmidt asked for clarification on the Resolution. Todd Schmidt,  
77 Director of Parks and Recreation, appeared before the Council and explained that this  
78 was the first time the city had applied for a “planning” grant. A specialist will design  
79 the architectural plans for a fully accessible playground at Manion Park. St. Louis  
80 County will provide the grant based upon an 80-20 reimbursement scale if awarded.

81 On the motion for a second reading, motion carried and Resolution No. 983 was  
82 read for a second time. Councilman Jones moved that Resolution No. 983 be read for a  
83 third time, seconded by Schmidt. On roll call the Council voted: Pagano yes, Schmidt  
84 yes, Siam yes, Lee yes, Jones yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes, Schildroth yes and Henke yes.  
85 Having received the unanimous vote of all members present Resolution No. 983 was  
86 read for the third and final time and placed upon its passage.

87 Before the final vote all interested persons were given an opportunity to be  
88 heard. Being no persons who wished to be heard, on roll call the Council voted:  
89 Pagano yes, Schmidt yes, Siam yes, Lee yes, Jones yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes,  
90 Schildroth yes and Henke yes. Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 983 to  
91 have been adopted.

92 Council as a Whole introduced Bill No. 9137 An Ordinance adopting the budget  
93 for the City of Florissant for the fiscal year commencing on December 1, 2015 and

94 ending on November 30, 2016 and providing for its effective date and said Bill was read  
95 for the first time by title only.

96 Council as a Whole introduced Bill No. 9138 An Ordinance amending Chapter  
97 240 “Emergency Management,” Subsection 240.010 “Establishment” of the Florissant  
98 City Code by adding a provision for a temporary commissioner and said Bill was read  
99 for the first time by title only.

100 Councilman Eagan introduced Bill No. 9139 An Ordinance repealing Ordinance  
101 #7929 and #7966 establishing a new compensation plan for part-time employees of the  
102 City of Florissant and containing an effective date clause and said Bill was read for the  
103 first time by title only.

104 Council as a Whole introduced Bill No. 9140 An Ordinance repealing Ordinance  
105 #7928, #8106, and #8014 which established the compensation plan for the seasonal part-  
106 time employees of the City of Florissant and containing an effective date clause.

107 Councilman Eagan introduced Bill No. 9141 An Ordinance authorizing a transfer  
108 of \$15,000 from Acct. No. 4055 “Insurance, Fire, & Liability” to Acct. No. 4023  
109 “Postage and Printing” to cover anticipated shortfall in postage for the balance of the  
110 fiscal year and said Bill was read for the first time by title only.

111 Councilman Eagan introduced Bill No. 9142 An Ordinance to amend Title II,  
112 Chapter 245 “Parks & Recreation” of the Florissant City Code, Section 245.180 “Fees  
113 for Use,” by deleting the section in its entirety and replacing it with a new section and  
114 said Bill was read for the first time by title only.

115 The next item on the Agenda was Council Announcements.

116 Councilman Henke thanked everyone who turned out for the Veterans Day  
117 Parade on Sunday and thanked all Veterans for their service. He cautioned residents to  
118 be wary of anyone who comes to their door selling goods or services.

119 Councilman Caputa warned residents, especially the elderly, of the scam  
120 involving concrete work. He wished all the Veterans a Happy Veterans Day on  
121 Wednesday and Happy Birthday to the Marine Corp.

122 Councilman Jones asked everyone to donate to the T.E.A.M. Food Pantry on St.  
123 Catherine. He thanked all residents, especially those in Ward 2, who voted in the  
124 Proposition “S” election.

125 Councilman Schildroth also thanked the residents for supporting Proposition S,  
126 and also thanked Mayor Schneider, Councilman Caputa and his fellow Councilmembers,  
127 administration and volunteers who worked hard to implement its passage and “get the  
128 word out.” The construction project on St. Ferdinand is an MSD emergency sewer line  
129 repair and will take approximately 2 months to complete. He welcomed “Dollar Tree,” a  
130 new store, to the neighborhood. He congratulated Pat Stinnett on being honored as  
131 “Veteran of the Year.”

132 Council President Eagan stated that *Guns and Hoses* will be held on 11/25 with  
133 all proceeds going to Back Stoppers - please contact him if interested in purchasing  
134 tickets. He too, congratulated all veterans and thanked them for their service to our  
135 country.

136 The next item on the Agenda was Mayor Announcements.

137 Mayor Schneider stated that he was proud, honored and grateful to the City  
138 Council and the residents of Florissant for supporting and voting in favor of Proposition  
139 S to improve the streets. Consequently, Florissant will remain the “Beautiful City” and  
140 leader in North County. He thanked all the residents for turning out to vote.

141 The Mayor stated that the Veterans Day Parade was spectacular with a great  
142 turnout. He thanked all the individuals involved in volunteering to organize the event.  
143 The Mayor gave a brief overview of the history of Veterans Day. He added that the  
144 Vietnam Veterans have donated a plaque to the City to be placed at the Vietnam  
145 Memorial. The ceremony will be held on Veterans Day.

146 A DVD of Florissant’s “Historic Treasure” movie, shown recently at the Civic  
147 Center Theatre showcased the City’s landmarks, historic and preserved sites and is  
148 available for purchase for \$10.

149 The Mayor congratulated Tony Maldonado, Florissant resident, who was the  
150 recipient of the “Hispanic Businessman of the Year” Award. He also congratulated  
151 former Mayor’s Secretary, Rosemary Maddock, for celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

152 Florissant Police Officers: Steven Beckman, Amel Topcagic and Eric Schluter  
153 were recently honored at the “Medal of Valor” ceremony for their courageous service.  
154 The Mayor has information on the City’s website regarding the Westlake Landfill. The

155 Mayor and the city engineer monitor the situation and will keep residents informed on  
156 changing events.

157 The city will be sponsoring “Letters from Santa.” Please drop off or mail your  
158 requests to the JFK Center on Howdershell Rd. They will be delivered to the North  
159 Pole. The Tree Lighting at City Hall will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, with “Project  
160 Liftoff” holding their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Event afterwards. “Winter Break Camp” will be held  
161 December 21-28 for children off from school during the holidays.

162 The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2015 at  
163 7:30 pm.

164 Councilman Siam moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Schmidt. Motion  
165 carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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172 The following Bills were signed by the Mayor:

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Karen Goodwin City Clerk