



Mr. Kissling read from a letter as follows:

1. Although no formal proposal has been submitted, Brookside residents are opposed to the development of the buffer zone and the construction of a car wash. Both would negatively impact our property values and our quality of life. You do not want a noisy car wash a couple of hundred feet from your patio or bedroom window; neither do we.
2. Brookside residents want all parties to abide by the Special Use Permit. The marking of 53 trees in the buffer zone with a red X concerns us. We disagree that all are dead/diseased/unsafe. We would like a copy of the arborist's report and are going to get a second opinion of our own. Glendale Chrysler-Jeep has a history of non-compliance, so we would like you to ensure that no pre-emptive tree removal takes place unless, per the Special Use Permit, GCI replaces them with trees of comparable size, quality, and type.

Mr. Kissling thanked the Board for giving his time at the meeting.

Mayor Wilcox stated that he had not see a final plan or draft from Glendale-Chrysler and added that following the meeting with Alderman Nauman, he understands your thoughts.

James Rhodes 815 Brookside drive,

Mr. Rhodes stated that he now lived in Webster Groves but had lived behind the dealership and added that the possible changes would have a major impact for the Brookside neighborhood. Mr. Rhodes stated that he agreed with Mr. Kissling noting that an independent arborist should look at the trees before they are removed. Mr. Rhodes stated that the residents on Brookside were at the Board meeting in the past when Glendale-Chrysler promised that they would not impact the neighbors and would leave the buffer zone in place.

Kathryn Hermann, 875 Brookside Dr.

Ms. Hermann stated that she lived directly behind the church and the large parking lot noting that they hear the revving of engines at night and added that any other encroachment would not benefit Brookside and any encroachment would take away from the neighborhood. Ms. Hermann added to Mr. Kissling's points by reading the last section of his letter as follows:

We are just asking the Board to do 2 things;

1. Enforce the laws that are currently on the books, and;
2. Protect the property values of Brookside residents, and defend the quality of the life that you and all other Glendale residents enjoy.

Ms. Hermann thanked the Board and added that it would be nice to keep Glendale-Chrysler to their agreements.

Kate Jaimeson, 1301 Glendale Gardens,

Ms. Jaimeson stated that she wanted everyone to understand that this Glendale-Chrysler issue was not just an issue for Brookside Drive but that it affected Glendale Gardens Condominiums which would be just down the incline from the car wash. Ms. Jaimeson stated that seeing the x's on the trees so quickly was a problem adding that in the past Glendale-Chrysler had gone ahead without letting anyone know about their plans. Ms. Jaimeson stated that she did not want to wake up one morning to hear chainsaws. Ms. Jaimeson added that the buffer zone protected Glendale Gardens and Brookside and noted that the trees were original to the farm that originally existed on the site. Ms. Jaimeson stated that taking down the existing trees and replacing them with others could not work and asked that the trees not be removed until Glendale-Chrysler submits a final plan for the future.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Mayor Wilcox welcomed Chief Beaton and asked the Chief to walk through the annual report for the three new Board members.

Chief Beaton reported that the annual report was issued every year, posted on the website, and archived since 2011, adding that the report covered the Administration, Professional Development, Activities, Community Involvement, Communications and Municipal Court, and miscellaneous information related to vehicle usage and grant information.

Chief Beaton noted that the department was a full-service department with officers working 24 hours a day and seven days a week. In describing the personnel, Chief Beaton noted that the dispatch information would not be included in 2021 due to the changes in November 2020. Chief Beaton reported on personnel changes noting that the department lost two young dispatchers due to their untimely passing.

Chief Beaton reported that many officers wore many hats with many participating in extra assignments. Included in duties were requirements mandated by the State of MO, Chief Beaton stated that each year, officers participated in firearms training far exceeding the required annual hours of training. Chief Beaton stated that the officers continue to be involved in the Major Case Squad which included the homicide investigation unit. Chief Beaton stated that participation in the unit allowed Glendale to take advantage of the task force when the need arising in Glendale which it had on a few occasions.

Chief Beaton stated that in general, Glendale was one of the safest cities in Missouri but did experience incidents related to robberies, thefts, and burglaries such as unlocked cars with keys inside, ransacked or stolen, noting that two thefts happened on the same day. Chief Beaton reported that the entire department was credited with solving the majority of crimes committed in the city.

Chief Beaton reported that the department ran traffic and speed surveys on a regular basis noting that speed was monitored by the speed trailer on all streets at one time or another to gage the perceived problems of speeding in the city. Chief Beaton noted that there have been some problems but through enforcement and monitoring, troubled areas have been identified.

Chief Beaton reported that there was a good partnership with North Glendale and participated in a crisis intervention team to ensure that positive law enforcement crisis intervention is delivered to people with mental illness in Glendale. Chief Beaton added that the department takes it very seriously and was visible to the kids. Chief Beaton also stated that the department was 100% trained in CIT and continued training with the education programs year after year. Chief Beaton reported that the department continued participation in the prescription drug disposal program with an onsite collection box, and annual collection events adding that all drugs are disposed of properly through the DEA.

Chief Beaton reported that the City of Glendale continued to be involved with the Community Emergency Response Team with Captain Catlett as an instructor along with Captain Helle of the Fire Department. Chief Beaton state that in 2020 the chief was the chairman of the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association. Chief Beaton noted that the department was involved in the neighborhood watch program, Special Olympics and more locally, block parties, JazzFest, Firehouse Run, Ice Cream Social and Glendale Night Out.

Chief Beaton reported that the Municipal Court was not under the Police Department supervision but continued to be involved by testifying in cases if necessary. Chief Beaton noted that the Police Department had 3 holding cells adding that due to COVID, arrest rates were down.

Chief Beaton reported that each year, the department applied for various safety grants from the State and Federal Government adding that funding had been cut back drastically in 2020 due to COVID. Chief Beaton stated that the department would continue to apply for grants which should pick up with the easing of the pandemic.

Mayor Wilcox thanked Chief Beaton for his report.

### BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. DeClue reported that a subcommittee was appointed which included Alderman Nauman and Alderman Roettger to discuss any unanswered questions about cost-of-living adjustments adding that following discussions, it was decided to initiate a 3.5% cost-of-living increase for the entire City. Mr. DeClue stated that the \$66,000.00 change was included in the change adding that it was a part of the budget surplus. Mr. DeClue stated that he was looking for a general agreement to see if the Board wanted to take up the change.

Alderman Roettger stated that the subcommittee met and discussed budget projects listed over the years adding that historically, the City carried a \$100,000 surplus. Alderman Roettger stated that the current surplus was \$144,000 adding that a variety of things including the outsourcing of Dispatch freed up money for the future. Alderman Roettger stated that the subcommittee makes a recommendation that the Board agree to the

increase as noted above. Alderman Roettger stated that the Board was in receipt of the compensation study and learned that the City was at a high level in some areas and not so in other areas of compensation. Alderman Roettger stated that the compensation study would need to be reviewed in much more detail but noted that if the City wanted to be in the 30% percentile which does not account for administration, the increase could be something to work from. Alderman Roettger stated that the increase was well deserved adding that given the low numbers, it was a better place to work forward. Alderman Nauman stated that Alderman Roettger hit the highlights adding that the City ran a tight budget and knows where our revenues will go. Alderman Nauman noted that generally difficult when looking at revenues vs. expenditures adding that the City could afford the increase this year considering the outsourcing.

Mr. DeClue stated that with a smaller surplus, the annual increase was usually a cost-of-living adjustment but with a bigger surplus, instead of a 1 or 1.5% increase, a 3.5% increase was supported adding that the increase covered all employees.

Mr. DeClue asked if there were any questions noting that an ordinance could be planned for the last meeting in June which will allow for more conversation with the firefighter's union or anyone else in the future before passage. Mr. DeClue noted that Mr. Lawrence was also available if there were any questions.

Mr. DeClue reported that Mr. Jones sent pictures of the City Christmas tree to be used for future tree lighting events.

## REPORTS

### Ben DeClue

Mr. DeClue reported that he would be out of office this week and would return on Monday, June 14, 2021, and Mr. Jones was on vacation and would also return on Monday, June 14.

Mr. DeClue stated that all calls would be directed to Mr. Akers if there were any Public Works issues. Mr. DeClue also reported that in anticipation of the cancellation of the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, he would schedule the next meeting for Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. DeClue reported that the Kirkwood fireworks were scheduled for Sunday, July 4 at 6:00 pm

Chief Beaton stated that Algonquin Golf Club also planned to go forward with their 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks event and flag ceremony on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Joanne Carr

Ms. Carr reported that she would check with the Kirkwood school District about the Ice Cream Social/Glendale Night Out and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July tickets for the Kirkwood 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

Ms. Carr reported that a meeting should be set for the following week to discuss the Jazzfest.

### Alderman Roettger

Alderman Roettger thanked Mr. Jones for pressing St. Louis County about the Berry Rd. punch list.

**Alderwoman Vitale**

Alderwoman Vitale thank Alderman Roettger and Alderman Nauman for their hard work on the budget and thanked Alderman Nauman for taking the lead as she was not able to attend last week’s meeting.

**Alderwoman Lane**

Alderman Lane reported that Mr. Jones did send an email noting that the Brownell contractor would be back June 14 and would complete the project by the 28th.

**Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing**

Alderwoman Cushing thank Paul and Aaron for their work on compensation and Aaron and Sarah on brookside

**Alderman Nauman**

Alderman Nauman reported that he met with the Brookside residents and would like a copy of Mr. Kisslings’ letter.

**Alderman Fanning**

None

**Jim Hetlage**

None

**Mayor Wilcox**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Alderwoman Lane moved to adjourn to Executive Session. Alderman Roettger 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 Fanning, Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing

Nays: None

Not Present:

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

These minutes are approved as submitted this 21st day of June 2021.

Joanne Carr  
Deputy City Clerk