

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND FINAL APPROVAL

B06-21 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI REGARDING ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES COST REIMBURSEMENT PERTAINING TO THE EAST ESSEX RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROJECT

Alderman Lane moved approval of the second reading of Ordinance B06-21. Alderman Nauman seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue stated that the City of Glendale had a Federal STP project shared with Kirkwood which is for the resurfacing of East Essex from west of Sappington to Dickson in Kirkwood adding that Glendale was the lead of the project. Mr. DeClue stated that the City of Kirkwood would reimburse Glendale for 31% of the 20% total owed by Glendale for the STP.

Mayor Wilcox asked if there was any other questions or discussions

Mayor Wilcox called for a voice vote which was unanimously approved. The second reading passed.

Mr. DeClue read the Ordinance by title only.

Alderman Roettger moved approval of the final reading of Ordinance B06-21. Alderman Vitale seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any additional questions and there were none.

Mayor Wilcox called for a vote for the final approval of Ordinance B06-21

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

Nays: None

Not Present: Alderman Fanning

Ordinance B06-21 was approved.

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

B07-21 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND FIXING THE TAX RATE IN THE CITY OF GLENDALE, COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, STATE OF MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2021 ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN SAID CITY FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCUMULATING A FUND TO PAY THE CITY'S PENSION FUND FOR FIRE AND POLICE PERSONNEL, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCUMULATING A FUND TO PAY THE CITY'S DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES

Alderman Nauman moved approval of the second reading of Ordinance B07-21. Alderwoman Lane seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue stated that the establishment of the rates was an annual occurrence adding that rates should be sent to Glendale from St. Louis County no later than October 1. Mr. DeClue stated that a public hearing was scheduled for September 20th but if the County did not give Glendale the rates by that time, a second meeting would be scheduled due to it being a reassessment year and the process takes longer. Mr. DeClue stated that the property revenue rates were in line with the budget.

Mayor Wilcox asked if there was any other questions or discussions

Mayor Wilcox called for a voice vote which was unanimously approved. The first reading passed.

Mr. DeClue read the Ordinance by title only.

Mayor Wilcox tabled the second and final reading of the Ordinance for the next meeting.

DISCUSSION: JAZZ FEST

Mayor Wilcox stated that in the documents that Ben sent regarding the meeting, Webster Groves cancelled their Blues and Jazz event but added that Kirkwood had not cancelled anything. Mayor Wilcox stated that he would like a sensible discussion about the Glendale event.

Mr. DeClue stated that some questions included supplying food with food trucks, asking the attendees to bring their own food or not, adding that it was up to the Board as this event was a month away. Mr. DeClue asked the Board how they felt about the event. scheduled for October 8th.

Alderwoman Lane stated that she heard the news at 5:30 pm that hospitalizations were higher now than in September of 2020 and as a leadership body of the City, we need to make a decision adding that this event could be a super spreader.

Alderman Nauman stated that he took the opposite stance adding that masks would be encouraged, noting that the situation was on the downswing. Alderman Nauman stated that we did not need to require proof of vaccines or COVID tests, adding that the probability of catching COVID was low, noting that if a person was at risk, they should not be attending an event like this. Alderman Nauman stated that the attendees will be encouraged to social distance, we will spread out chairs, and have less food and generally, spread everything out.

Alderwoman Lane stated that the event would have more people instead of less.

Mayor Wilcox stated that the City did not have the ability to check cards, etc., adding that we are short-handed noting that either we do not have the event or have the event as normal. Mayor Wilcox agreed that the food trucks could be lessened. Mayor Wilcox added that we would need to consider hiring a company to manage the review of vaccine status with a few thousand people attending.

Mr. DeClue stated that the City did not have a controlled space.

Alderman Roettger stated that he was in between Alderwoman Lane and Alderman Nauman adding that the vaccination status matters.

It was noted that Missouri football games or Cardinal baseball games could be super spreaders, but the events have not been super spreaders.

Alderman Nauman stated that the St. Louis County Health Department current recommendations are reasonable and include cautionary signage, website notices, hand sanitizer stations, etc., noting that if there were Countywide restrictions it would be a deal breaker adding that holding this event is at our discretion now.

Alderman Lane stated that the City may get caught in the crosshairs because the County Board has not made a determination yet and may be passing something soon.

Alderman Nauman stated that he did not want to get into the politics of the situation adding that the resolution would be to follow best practices.

Mr. DeClue stated that he was closer to the middle ground, similar to Alderman Roettger, adding that if space was generated, people were asked to bring their own coolers, no food trucks and freed space for more cocktail tables with hand sanitizers on tables, wearing masks when not eating or drinking it could work. Mr. DeClue also noted that people concerned tended to wear masks, but when eating not so much. With an altered event and relying on people's common sense it could work.

Alderwoman Vitale asked Mr. Hetlage about the current law for this situation regarding the City's liability should the City experience a huge breakout.

Mr. Hetlage stated that Senate Bill 51, provided protections under Section 537.1005, which created immunity notwithstanding, no individual or entities, business entities etc. are not legally responsible unless engaged in recklessness that caused actual exposure. Mr. Hetlage stated that the City could post signage at entrances to limit the liability. Mr. Hetlage stated that he would look further to see if entity is defined adding that it was his assumption that Government entities were included.

Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing stated that she listened to the news but could not predict the situation from one day to the next adding that on the flip side did not want to be paralyzed. Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing stated that related to the point about baseball games, there were 44,000 people in attendance yesterday, and at the Today Show on Friday, the hosts were not masked and the people who were gathered together to watch a performance were not masked. Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing stated that to Alderwoman Lane's point about being cavalier, only a crystal ball could be used to determine the outcome adding that it might not be known for some time. Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing stated that children are in school, law school, etc., small children are getting the Delta variant now whereas last year it was the older kids.

Alderwoman Lane stated that the Jazzfest was a family event, adding that there was no place for a huge crowd to go adding that reducing food and setting up hand sanitizing stations was common sense.

Chief Beaton stated that holding the event was the Board's decision but noted that he did not want to put the Police Department at risk adding that he did not want the department to be the masked police which could be a negative event for the police. Chief Beaton stated that the department can suggest from a safety perspective adding that the department would do all that can be done to ensure safety. Chief Beaton stated that Webster cancelled their event, but Kirkwood was standing strong with their Greentree event adding that there were thousands at football games as well as baseball. Chief Beaton stated that the Police, Fire and EMS would not like to be enforcers adding that all departments would encourage safety precautions and social distancing.

Chief Silvernail stated that he had not heard about new precautions for the Greentree event adding that outdoors, there were no regulations noting that he would be careful to attend the event although vaccinated. Chief Silvernail stated that numbers have stabilized but they may increase noting that variants changed a lot with the Delta variant shedding the viral load quicker. Chief Silvernail stated that he attended a football game and a concert but wore a mask when not sitting down.

Alderman Nauman stated that masks are required at Riverport adding that they had security service. Alderman Nauman stated that Glendale had CERT volunteers, set up mask stations, etc., adding that there was a need to put a message behind all the safety measures and noted that we do need to be responsible about safety at the event.

Alderman Nauman noted that there would be no vaccination check points but we would follow rules for masking.

Mr. Hetlage stated that State and local Government would have immunity adding that it would be hard to prove, especially if we have safety notices.

Alderwoman Vitale stated that the City would have publications noting protocols such as mask wearing should one choose to wear a mask, 6' distancing, hand cleansing which is language that everyone knows and post this information at either end of Sappington Road at the closure points.

Mayor Wilcox stated that the City would either cancel the event or move forward with modifications as smartly as we can and asked if there was any possibility that the acts would cancel.

Ms. Carr stated that the three bands have been contacted, with two responding that they were planning on performing adding that the third band would respond in the next few days.

Alderman Nauman made a motion to proceed with the scheduling of the October 8th Jazzfest with appropriate precautions. Alderman Roettger seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox called for a vote.

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

Nays: Alderwoman Lane

Not Present: Alderman Fanning

REPORTS

Ben DeClue

Mr. DeClue reported that he had been busy at work related to the recent storm activity and tree issues adding that if the Board heard anything about resident worries related to neighbor's trees, the staff was available to help. Mr. DeClue stated that the staff had to deal with people who don't have the money to remedy tree problems adding that deals have been worked out with other residents to solve the problems. Mr. DeClue stated that the City did not work on private property but with the City Ordinance in place, we have ordered people to remove damaged or dead trees on private property. Mr. DeClue noted that one resident neighbor fronted the money and allowed the adjoining neighbor to pay them back.

Mr. DeClue reported that tuck pointing would begin this week and hoped to solve leaking at the sally port and the City Hall chimney which have been issues for a long time.

Alderman Roettger

None

Alderwoman Lane

None

Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing

Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing stated that she received information concerning water issues on Beverly Avenue, apologized to Alderman Roettger, and indicated that she should have emailed the information to him. Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing also noted that Mr. Jones handled the problem.

Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing stated that following the August 30th flash flooding, a few neighbors called regarding flooding due to blocked up grates on Beverly created by spilled trash. Mr. Jones reported that of the two inlets on Beverly, one will be remade into a side inlet from an at grade grated drain adding that the second inlet had grading issues that made a side inlet impossible. Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing stated that Beverly Avenue storm drains had not been updated.

Alderman Nauman

Alderman Nauman reported that an email went out using an email thread with Brookside residents but due to sunshine law, it was not sent to the entire Board. Alderman Nauman stated that he was encouraged that Jenni Belding has brought in a landscape architect who designed what the greenspace could look like and sent out the rendering to all and certified letters to 4 or 5 homeowners. Alderman Nauman stated that both groups were happily surprised and enjoyed seeing the plan. Alderman Nauman stated that the plans looked good adding that packets had been dropped off at City Hall for everyone to see. Alderman Nauman noted that the landscaper provided views of the design with special computer software which was unique to the homeowners' backyards so they all could see what it would look like.

Alderwoman Vitale stated that she liked the retaining wall which created a large flat surface for planting and would send noise back to Manchester Road.

Alderman Nauman stated that the Brookside residents were paying to receive a second opinion concerning the large trees, to evaluate the initial recommendations from Glendale Chrysler whose arborist stated that trees be removed following the finding that all were unhealthy. Alderman Nauman added that Ms. Belding was agreeable to the residents' plan to receive a second opinion.

Alderman Fanning

None

Jim Hetlage

None

Alderwoman Vitale

Alderwoman Vitale thanked Chief Beaton for hiring a wonderful officer and looked forward to seeing him out on the street patrolling. Alderwoman Vitale stated that she still thought Jazzfest should happen adding that based on the event and Alderwoman Lane's point of view, she had an idea about setting up a vaccination site at the event.

Alderman Nauman thought that was a fantastic idea and ultimately, we could give people the choice. Alderman Roettger agreed as long as there were no implications adding that older people love this event.

Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing stated that a vaccination event could be scheduled a week before Jazzfest.

Alderman Nauman stated that it could be an extension of protocols.

Mr. DeClue stated that Captain Catlett reached out to the health department asking to hold an event at City Hall adding that the County may not have engaged us as yet. Mr. DeClue stated that he would follow up with Captain Catlett.

Mayor Wilcox

Mayor Wilcox stated that he had just read a letter from the residents on Brookside, noting that approximately 40 adults were not accepting of the car wash.

Alderman Nauman stated that there are only 5 homeowners located adjacent to the dealership adding that the greenspace will not be eliminated altogether.

Mayor Wilcox reported that the Board was going to look at the stop light in front of the firehouse adding that the mission of this exercise relates to a comment made by a resident about the duration of the lights and asked about the point of the safety light if they do not blink. Mayor Wilcox noted that the lights in question were the red and yellow lights, pointing north and southbound in front of firehouse.

Chief Silvernail stated that the light did become solid red and would ask Assistant Chief Zaitz to have it blink yellow 24 -7 adding that the lights had side protectors.

It was noted that when Glendale had its own dispatch department, they could activate the light; however, now, the fire crew could hit a button and the light would turn red. Chief Silvernail stated that the Glendale crew may now be beating the tone as they turn out of the fire house quickly following the new dispatch center reports.

Alderman Nauman stated that the light was intentionally programmed not to blink adding that the light does work.

ADJOURNMENT

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

These minutes are approved as submitted this 20th day of September 2021.

Joanne Carr
Deputy City Clerk