

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024 7:00 P.M.
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES

MAYOR MIKE WILCOX

ALDERMAN PAUL ROETTGER

ALDERMAN AARON NAUMAN

ALDERMAN LISA CAPSHAW CUSHING

ALDERMAN BERRY LANE

ALDERMAN TONY ROBERTS

ALDERMAN WHITNEY ROPER

CITY ATTORNEY, JIM HETLAGE
CITY ADMINISTRATOR, FRANK JOHNSON
DEPUTY CITY CLERK, JOANNE CARR

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Wilcox.

ROLL CALL

Present: Alderman Roettger, Alderman Nauman, Alderman Capshaw Cushing, Alderman Lane, Alderman Roberts

Absent: Alderman Roper

Also Present: Chief Jeff Beaton, City Attorney Jim Hetlage, City Administrator Frank Johnson, Deputy City Clerk Joanne Carr, Terry Jones, Superintendent of Public Works, Susan Piazza, Republic Services, Andy Haskenhoff, City Forester

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any changes to the April 15, 2024 meeting agenda. There were none. Alderman Nauman motioned to approve the agenda. Alderman Lane seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 1 2024 MEETING

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Board minutes from the meeting. Alderman Nauman motioned to approve the minutes from April 1, 2024. Alderman Lane seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

TREASURER'S REPORT – MARCH 2024

Mr. Johnson reported that the summary was provided in the packet but noted that the City is currently estimating ending the fiscal year with a \$600,000 surplus in the General Fund due to continued strong receipts from the Use tax and Water tax along with substantial growth in investment income. Mr. Johnson stated that staff recommends the surplus for 2024 be transferred

to the capital improvement fund for future projects. Mr. Johnson noted that the high surplus was due to the combination of increases in taxes and deferred projects.

PRESENTATIONS

Andy Haskenhoff, City Forester and Tree Board member was moved to beginning of agenda.

City Forester and Master Arborist, Andy Haskenhoff thanked the Board for inviting him to speak. Mr. Haskenhoff stated that he is also a member of the Tree Board, adding that the only new members to the board are Mr. Johnson and Alderman Roper, noted that as the City Forester he worked on assessing the 1,500 city trees and documented concerns, looked at private trees when called upon by the City Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Slaughter and worked with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources along with the Arbor Day conference.

Mr. Haskenhoff stated that assessments are related to the health of trees and when necessary second opinions or mediators are requested if decline was not obvious. Mr. Haskenhoff stated that he worked with Missouri Department of Arborist, exchanged ideas with other Municipalities, and added that there were 35 tree inspections since last Arbor Day including residential and city trees. Mr. Haskenhoff noted that he was keeping an eye on an Oak tree at 114 Trevillian which looks good this spring but added that they will keep an eye on it following concerns by the resident last year. Mr. Haskenhoff stated that the landscaping in the rear of Glendale Chrysler dealership looked good and reported that the Tree Board was working with N. Glendale Elementary school to plant a tree for Arbor Day.

Mr. Haskenhoff stated that the Tree Board was working on establishing a 50-50 program with residents to add trees to the City's right of way, noting that the city would cover half the cost while partnering with nurseries to do the planting of different species: large, medium, or small. He stated that the program should be in place in approximately a month, adding that the program would be a good way to add trees in the city and segue into the ARB landscaping plans. Mr. Haskenhoff stated that the program would need funding.

Mr. Haskenhoff also stated that St. Louis County municipalities were reviewing canopy coverage adding that 35 percent coverage was the goal and noted that he did not know Glendale's canopy coverage percentage.

Mr. Haskenhoff reported that there was an MSD project scheduled to come through Glendale and that he would be working with the contractor to make sure trees would be protected, adding that there would be a one-year warranty offered by MSD for new trees planted. Mr. Haskenhoff stated that there was no new trim grant project but added that they were working on ideas and asked for some thoughts from the Board. Mr. Haskenhoff also noted that a new construction project at 12 Cambridge Court would disrupt a large Spruce tree owned by the City, adding that there was also some pushback from the residents concerning the removal of the tree.

Mayor Wilcox asked if there was anything else the Board could do to help. Mr. Haskenhoff stated that the Tree Board was good for now and added that they were working with Mr. Slaughter and were looking for more places to plant trees. Mr. Haskenhoff stated that the City had no say on the removal of healthy private trees but noted that Ladue and Grantwood Village had tree permits required for any tree removal. The Board asked about the removal of some trees such as Sweet Gum. Mr. Haskenhoff stated that it was a native tree, with good fall color and added that trees such

as the Tree of Heaven, Bradford Pears, or Ash trees did need to be removed due to their susceptibility to disease or pests, aggressive nature, or non-native designation. Alderman Nauman noted that these were only recommendations.

Mr. Haskenhoff stated that he noticed that the residents at 855 Alexandra topped two Sweet Gum trees, which was not appropriate. Mr. Johnson stated that \$6,000 had been allocated for the next fiscal budget year for the 50-50 tree planting program. Alderman Nauman noted that there was a tree inventory database, but Mr. Haskenhoff stated that it did not have the expanded tools to give percentage of coverage adding that the overall percentage would include private as well as city trees. Mr. Haskenhoff noted that several municipalities had tools but also had regulations concerning the timing of tree removal and replanting. Mr. Haskenhoff closed his presentation and noted that he would continue having conversations with Mr. Brad Weitekamp from the ARB about solutions related to trees.

Industry Update – Susan Piazza, Republic Services

Ms. Piazza stated that she met with Mr. Johnson about setting up this presentation and attached a drilled down version of industry wide updates, specific to Glendale, adding that the contract between Glendale and Republic Services was signed in 2017 and expires this year.

Ms. Piazza noted that there has been no local impact for recycling with the exit of China, noted that Republic Services was the third largest company in the US, lowered the age of drivers to age 18, enhanced training, and increased payroll which lowered turnover in the workforce locally and noted that the company showed reduced labor shortages in the last year. Ms. Piazza added that these changes did not impact on the current contract. Ms. Piazza stated that the company was automating trucks and suspending use of rear load trucks which have a 70 percent injury rate, adding that the yard waste trucks were the only trucks using manual hauling. Ms. Piazza reported that trucks were run with compressed natural gas, had an 8-year turnover, and noted that there are some cities across the country adding EV-power trucks but none planned for Glendale. Ms. Piazza noted that new trucks cost approximately \$440,000 each.

Ms. Piazza noted that the current rate per month/per home was \$22.44 and was capped at a 3 percent increase per year but added that the actual cost increases equaled anywhere between 3.2 percent to 5.4 percent during the last 6 years for the city. Ms. Piazza reviewed the current increases throughout St. Louis County with Municipalities they work with which run from a low of 4.3 percent to a high of 61.6 percent.

Ms. Piazza noted that the average increase was \$24.34 per month or a 19.7 percent increase on average. Ms. Piazza stated that if the city wanted an RFP, it would need to go out quickly, as the renewal will take place at the end of the year. Ms. Piazza noted that no bid price increases for Cool Valley, Richmond Heights, and St. John for 2024 was 4 percent to 5 percent respectively.

Ms. Piazza stated that talks about an extension would begin this summer, adding that there was no language in the current contract. Alderman Roettger stated that the Board would love to work up a proposal. It was noted that the services in the community were running smoothly.

RESOLUTIONS

R11-24 A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE TWENTY-SIXTH OF APRIL
2024, AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF GLENDALE

Alderman Lane moved approval of the reading of Resolution R11-24. Alderman Roettger seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. Johnson reported that the City had formally partnered with N. Glendale Elementary School to plant a tree and only needed to finalize details.

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any additional comments or questions. There were none.

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

R12-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH E. MEIER
CONTRACTING FOR AN ASPHALT OVERLAY OF A PUBLIC
WORKS FACILITY PARKING LOT

Alderman Nauman moved approval of the reading of Resolution R12-24. Alderman Capshaw Cushing seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. Johnson reported that the asphalt overlay was for the main Public Works parking lot and had been budgeted under Capital Improvement for 2024. Mr. Jones noted that it would be a simple project with E. Meier Contracting.

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any additional comments or questions. There were none.

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

DISCUSSION

FY2025-29 Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Johnson stated that Mr. Lawrence worked with the department heads to bring the budget together adding that the department heads would summarize their budgets tonight.

Chief Beaton reported that there were not many new items on the Police Department Budget list noting that vehicles had been purchased in previous years. Chief Beaton stated that a covered car port with a cantilevered top was on the list and hoped to have it scheduled for the FY25 Budget year. Alderman Nauman stated that he had not seen carports at other police departments and asked if there was a market and if Chief Beaton had called other municipalities. Chief Beaton stated that Creve Coeur and Kirkwood have carports adding

that some agencies build into their buildings. Chief Beaton stated that Glendale had a carport at one time, adding that it was good protection from the elements. Chief Beaton noted that all the police vehicles were parked at the bank during the last storm. Chief Beaton stated that the body and mobile cameras will run out in FY28 due to obsolescence and the fees listed for the Flock cameras were for maintenance. Alderman Nauman commented on the fact that the cost for some Flock camera were donated to the City.

Chief Beaton stated that the departments were happy with Miken's service for IT services. Mr. Johnson stated that he would concur that their turnaround time was good adding that he had a response within hours. Alderman Nauman stated that the contract was a good price adding that theirs was a niche market. Chief Beaton stated that Frontenac just chose Miken after recently going out to bid.

Alderman Capshaw Cushing asked about the placement of the carport. Chief Beaton stated that the carport will be located on the north parking lot towards the back adding that placement was important. Chief Beaton stated that he would send photos to the Board. Mr. Jones stated that he had seen the design, adding that it was very attractive.

Mr. Jones, Superintendent of Public Works, stated that the Essex Phase 1 project went out to bid and is not back with MoDOT, adding that the final approval and Resolution would be ready in August. Mr. Jones stated that there was good news regarding the project adding the ROW costs were ½ of what was budgeted, and they were working well with Kirkwood. Mr. Jones stated that the Essex project Phase II application has been submitted to East-West Gateway who have not yet said who is receiving grant funding. Mr. Jones stated that he expects the City to score well adding that there many letters of support and it was the continuation of the first project on Essex. Mr. Jones stated that if the City was not approved this year, he would apply again. Mr. Jones stated that the N. Sappington Road improvement was in its design stage, adding that there would be no problems in changes related to MoDOT requirements. Mr. Jones stated that there would be no construction until at least 2027. Lastly, Mr. Jones stated that the Stormwater Master Plan was in stage 2 of MSD funding.

Firefighter Schilling stated that the most important item for the Fire Department was budgeting for a new fire truck, noting that the life of the fire truck is 10 years and that the current truck has reached 6 years. FF Schilling stated that the current truck will be used for reserve once it meets its official end of life. FF Schilling stated that the computers were causing problems in the old truck with sensor issues related to emissions. FF Schilling stated that it would take 3 to 5 years to order, adding that estimates for a new fire truck are approximately \$1.2 million, noting that if the cost is paid up front, the percentage savings would offset finance charges for a loan. Mr. Johnson stated that there has been discussion the tradeoffs of paying for the truck upfront, adding that there would be more discussions later in the budget year. Alderman Nauman noted that the search for a manufacturer was long prior to the purchase of the KME truck and asked if this was still the best truck. FF Schilling stated that although the firefighting industry requires replacement he would recommend the same manufacturer as the current truck has been fantastic for Glendale.

FF Schilling reported that the concrete in front of the fire house was breaking up due to improper installation, is not under warranty and will need to be replaced, adding that it degraded sooner than expected. FF Schilling reported that mobile radios were needed, adding that an application for a 50 percent State grant is pending approval. FF Schilling ended discussions by noting that guard rails were needed for the fire house.

Alderman Nauman noted that Prop F was not at its maximum, adding that the City would need to explore a future ballot issue noting that the Board would need to go out to the residents with information concerning an increase in the tax.

Alderman Nauman asked about the turnout gear. FF Schilling stated that each firefighter needed two sets, adding that firefighters leaving the department would need to pay back the cost.

Mr. Jones reported that the 2025 Nova Chip program would lead off with Venneman, then Luckystone, Juanita, Fuhrmann Terrace, Hill, Winnetka, Hanamoor, Josephine ending with the E. Essex project. Mr. Johnson stated that Highland Place would not be included as it was a private street.

Low Speed Vehicle Regulations

Alderman Roberts stated that he received a letter from a resident regarding speed limits set for golf carts, or low-speed vehicles adding that the resident reported that there was a limited number of streets with which to use with the carts due to speed limit regulations and wondered if this could be changed.

Chief Beaton stated that the City passed an ordinance in 2018, partially due to the popularity of golf carts, adding that other municipalities also regulated their use. Chief Beaton stated that the use of low-speed vehicles has evolved since 2018 adding that speed limits had changed since that time such as N. Sappington and Kirkham Roads changing from 30 mph to 25 mph. Chief Beaton stated that all the residential streets have a speed limit of 20 mph which was considered safe for low-speed vehicle use. Chief Beaton noted that as part of the regulations, a driver must be 16 years of age, low-speed vehicles must have head lights, taillights, seat belts and rearview mirrors along with wipers and tempered glass wind shields adding that when typical golf carts are seen without these devices, warnings are given. Chief Beaton also noted that golf carts did not need to be registered with the State and were exempt from licensing and taxation.

Chief Beaton stated that there definitely was a risk to drivers using throughways with 30 mph speed limits, and he felt that even a 25-mph street could be hazardous and a risk to other drivers. Chief Beaton stated that golf carts were not allowed on County roadways of which Berry Road and Lockwood are two bordering Glendale. Alderman Roberts stated that he did not have any problems with the guidelines enacted in 2018 but added that he thought vehicles should be allowed on Kirkham and N. Sappington Roads and noted that many golf carts are totally decked out. Alderman Capshaw Cushing noted that there could be a problem with people thinking that drinking while driving a golf cart was less

egregious. It was noted that giving tickets to offenders solves issues with repeat offenders. Alderman Nauman stated that he would not have a problem with compliant vehicles using N. Sappington or Kirkham Roads but would not consider usage on Berry, Manchester or Lockwood unless they were just crossing the road.

Mayor Wilcox stated that he saw the logic in adding the two streets, noting that tickets for offenders would send message, adding that the City should enforce the laws that we have. Alderman Lane noted that drivers could be educated. Chief Beaton stated that officers could not be mandated to issue tickets, per state law. It was noted that permits could be issued for low-speed vehicles. Mr. Hetlage stated that the City could require a permit. Mayor Wilcox stated that the biggest complaint he noticed was related to young kids driving golf carts. Mayor Wilcox asked the Board for a consensus for changing the ordinance to allow for low-speed vehicles to drive on roadways with 25 mph speed limits. Alderman Roettger agreed, Alderman Lane agreed, Alderman Capshaw Cushing agreed, Alderman Roberts agreed, and Alderman Nauman agreed. Alderman Roper was not present.

REPORTS

Mr. Johnson

None

Alderman Roettger

None

Alderman Roper

None

Alderman Lane

None

Alderman Capshaw Cushing

None

Alderman Roberts

Alderman Roberts stated that he liked the new emails from Ms. Darmody and congratulated all the Aldermen who were elected for another term.

Alderman Nauman

None

Jim Hetlage

None

Mayor Wilcox

Mayor Wilcox reported that he wanted to be clear about the ongoing process for the ARB Guideline review, noting that the ARB would be meeting again in May with an edited version, ready for the Board of Aldermen's review. Mayor Wilcox noted that Mr. Johnson may be asked to edit the document adding that it would not go back to the ARB for further editing once reviewed by the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Wilcox stated that the condensed changes offered by the City Attorney were not agreeable to that ARB who stated that some important items needed to be included in the final guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT

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

These minutes are approved on this 6th day of May 2024.

Joanne Carr
Deputy City Clerk