

CITY OF FLORISSANT



COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, November 13, 2023

The Florissant City Council met in regular session at Florissant City Hall, 955 Rue St. Francois on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM with Council President Eagan presiding.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chair asked everyone in attendance to stand and join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

On Roll Call the following Councilmembers were present: Pagano, Parson, Siam, Harris, Manganelli, Eagan, Caputa, Schildroth, and O'Donnell. Also present was Mayor Timothy Lowery, City Clerk Karen Goodwin, and City Attorney John Hessel. A quorum being present the Chair stated that the Council Meeting was in session for the transaction of business.

Councilman Eagan made a motion to amend the agenda to add a Proclamation for the 50-year anniversary of Soroptimist International of Greater Saint Louis, seconded by Pagano. Motion carried.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATION PROCLAMATIONS

50-Year Anniversary of Soroptimist International of Greater Saint Louis Proclamation

The City Clerk read the Proclamation of the 50-year anniversary of Soroptimist International of Greater Saint Louis. Mayor Lowery thanked the club for all their hard work for the community. The members of the Soroptimist Club thanked the Florissant leadership for all their support over the years.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10-23-2023. City Council Minutes 10-23-2023

Councilman Siam made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of October 23, 2023, seconded by Harris. Motion carried.

10-7-2023. Budget Minutes 10-7-2023

Councilman Siam made a motion to approve the City Council Minutes of October 7, 2023, seconded by Harris. Motion carried.

V. HEARING FROM CITIZENS

Justus Peterson-Rhodes noted his concerns with navigating the city without a motor vehicle. He stated it is difficult to get to and from work due to the building infrastructure and vehicle parking. Mr. Peterson-Rhodes stated the concerns of pedestrians should be answered.

Zachery Keys noted he has a commercial site off of 2170 N Waterford and witnessed a vehicle run into a unit on the road. He noted concerns with how often incidents like this are happening in the area. Mr. Keys questioned if crime has increased in the area and why more businesses are being damaged.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated October 27th, 2023 from Carol Rogers thanking Councilman Schildroth for his help with a child safety issue.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

23-11-028. Request to authorize a Special Use Permit to Taste LLC to allow for a Sit-Down and Carry-out Restaurant located at 1169 N. Highway 67 in an existing 'B-3' Extensive Business District.

The City Clerk reported that Public Hearing 23-11-028 for the Request to authorize a Special Use Permit to Taste LLC to allow for a sit-down and carry-out restaurant located at 1169 N. Highway 67 in an existing 'B-3' Extensive Business District. The Chair declared the Public Hearing to be open.

Tequila Clark, petitioner, noted the business will be a southern cuisine style restaurant with more of an upscale dine-in business with the options for carry-out. She stated she would be open on Saturdays from 11am to around 10pm, but she would not be open late more than 5 days during the week and Sundays would allow for brunch hours. Ms. Clark noted the cook she partnered with previously will be assisting her with the new business.

Councilman Eagan noted his concerns with handicapped access being at the far end of the parking lot in front of the Kingston 10 restaurant.

Ms. Clark stated the handicapped spots and ramp will allow those with accessibility needs to enter any of the businesses in the area. She noted the cross-access agreement has been completed and an easement is in place with the landlord. Ms. Clark stated she will have a full commercial kitchen and is planning on selling cocktails and beer and wine at the restaurant. She noted she was not instructed to give a full plan until after the approval was received from the City Council and the full plan approval will be completed during the permitting process.

John Hessel, City Attorney, noted the staff does not require anything more than a floor plan for the City Council to review and the full plans will be approved by the city staff once they are received.

Councilman Eagan asked the petitioner to allow the council to review the final plans to see the layout of the restaurant and the bar area.

Ms. Clark noted she would like to have bands playing live music a couple times a week and indoor music during the brunch hours.

Councilman Eagan clarified the business would not be allowed to operate as a nightclub by charging a door fee, cover charge, VIP passes or tables, and other similar activities.

Ms. Clark stated she would not be charging extra money for the entertainment if she were to decide to invite someone to play music or provide entertainment.

Being no further comments, Councilman O'Donnell made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Parson. Motion carried.

- 23-11-029.** Request to authorize the Rezoning of 8333 N. Lindbergh from 'B-1' Local Shopping District to a 'B-3' Extensive Business District.

The City Clerk reported that Public Hearing 23-11-29 for the Request to authorize the rezoning of 8333 N. Lindbergh from 'B-1' Local Shopping District to a 'B-3' Extensive Business District. The Chair declared the Public Hearing to be open.

Councilman Eagan noted the Public Hearing was not properly posted on the property and will need to be postponed to allow for the proper posting time.

Councilman Eagan made a motion to postpone Public Hearing 23-11-029 to the City Council meeting on November 27, 2023, seconded by Manganelli. Motion carried.

Because the Public Hearing could not be held Councilman Eagan made a motion to remove Bill No. 9929, seconded by Caputa. Motion carried.

- 23-11-030.** Request to authorize a Special Use Permit for Tea N. Tea restaurant located at 8192 N Lindbergh to allow for the operation of a restaurant.

The City Clerk reported that Public Hearing 23-11-030 for the Request to authorize a Special Use Permit for Tea N Tea restaurant located at 8192 N. Lindbergh to allow for the operation of a restaurant. The Chair declared the Public Hearing to be open.

Letian Xiong, petitioner, noted he would like to open a carry-out boba tea shop and will also offer coffee. He stated he would like to bring a new shop to the city. Mr. Xiong would like it to be open from 11am to 7pm during the week and 11am to 8pm at the weekends and the business will not be serving food at this time but may decide to serve food in the future. He stated he would not be selling unbrewed packages of tea. Mr. Xiong stated he does not own another location, but his partner does have 2 additional locations in Missouri.

Sherry Wang, petitioner, noted the other two locations are in Fairview Heights, Illinois, and on Washington Avenue in St. Louis.

Being no further comments, Councilman Eagan made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Schildroth. Motion carried.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

BILLS FOR SECOND READING

- S9922.** Ordinance to authorize a Special Use Permit to 490 Jai Ganesha LLC, d/b/a Royals Liquor to allow for a Package Liquor Store located at 490 Howdershell.

Councilman Eagan made a motion to accept Substitute Bill No. 9922, seconded by Pagano. Motion carried.

Councilman Eagan moved that Substitute Bill No. 9922 be read for a second time, seconded by Manganelli. Motion carried and Substitute Bill No. 9922 was read for a second time.

Councilman Eagan moved that Substitute Bill No. 9922 be read for a third time, seconded by Caputa. Motion carried and Substitute Bill No. 9922 was read for a third time and placed upon its passage.

Before the final vote was taken, all interested persons were given the opportunity to be heard. Being no further comments, on roll call, the Council voted as follows:

VOTING

Motion by: Councilman Eagan, Joseph

Second by: Councilman Caputa, Jeff

COUNCIL MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Councilman Eagan, Joseph	X			
Councilman Harris, Andrew	X			
Councilman Manganelli, Paul	X			
Councilman Caputa, Jeff	X			
Councilman Schildroth, Keith	X			
Councilman O'Donnell, Thomas	X			
Councilwoman Pagano, Jackie	X			
Councilman Parson Jr., Robert	X			
Councilman Siam, Tommy	X			

Whereupon the Chair declared Substitute Bill No. 9922 to have passed and become Ordinance No. 8929.

- 9924.** Ordinance adopting the budget for the City of Florissant for the fiscal year commencing on December 1, 2023 and ending on November 30, 2024 and providing for its effective date.

Councilwoman Pagano moved that Bill No. 9923 be read for a second time, seconded by Parson. Motion carried and Bill No. 9923 was read for a second time.

Councilman Harris moved that Bill No. 9923 be read for a third time, seconded by Schildroth. Motion carried and Bill No. 9923 was read for a third time and placed upon its passage.

Before the final vote was taken, all interested persons were given the opportunity to be heard. Being no further comments, on roll call, the Council voted as follows:

VOTING

Motion by: Councilman Harris, Andrew

Second by: Councilman Schildroth, Keith

COUNCIL MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Councilman Eagan, Joseph	X			
Councilman Harris, Andrew	X			
Councilman Manganelli, Paul	X			
Councilman Caputa, Jeff		X		
Councilman Schildroth, Keith	X			
Councilman O'Donnell, Thomas	X			

Councilwoman Pagano, Jackie	X			
Councilman Parson Jr., Robert	X			
Councilman Siam, Tommy	X			

Whereupon the Chair declared Bill No. 9924 to have passed and become Ordinance No. 8930.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

There were none.

REQUESTS

SUP Transfer. Request to accept the application for a transfer of Special Use Permit No. 8244 from Leo Liu d/b/a Lucky House to Dao Tien Express LLC for the operation of a restaurant located at 728 South New Florissant.

Councilwoman Pagano made a motion to accept the Request to accept the application for a transfer of Special Use Permit No. 8244 from Leo Liu d/b/a Lucky House to Dao Tien Express LLC for the operation of a restaurant located at 728 South New Florissant. Seconded by Caputa, motion carried.

Liquor. Request for a Package Liquor License for Royals Liquor located at 490 Howdershell.

Councilman Eagan made a motion to approve the Request for a Package Liquor License for Royals Liquor located at 490 Howdershell, seconded by Manganelli. On roll call, the council voted as follows:

VOTING

Motion by: Councilman Eagan, Joseph

Second by: Councilman Manganelli, Paul

COUNCIL MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Councilman Eagan, Joseph	X			
Councilman Harris, Andrew	X			
Councilman Manganelli, Paul	X			
Councilman Caputa, Jeff		X		
Councilman Schildroth, Keith	X			
Councilman O'Donnell, Thomas	X			
Councilwoman Pagano, Jackie	X			
Councilman Parson Jr., Robert	X			
Councilman Siam, Tommy	X			

BILLS FOR FIRST READING

9927. Ordinance to amend Title II, Chapter 245 “Parks & Recreation” of the Florissant City Code, section 245.180 “Fees for Use”, to adjust fees for use of various park facilities.

Bill No. 9927 was read for the first time.

9928. Ordinance authorizing a Special Use Permit for Taste LLC to allow for a Sit-Down and Carry-out Restaurant in an existing 'B-3' Extensive Business District located at 1169 N. Highway 67.

Bill No. 9928 was read for the first time.

9929. Ordinance to authorize the Rezoning of 8333 N. Lindbergh for Tamara Properties from 'B-1' Local Shopping District to a 'B-3' Extensive Business District to allow for a Laundromat.

Bill No. 9929 was removed from the agenda.

9930. Ordinance to authorize a Special Use Permit for Tea N Tea located at 8192 N Lindbergh to allow for the operation of a carry-out restaurant.

Bill No. 9930 was read for the first time.

9931. Ordinance amending ordinance no. 8843 establishing a new compensation plan for seasonal employees of the City of Florissant and containing an effective date clause.

Bill No. 9931 was read for the first time.

9932. Ordinance authorizing the transfer of Special Use Permit No. 8244 from Leo Liu d/b/a Lucky House to Dao Tien Express LLC for the operation of a restaurant located at 728 South New Florissant.

Bill No. 9932 was read for the first time.

Councilwoman Pagano moved that Bill No. 9932 be read for a second time, seconded by Schildroth. Motion carried and Bill No. 9932 was read for a second time.

Councilwoman Pagano moved that Bill No. 9932 be read for a third time, seconded by Caputa.

On roll call, the Council voted: Pagano yes, Parson yes, Siam yes, Harris yes, Manganelli yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, and O'Donnell yes.

Having received a unanimous vote of all members present Bill No. 9932 was read for a third and final time and placed upon its passage.

Before the final vote, all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard. Seeing none, on roll call the Council voted as follows:

VOTING

Motion by: Councilwoman Pagano, Jackie

Second by: Councilman Caputa, Jeff

COUNCIL MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Councilman Eagan, Joseph	X			
Councilman Harris, Andrew	X			
Councilman Manganelli, Paul	X			
Councilman Caputa, Jeff	X			
Councilman Schildroth, Keith	X			

Councilman O'Donnell, Thomas	X			
Councilwoman Pagano, Jackie	X			
Councilman Parson Jr., Robert	X			
Councilman Siam, Tommy	X			

Whereupon the Chair declared Bill No. 9932 to have passed and become Ordinance No. 8931.

- 9933.** Ordinance to authorize an appropriation of \$85,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to account no. Fund 403-56100-201-23XXX "Capital Addition – Police Station Sidewalk Repair”.

Bill No. 9933 was read for the first time.

Councilman Caputa moved that Bill No. 9933 be read for a second time, seconded by Manganelli. Motion carried and Bill No. 9933 was read for a second time.

Councilman Caputa moved that Bill No. 9933 be read for a third time, seconded by Manganelli.

On roll call, the Council voted: Pagano yes, Parson yes, Siam yes, Harris yes, Manganelli yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, and O'Donnell yes.

Having received a unanimous vote of all members present Bill No. 9933 was read for a third and final time and placed upon its passage.

Before the final vote, all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard. Seeing none, on roll call the Council voted as follows:

VOTING

Motion by: Councilman Caputa, Jeff

Second by: Councilman Manganelli, Paul

COUNCIL MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Councilman Eagan, Joseph	X			
Councilman Harris, Andrew	X			
Councilman Manganelli, Paul	X			
Councilman Caputa, Jeff	X			
Councilman Schildroth, Keith	X			
Councilman O'Donnell, Thomas	X			
Councilwoman Pagano, Jackie	X			
Councilman Parson Jr., Robert	X			
Councilman Siam, Tommy	X			

Whereupon the Chair declared Bill No. 9933 to have passed and become Ordinance No. 8932.

- 9934.** Ordinance authorizing a transfer of \$10,000 within the Park Improvement Fund from account no. 209-51600-400 "Contract Services" to account no. 209-52604-400 "Utilities – Parks" for year-end balancing.

Bill No. 9934 was read for the first time.

Councilman Schildroth moved that Bill No. 9934 be read for a second time, seconded by O'Donnell. Motion carried and Bill No. 9934 was read for a second time.

Councilman Schildroth moved that Bill No. 9934 be read for a third time, seconded by Siam.

On roll call, the Council voted: Pagano yes, Parson yes, Siam yes, Harris yes, Manganelli yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, and O'Donnell yes.

Having received a unanimous vote of all members present Bill No. 9934 was read for a third and final time and placed upon its passage.

Before the final vote, all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard. Seeing none, on roll call the Council voted as follows:

VOTING

Motion by: Councilman Schildroth, Keith

Second by: Councilman Siam, Tommy

COUNCIL MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Councilman Eagan, Joseph	X			
Councilman Harris, Andrew	X			
Councilman Manganelli, Paul	X			
Councilman Caputa, Jeff	X			
Councilman Schildroth, Keith	X			
Councilman O'Donnell, Thomas	X			
Councilwoman Pagano, Jackie	X			
Councilman Parson Jr., Robert	X			
Councilman Siam, Tommy	X			

Whereupon the Chair declared Bill No. 9934 to have passed and become Ordinance No. 8933.

9935. Ordinance authorizing various transfers within the General Revenue Fund for year-end balancing.

Bill No. 9935 was read for the first time.

Councilman Schildroth moved that Bill No. 9935 be read for a second time, seconded by Eagan. Motion carried and Bill No. 9935 was read for a second time.

Councilman Caputa moved that Bill No. 9935 be read for a third time, seconded by Manganelli.

On roll call, the Council voted: Pagano yes, Parson yes, Siam yes, Harris yes, Manganelli yes, Eagan yes, Caputa yes, Schildroth yes, and O'Donnell yes.

Having received a unanimous vote of all members present Bill No. 9935 was read for a third and final time and placed upon its passage.

Before the final vote, all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard. Seeing none, on roll call the Council voted as follows:

VOTING

Motion by: Councilman Caputa, Jeff

Second by: Councilman Manganelli, Paul

COUNCIL MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
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Councilman Eagan, Joseph	X			
Councilman Harris, Andrew	X			
Councilman Manganelli, Paul	X			
Councilman Caputa, Jeff	X			
Councilman Schildroth, Keith	X			
Councilman O'Donnell, Thomas	X			
Councilwoman Pagano, Jackie	X			
Councilman Parson Jr., Robert	X			
Councilman Siam, Tommy	X			

Whereupon the Chair declared Bill No. 9935 to have passed and become Ordinance No. 8934.

X. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Schildroth thanked the residents of Wards 5 and 7 who came to the combined ward meeting. He thanked everyone who attended the Veterans’ Day Parade and the VFW and other organizations for putting the parade and festivities together. Councilman Schildroth thanked Councilman Caputa and Councilman Parson for their service to this country. He wished the United States Marine Corps a Happy Birthday. Councilman Schildroth thanked Carol Rogers for the attached communication and noted the credit for the solution should be given to the Chief of Police.

Councilman Manganelli thanked all veterans for their service and noted the parade was a great way to honor all veterans.

Councilman Parson thanked the City of Florissant and VFW Hall for a great Veterans event and thanked Councilman Caputa for his service along with all other veterans. He wished everyone a fabulous Thanksgiving.

Councilman Caputa wished veterans a Happy Veterans’ Day. He wished all Marines a Happy Birthday.

Councilman Eagan noted on January 27th, 2024, the St. Patrick’s Day Committee will hold a Green Tie Masquerade. He stated the ball is a fundraising event for the St. Patrick’s Day event, but also the inaugural event for the JFK Event Center. He noted the mayor and staff have worked to make this facility perfect for all kinds of events. Councilman Caputa stated more information can be found on the Florissant St. Patrick’s Day Facebook Page or website. Councilman Eagan reminded residents of the Miracle on St. Francois at which the St. Patrick’s Day committee will be selling kid-friendly and adult hot chocolates.

XI. MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Lowery thanked all the veterans for their service.

Mayor Lowery noted Old Town Florissant will be holding the Old Town Market Holiday Stroll on November 17, 2023 from 5pm to 8pm.

The Miracle on St. Francois Street is on Saturday, November 25th which will include the jingle run, vendors, petting zoo, pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, face painting, tablescares, golf cart parade, and Christmas tree lighting.

Mayor Lowery wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Council President stated the next regular City Council Meeting will be Monday, November 27, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Councilman Schildroth moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Manganelli. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:47 PM
Respectfully submitted,



Karen Goodwin, MPPA/MMC/MRCC
City Clerk

Bill No. 9922	Ord. No. 8929
Bill No. 9924	Ord. No. 8930
Bill No. 9932	Ord. No. 8931
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Bill No. 9935	Ord. No. 9934