

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019 – 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES

MAYOR MIKE WILCOX

ALDERMAN PAUL ROETTGER

ALDERMAN AARON NAUMAN

ALDERMAN TOM SCHOEMEHL

ALDERMAN BERRY LANE

ALDERMAN MIKE BAUGUS

ALDERMAN JOHN SCHUSTER

CITY ATTORNEY, JIM HETLAGE
CITY ADMINISTRATOR, BEN DECLUE
DEPUTY CITY CLERK, JOANNE CARR

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Wilcox

ROLL CALL

Present: Alderman Roettger, Alderman Lane,
Alderman Schuster, Alderman Nauman

Absent: Alderman Schoemehl, Alderman Baugus

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Baugus was present at this time.

Alderman Schuster motioned to approve the tentative agenda. Alderman Lane seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM MAY 6, 2019 MEETING

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Board minutes from May 6, 2019. Alderman Nauman moved approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Schuster seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Martin Nikolo, 933 Dwyer

Mr. Nikolo approached the Board and spoke about noise issues in Glendale, particularly trains running on nearby railroad tracks, trash pickup noise in the neighborhood and new construction on Dwyer. Mr. Nikolo wanted the trash pickup time and construction time changed to a later time in the morning such as 10:00 am. Mr. Nikolo stated he had lived in Glendale for 26 years, and asked for help with these issues.

Mr. Nikolo also asked that the Board of Aldermen speak with the Architectural Review Board regarding the style of new homes in Glendale, noting that big barn type homes do not fit the esthetics of Glendale.

Mayor Wilcox thanked Mr. Nikolo.

Jennifer Wing, 2 Southridge Drive

Ms. Wang approached the board concerning the Firefighter's issues, including ways to keep the department safe, keep response time to a minimum, keep salaries competitive, keep staffing at safe levels and keep residents more involved.

Ms. Trish Goldberg, 273 Parkland Avenue

Ms. Goldberg suggested that the Board hold a Town Hall meeting which would include both the Board of Aldermen and Fire Department. Ms. Goldberg stated that it was unfair that residents were left in the dark about the firefighter's issues.

Ms. Cindy Finney, 180 Cornelia

Ms. Finney stated that she did not know about these issues, but noted that she experienced an incident; a chimney fire. Ms. Finney stated that she called 911, and then waited for the fire department. Ms. Finney stated she called 911 three times to ask if the fire department was coming, and she was assured that they were. Ms. Finney stated that in the end, everything was okay, and noted that services were tremendous. Ms. Finney asked if this was a dispatch issue, and noted that she was not sure. Ms. Finney stated that she agreed with Ms. Goldberg, and asked for the scheduling of a Town Hall meeting. Ms. Finney added that she would do anything to take care of Glendale.

Mayor Wilcox stated that residents can reach out to the Board members at any time, noting that the contact information was on the website.

Carrie Clark, 760 N. Sappington

Ms. Clark stated that she agreed there should be a town hall meeting soon. Ms. Clark stated that Alderman Nauman responded to her about the fire and dispatch issues requested earlier, noted that she had not heard from other board members. Ms. Clark stated that her concerns relate to a dispatch error which occurred when her daughter was run over by a car years earlier, noting that her daughter waiting twenty minutes on the street for care, and wondered if the ambulance call was forgotten.

Thank you from Mayor Wilcox.

TREASURER'S REPORT, APRIL, 2019

Mr. DeClue reported that a copy of the report was delivered to each Alderman in the packet.

Mr. Lawrence reported that there was mixed news in the report; sales tax and gross receipt phone taxes were slightly lower, but Pension fund saw an increase at approximately \$125,000.

RESOLUTIONS

R13-19 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 19–25, 2019, AS NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) WEEK

Alderman Lane moved approval of the reading of Resolution R13-19. Alderman Baugus seconded the motion.

Chief Beaton reported that this resolution was originated in 1974 with the recognition of EMS, adding that this was the 45th year of recognition. Chief Beaton stated that he was grateful for their service and noted that the EMS was important in Glendale.

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote which was approved unanimously.

R14-19 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 TO ACCOUNT FOR CHANGES IN VARIOUS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE LINE-ITEM ACCOUNTS

Alderman Lane moved approval of the reading of Resolution R14-19. Alderman Roettger seconded the motion.

Mr. DeClue reported that the resolution was an annual reconciliation of the budget for auditing purposes.

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote which was approved unanimously.

R15-19 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FY 2020 – FY 2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Alderman Baugus moved approval of the reading of Resolution R15-19, with reading by caption only. Alderman Lane seconded the motion.

Mr. DeClue reported that at the work shop held during the last meeting, one item was not resolved, and that was the widening of Austin Place. Mr. DeClue noted that the CIP budgeted for the work, the staff recommended going forward with the project, but wanted direction from the Board. Mr. DeClue added that there was a 50%-50% resident approval/disapproval rate, and the trees to be removed for the widening were on the ROW. Mr. DeClue stated that money could be re-allocated to other projects if it was decided that the widening of Austin Place not happen.

Mayor Wilcox asked about the tree species to be removed. Mr. Jones stated that the majority of trees were silver maples which were at the end of their life expectancies, and were on the Tree Board list of unfavorable trees.

Alderman Roettger stated that the widening of Austin Place seemed logical to him.

Mr. Jones stated that the width of the street was 15' to 18', and noted that most streets were 22' wide.

Alderman Schuster stated that most experts have recommended that it be widened, adding that it was also a safety issue. Alderman Schuster stated that if a pumper cannot get down the street it would be a problem, and restricting parking would upset people.

Mr. Jones stated that the sidewalk crossing at Trevillian and Austin was not ADA compliant, and would be made compliant with this project.

Alderman Lane, Alderman Nauman and Alderman Schuster stated they were in support of the project.

Mr. Jones thanked the Board for their support.

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote which was approved unanimously.

R16-19 A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO EUROPEAN AUTOMOTIVE SPECIALISTS, LLC TO OPERATE AN AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR SERVICE SPECIALIZING IN THE DIAGNOSTICS AND REPAIR OF ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS OF EUROPEAN AUTOMOBILES AT 9910 MANCHESTER ROAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 400.500 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

Alderman Lane moved approval of the reading of Resolution R16-19. Alderman Nauman seconded the motion.

Mr. DeClue reported that I-Tint Windows was the previous tenant, which had been an automotive shop for some time. Mr. DeClue stated that the owners of EUS desired to open a specialty shop to service European autos, added that the business fit in the C-3 district, and noted that the Board had all the details in their packet. Mr. DeClue stated that the new tenants have been required to install a trash gate which had not been installed by the previous tenant, and are required to park at the rear of the building after hours.

Alderman Lane noted that the property was currently vacant.

Alderman Nauman commented that there was no report regarding vegetation on site in the packet, noting that the code requires upkeep of vegetation.

Ms. Manus stated that the location was currently landscaped, and their plan was to maintain the landscape at all times. Pictures will be sent to Alderman Nauman.

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Wilcox thanked the Manus' for opening their business in Glendale

ORDINANCES REQUIRING FIRST READING

B06-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 335 AND TABLES II-A AND II-B OF TITLE III OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MISSOURI, REGARDING STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Alderman Baugus moved approval of the first reading of Ordinance B06-19. Alderman Lane seconded the motion.

Mr. DeClue reported that there had been a request for a stop sign at Berrywood Drive at Southridge Drive, adding that Chief Beaton performed stop sign audit related to the request. Mr. DeClue reported that following the audit, it was determined that the code language required updating, adding that the update would address the new stop sign list, the appeals section, and allow for an easier format to address appeals in the future.

There were no questions or comments.

Mayor Wilcox called for a voice vote for an approval of the first reading, which passed unanimously.

The ordinance was tabled for the next meeting.

DISCUSSION: PENSION

Alderman Roettger reported that the Pension Board had its next meeting in mid-June and reminded the Board about his presentation given in January, 2019 which defined what it would cost to transition to LAGERS from the City administrated plan.

Alderman Roettger reminded the Board about the costs to move to the better funded LAGERS plan which would remove the City from the administration of the employee pension plan, adding that the pension plan had served the employees well to date.

Alderman Roettger stated that he would like to go back to the Pension Board with the BoA's thoughts about the transition to LAGERS. Alderman Roettger noted that \$340,000 per year would be moved to LAGERS which would require going to voters for a tax increase, adding that the Pension Board was looking at the November, 2019 or April, 2020 election.

Alderman Roettger stated that this issue dovetails with the budget conversation, noting that \$250,000 Prop P contribution to the pension was a stop gap measure, which had shored up the pension for this year. Alderman Roettger added that the Pension Board was looking for a longer term solution to solve the long term needs.

Alderman Schuster stated that we will need to go to the voters, but noted that it was a matter of when, which may be April, 2020.

Alderman Roettger also stated that the tax increase for the pension fund would not be a negligible amount, noting as an example that a \$300,000 home may see an increase of \$120 per year. Alderman Roettger added that Webster passed a tax increase for their pension easily.

Alderman Nauman stated that a tax calculator could be used to educate the community which was similar to the formula used for Prop S and F.

It was noted that the City should begin hosting a ‘Coffee with the Mayor’ sooner than later.

Alderman Roettger stated that LAGERS could be involved in the process, adding that there were many different steps. Alderman Roettger noted that there were 15 years to make up the numbers to equal the LAGARS plan.

Mr. DeClue stated that a property tax increase would be more stable funding mechanism, instead of relying on Prop P or the stock market increases, adding that there were many public safety issues which could be funded by Prop P in the future.

Mayor Wilcox asked about how long it would take to prepare for an election.

Mr. Hetlage stated it would take six months to get ready for a vote.

Alderman Nauman suggested that a committee be formed to prepare for a ballot issue, adding that citizens need to run the whole structure.

Mayor Wilcox asked if the administration would be a part of the LAGARS plan.

Alderman Roettger stated that all full time city employees would be under a single LAGERS plan, which for some would be an increased benefit for them. Alderman Roettger added that under the new LAGERS plan, all covered employees would now be required to contribute 4% of their salary. Currently some departments contribute 0%.

Mayor Wilcox thanked Alderman Roettger for his report.

WORKSHOP: BUDGET

Mr. DeClue reported that July 1 begins the new budget year, and the budget preparation would conclude no later than last day of June, 2019. Mr. DeClue stated that this was an annual preparation, and all the details could be found in the executive summary.

Mr. Lawrence stated that Prop P contribution to the pension will increase from \$250,000 to \$275,000 during the new fiscal year.

Alderman Nauman stated that the Board had identified other safety priorities, noting that he would not like all the money be allocated to the pension. Alderman Nauman would like the department heads to identify needs, with the possibility of receiving money for safety items from Prop P.

Alderman Roettger stated that he agreed with Alderman Nauman, and did not see the need to increase the current contribution over \$250,000 to the pension.

Mr. DeClue noted that these were the initial recommendations, noting it was not too late to change the plan. Mr. DeClue noted that there was a \$93,000 surplus this year with an expected \$53,000 surplus next year before a pay increase.

Alderman Roettger stated he was happy to see a surplus noting that it was rare.

Ben DeClue

Mr. DeClue reported that there would be a Plan Commission meeting in June to consider a small cell antenna, the Jiffy Lube Fence, and possibly a subdivision of a lot into two on Warwick.

Joanne Carr

Ms. Carr reported that the plans for Jazzfest were in order, and noted that the Kirkwood High School Jazz Combo would perform between sets during the festival.

Jim Hetlage

Mr. Hetlage reported that a new topic for the Plan Commission would be discussion and implementation of proper zoning and rules for medical marijuana businesses. Mr. Hetlage suggested that it become an agenda item within the next two months to be ready for the August , 2019 effective date of the law.

Mr. Hetlage noted that the State had passed a law allowing dispensaries, etc, noting that the State law mandates that a City cannot prohibit use. Mr. Hetlage stated that with proper zoning the use can be regulated in zoning districts C2 or C-3 as an example. Mr. Hetlage also stated that the City should revise the criminal code, at the same time, noting employment issues with respect to this. Mr. Hetlage stated that regulating the business operations itself would be handled by the Department of Health, which would come out with new rules.

Mr. Hetlage noted that Glendale did not have agriculture, adding that testing labs could work in Glendale, and that the regulation of the location would be a good thing.

Alderman Roettger

None

Alderman Baugus

Alderman Baugus stated that it would be nice to have a Town Hall 'Coffee with the Mayor'.

Alderman Baugus thanked Mr. DeClue for putting closure to the Jiffy Lube situation, and stated that he had received an email concerning a tree on Nancy Jo Place which he would share with Mr. DeClue and Mr. Jones.

Alderman Lane

None

Alderman Schoemehl

None

Alderman Nauman

Alderman Nauman reported that he had administration questions including discussion about aggressive solicitation, changing aspects of cost, and updating hours of solicitation.

Mr. DeClue stated that following some research, Glendale's code had been in line with other communities, but noted that more research was being completed. Mr. DeClue stated that it would be in a future report.

Alderman Nauman reported on Mosquito fogging, noting that many people liked it, adding that residents more in tune with the effects will question why the City was making this change.

Mr. DeClue stated that Brentwood ended their spraying program, adding that he and Mr. Jones considered ending the spraying following the depletion of the remaining chemicals and moving to a larvicidal program. Mr. DeClue noted that Mr. Jones worked with residents based on their feedback.

Alderman Roettger stated that was supportive of ending the program.

Mr. Jones stated that cities are moving away from the spraying program, and moving towards more cost effective plans.

Mayor Wilcox stated that treating the source with more effective treatments would be good, adding that information should be published in the newsletter and on the web site.

Mr. Jones stated that the program was established to lessen disease, noting that it would be irresponsible to stop everything, adding that there needs to be more of an effort from the homeowners, keeping their yards clear of mosquito sources. Mr. Jones agreed educating homeowners was key to reducing the problem.

Alderman Schuster

None

Mayor Wilcox

Mayor Wilcox stated that 'for the record', he never said the dispatch concerns were a non-issue, and did respond and look forward to getting together for more feedback

Mayor Wilcox reported that he looked forward to Jazzfest Friday night.

Mayor Wilcox suggested that the BoA meeting time change from 7: 30 pm to 7:00 pm, noting he would check with Alderman Schoemehl. Mayor Wilcox asked that if it causes a problem, please get back to Mayor, and if there were no objections the meeting time would change to 7:00 pm.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Roettger moved to adjourn to Executive Session. Alderman Baugus seconded the motion. There being no further questions or discussion, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote:

Ayes: Alderman Roettger, Alderman Baugus, Alderman Nauman,
Alderman Lane, Alderman Schuster

Nays: None

Not Present: Alderman Schoemehl

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Lane moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Schuster. The motion was unanimously approved.

These minutes are approved as submitted this 3th of June, 2019.

Joanne Carr
Deputy City Clerk