

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021 7:00 P.M.
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES

MAYOR MIKE WILCOX

ALDERMAN PAUL ROETTGER

ALDERMAN AARON NAUMAN

ALDERWOMAN LISA CAPSHAW CUSHING

ALDERWOMAN BERRY LANE

ALDERWOMAN VITALE

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 7:00 PM by Mayor Wilcox.

The March 1, 2021, Board of Aldermen Meeting was conducted via videoconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Alderman Roettger, Alderwoman Lane, Alderwoman Cushing
Alderman Nauman, Alderman Schuster, Alderwoman Vitale

Absent: None

Present: Brian Hoelscher, Executive Director, MSD and Saad Amir, MSD Representative

APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Agenda for the March 1, 2021 meeting. Alderwoman Lane moved approval of the agenda for the March 1, 2021 meeting. Alderman Roettger seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 16, 2021 MEETING

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Board minutes from February 16, 2021 meeting. Alderman Schuster moved approval of the February 16, 2021 meeting. Alderman Roettger seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATION: BRIAN HOELSCHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MSD

Mr. Hoelscher was welcomed to the Board and it was noted that he had lived in Glendale, on N. Berry Rd for 20 years. Mr. Hoelscher reported that he would give a presentation regarding the propositions to be listed on the April 6, 2021 ballot adding that MSD was making public presentations throughout the area during the next month to educate the community regarding 5 charter amendment changes.

Mr. Hoelscher reported that the main item on the ballot was Prop Y, with the objective to fund a three-year \$1.58 Bond, 300+ projects, and a capital improvement program to meet regulatory and system improvement needs. Mr. Hoelscher noted that the proposition funds were planned to eliminate 50 wastewater sewer overflows from sewer pipes, build 60 miles of new wastewater sewers, inspect 64,000 manholes, replace incinerators at Bissell and Lemay treatment plants, and build tunnel from Fenton treatment plant to Lower Meramec treatment plant to eliminate the Fenton plant. Mr. Hoelscher pointed out how the rates would change for residents based on both a yes vote or a no vote noting that the rates would be higher if the Bond financing were defeated. Mr. Hoelscher reported that the 5 plan amendments was for the 10 year charter renewal which included the following: Proposition 1: Removes obsolete provisions, modernizes certain provisions, references and languages; Proposition 2: Current Charter requires yes votes from a minimum of 2 Board Members from each appointing authority, the City and County, to pass any ordinance, rule, etc. with the new rule stating that if at least 5 members present and with unanimous consent, any 4 yes votes will suffice for passage and Ordinances shall take effect immediately; Proposition 3 deals with the MSD Rate Commission, and clarifies participation, length of proceedings, and a review factor; Proposition 4 deals with changes in compensation for Trustees from \$300/year to \$600/year and Proposition 5 permits the District to engage the same independent auditing firm in excess of five consecutive years and only if the District holds competitive bid for auditing services and the lead audit partner/concurring partner is changed.

Mayor Wilcox stated that the presentation was clear to see but asked how MSD would educate the community.

Mr. Hoelscher stated that MSD had robust communication specialists who have had discussions with Federal Officials and State Officials, 23 Municipalities and participated in town hall meetings and have produced a robust social media campaign. Mr. Hoelscher stated that they have tried to duplicate what was done in the past, including using an outside fundraising agency to help with information. Mr. Hoelscher stated that the agency agreed with MSD's approach adding that they would be assisting with the push before the election. Mr. Hoelscher noted that the reception has been great so far contrary to the past based on the polling numbers seen so far.

Mayor Wilcox thanked Mr. Hoelscher.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

B01-21 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE FIRE PROTECTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF GLENDALE AND WARSON WOODS, MISSOURI HAZARDOUS MOVING VIOLATION TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT THROUGH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM

Alderman Vitale moved approval of the first reading of Ordinance B01-21. Alderman Lane seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue reported the Ordinance extends the City's existing contract by a year which ends March 3, 2021 at midnight. Mr. DeClue stated that the new contract would continue the agreement for a year with a slight pay adjustment which would be slightly over \$250,000.

It was asked if the Warson Woods Board of Aldermen needed to approve this Ordinance.

Mr. DeClue stated that the Warson Woods Board would also need to approve this agreement which will be read by their Board on the 15th or 16th adding that once both Boards approve the Ordinance, it will go into effect.

Mayor Wilcox called for a voice vote which was approved unanimously.

Mayor Wilcox asked Mr. DeClue to read the Ordinance by title only.

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Wilcox tabled the Ordinance for the next meeting.

REPORTS

Ben DeClue

Mr. DeClue reported that the City had put out an RFP for a new Website Design. Mr. DeClue stated that an updated website similar to the Rock Hill website would give Glendale better citizen accessibility, a better calendar system and generally an easier site to use and browse. Mr. DeClue added that the Glendale website was okay adding that current prices have been falling which makes a change advantageous.

Mr. DeClue reported that the Board members would be included in all information prepared for the ARB appeal to be held at the next meeting.

Mr. DeClue reported that the State of Missouri had approved the administration of vaccines to all City employees including staff and Public Works which was good news.

Mr. Hetlage stated that tier 1b3 included government employees and government officials as well. Mr. DeClue stated that he would provide a letter of proof if any Board members required a copy.

Mayor Wilcox asked about the setup of an RFP and wondered if the City made sure companies like the Rock Hill website company was given an opportunity to bid.

Mr. DeClue stated that the RFP was listed on the City website adding that the City had reached out to companies recommended by the City Managers Circle following discussions.

Joanne Carr

None

Alderman Roettger

None

Alderwoman Vitale

Alderwoman Vitale reported that she would be out of her office due to an upcoming surgery but would be attending the next Board meeting from home.

Alderwoman Lane

Alderwoman Lane reported that she was working with Missouri American Water regarding the work to be started this week on Brownell adding that the work needed to be completed by May 31, 2021. Alderwoman Lane noted that the street would be open throughout the project with the possibility of a temporary closure adding that the neighborhood was very used to the street being closed.

Mr. DeClue reported that the water main would be replaced on parts of Brownell from Berry Road to Idlewild noting that there were a significant number of breaks late last year and early this year. Mr. DeClue stated that with the addition of a new water line on Berry Road, the lines along Brownell showed some weaknesses adding that the replacement would provide needed stability.

Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing

Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing offered prayers to Alderwoman Vitale.

Alderman Nauman

None

Alderman Schuster

Alderman Schuster offered thoughts and prayers to Alderwoman Vitale.

Jim Hetlage

None

Mayor Wilcox

Mayor Wilcox reported that in anticipation of ARB appeal, made a visit to Brownell to review the distance between the two homes in questions. Mayor Wilcox noted that he would not be able to vote on the appeal but was enlightened to see the actual space between the two houses.

Mr. Hetlage stated that the merits of the appeal would not be discussed at this meeting but noted that Mr. DeClue would ensure that the address of the home would be made available to all Board members for review if the Board did not already have the address. Mr. Hetlage stated that some of the Board members may remember an appeal that was made in 2017-18 adding that at that time, a closed memo was issued which included a summary of the events. Mr. Hetlage stated that the Board would be provided a closed file in advance of the meeting in two weeks.

Alderman Roettger asked Mr. Hetlage to speak to the actual appeal process.

Mr. Hetlage stated that an appeal is available to someone who may be unhappy with a decision made by the ARB. Mr. Hetlage stated that there was a procedure allowing for a limited amount of time whereby an applicant would present an appeal noting that if the appeal were deemed appropriate and timely, adding that if the City Staff had an opinion, they could give their opinion at the same time.

Mayor Wilcox asked if the Board of Aldermen's decision was final and if the Board voted at the end of the appeal presentation.

Mr. Hetlage stated that the decision was final, and the Board would vote that night adding that if there was a need for legal guidance, the Board could go into closed session for discussion and prior to a decision on the appeal, return to open session during the same meeting. Mr. Hetlage noted that the vote could be postponed if there were further questions if necessary.

It was asked if part of the process included opposing views or arguments and if that was part of the appeal process.

Mr. Hetlage stated that he would review the code to see who was permitted to present, adding that the ARB does hear from neighbors in considering their decisions.

Alderman Roettger asked if the ARB would present their rationale or would that information be included in the closed memo.

Mr. Hetlage stated that it could be anticipated that some information would be included in the closed memo adding that the City would give the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Nauman moved to adjourn to Executive Session which will be held via Zoom under a different Webinar ID. Alderwoman Lane seconded the motion. There being no further questions or discussion, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote:

Ayes: Alderman Roettger, Alderman Nauman, Alderwoman Vitale
Alderwoman Lane, Alderman Schuster, Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

These minutes are approved this 15th of March 2021.

Joanne Carr
Deputy City Clerk