

CITY OF FLORISSANT



COUNCIL MINUTES

March 14, 2016

The Florissant City Council met in regular session at Florissant City Hall at 955 rue St. Francois on Monday, March 14, 2016 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: Lee, Jones, Eagan, Caputa, Schildroth, Henke, Pagano, Schmidt and Siam. 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 Schildroth moved to approve the Meeting and Executive Meeting Minutes of 2/22/2016, seconded by Jones. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a Certificate of Recognition awarded to Sergeant Andy Hale as "Irish Officer of the Year."

The next item on the agenda was Hearing from Citizens.

Jerry Zeller, 1695 Mark Twain, stated his admiration for the efficiency and professionalism of the Florissant Police and Fire District Paramedics during a recent emergency at his home. He expressed his concern about the large number of vacant homes and the houses in various stages of disrepair.

Ben Hammond, 1620 Florissant Park, expressed his concern over the lack of code enforcement for residential properties. When a violation is reported, it takes sometimes up to 6 months to see results. It should not be the homeowner's responsibility to report violations.

Teri Reiter, 450 St. Christina and a member of the Citizens Participation Committee, announced that the applications for the annual "Beautiful Home Award"

33 have been placed at all city buildings and civic centers. The deadline is noon on May
34 27.

35 Kevin O'Donnell, 512 Rancho, commented upon the many positive activities
36 occurring in the city. He expressed his concern about all the political signs located in
37 the right of way, which are a violation of the code.

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

39 The next item on the Agenda was Public Hearings.

40 The City Clerk reported that Public Hearing #16-03-002 to be held this night on
41 a request to authorize an amendment to Special Use Permit No. 8130 to Mag
42 Automotive, LLC, to allow for the expansion of the existing auto body repair business to
43 include a paint shop in a B-3 Zoning District for the property located at 8461 N.
44 Lindbergh had been advertised in substantially the same form as appears in the
45 foregoing publication and by posting the property. The Chair declared the Public
46 Hearing to be opened and invited those who wished to be heard to come forward.

47 The petitioner, Mark Gillette, asked if he could have three readings of his request
48 this evening. Councilman Eagan explained that it was rare that a Public Hearing, along
49 with three readings of the bill, are all done at one meeting.

50 The hours of operation for the painting business will be 8-5, Monday through
51 Saturday. There will be no noise or odor issues because the painting will take place
52 inside the building and is OSHA approved.

53 The Chair asked if there were any other citizens who would like to speak on said
54 public hearing. Kevin O'Donnell asked the petitioner if the Environmental Protection
55 Agency (EPA) had to approve a paint shop. The City Attorney stated that he was
56 unaware of any EPA requirements for that. Being no other persons who wished to
57 speak, Councilman Eagan moved to close P.H. #16-03-002, seconded by Siam. Motion
58 carried.

59 Councilman Lee moved to appoint Kyle Schmidt, 842 Marissa, to the Board of
60 Adjustment and the Minimum Building Standard Board of Appeals as a member from
61 Ward 1 for terms expiring on 3/15/21 and 3/15/2019, consecutively, seconded by Eagan.
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Council as a Whole introduced Resolution No. 988 A Resolution approving participation in a friend of the court (amicus) brief on the authority of municipalities to set standards above state mandated minimum standards and against unconstitutional restrictions on local control and said Resolution was read for the first time. Councilman Schildroth moved that Resolution No. 988 be read for a second time, seconded by Schmidt. Motion carried and Resolution No. 988 was read for a second time. Councilman Schildroth moved that Resolution No. 988 be read for a third time, seconded by Schmidt. On roll call the Council voted: Lee yes, Jones yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, Henke yes, Pagano yes, Schmidt yes and Siam yes. Having received the unanimous vote of all members present Resolution No. 988 was read for the third and final time and placed upon its passage.

Before the final vote all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard. Kevin O'Donnell, 512 Rancho Lane, asked for clarification regarding several aspects of the Resolution.

Being no other persons who wished to be heard, on roll call the Council voted: Lee yes, Jones yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, Henke yes, Pagano yes, Schmidt yes and Siam yes. Whereupon the Chair declared Resolution No. 988 to have been adopted.

Councilman Eagan introduced Bill No. 9167 An Ordinance authorizing an amendment to Special Use Permit No. 8130 to MAG Automotive, LLC, to allow for the expansion of the existing auto body repair business to include a paint shop in a B-3 Zoning District for the property located at 8461 N. Lindbergh and said Bill was read for the first time by title only.

The next item on the Agenda was Council Announcements.

Councilman Henke requested that residents pick up newspapers that have been left to stack up in people's driveways. He also asked all residents to spruce up their neighborhoods with the upcoming Valley of Flowers Festival.

Councilwoman Pagano stated the Emergency Management Commission will be holding classes on being a "weather spotter" for the National Weather Service at the JJE Center on March 28 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. She encouraged interested residents to

95 attend. On March 23 & March 30 there will be two town hall meetings regarding the
96 upcoming Propositions which will be on the April ballot.

97 Councilman Schmidt announced that there would be a Ward 7 & 8
98 Neighborhood Watch Meeting on March 31st at the Eagan Center at 7 pm.

99 Councilman Jones encouraged everyone to contribute to the T.E.A.M. food
100 pantry. He announced that he will be hosting a Ward 2 Meeting on March 21 at 7 pm. at
101 the JFK Center. On March 23 & March 30 there will be two town hall meetings
102 regarding the upcoming Propositions which will be on the April ballot. One will be
103 held at the JJE Center and the other at the JFK Center.

104 Councilman Caputa welcomed *AJB Smoke & BBQ Restaurant* into Ward 4. He
105 encouraged residents to lock their vehicles and to leave all firearms at home, under lock
106 and key.

107 Councilman Schildroth offered his condolences to the Russell family on the
108 death of James Russell, legislator, businessman and activist in Florissant.

109 Councilman Eagan thanked Councilman Lee for correcting an error made by the
110 Post-Dispatch regarding a crime that had not been committed in Florissant, but was
111 attributed to the City by the paper. Also, he announced that the proceeds of the St.
112 Ferdinand BBQ would benefit the Handing family whose child, Nicholas, was diagnosed
113 with cancer.

114 The next item on the Agenda was Mayor Announcements.

115 The Mayor announced that the Disability Awareness Commission has two
116 openings from either Wards 2, 4, 5, and 7 which were not represented. A member from
117 Ward 1 is needed on the Traffic Commission. Boards & Commission members are very
118 valuable to the City.

119 He also announced that if approved, the City has purchased a portion of the
120 Shark property in front of St. Ferdinand Shrine.

121 The Mayor encouraged residents to participate in a “Spring Clean Up” before the
122 Valley of Flowers Festival. March 19th is the date for the annual Trash Bash, which is
123 coordinated by Tim Barrett and is an effort to clean up the creeks in the area. April 16th
124 is the Electronic Recycling Day at St. Ferdinand Park for residents and non-residents

125 alike. Document Shredding will be held on April 23rd at St. Ferdinand Park. There will
126 also be a Florissant Garage Sale on April 30th from 9 to noon.

127 On March 22 there will be a Veterans Town Hall Meeting at the Bellefontaine
128 Neighbors City Hall from 5-7.

129 March 19th there will be a “Snack with the Easter Bunny” at the Eagan Center.
130 Spring Break Camp for students will be held March 21-25, \$50 per child. On March
131 15, Summer Playground registration begins, which runs June and July. “Tea with the
132 Princess” will be held at the Nature Lodge on April 9th, 11-noon.

133 The US Army Field Band and Soldiers will appear at the Civic Center on March
134 25th for a concert. Free tickets are required. On April 16th, Friends of Law
135 Enforcement Explorer Scouts will host a Trivia Night at JFK. There will be a T.E.A.M.
136 Trivia Night on April 23, sponsored by the Florissant Rotary at Sacred Heart Parish.
137 Nino the Clown and the Italian Circus will be coming back to the Valley of Flowers this
138 year.

139 The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2016 at 7:30
140 pm. Councilman Siam moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Henke. Motion
141 carried.

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143 The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Karen Goodwin, City Clerk

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150 The following Bills were signed by the Mayor:

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