

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY
JULY 8, 2019**

WORK SESSION

The work session meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Town and Country was held at 6:30 PM on Monday, July 8, 2019.

Present were: Aldermen Allen, Benigas, Butler, Frautschi, Holman, Mange, Mortland and Reuter.

Mayor Dalton presided.

City Attorney Steve Garrett was present to represent the City.

1. Discussion – Regular Meeting Agenda Items

No votes were taken.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Town and Country was held at 7:00 PM on Monday, July 8, 2019 at the Municipal Center, 1011 Municipal Center Drive.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

William and Robert Allen, grandsons of Aldermen Allen, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The 7:00 PM roll call indicated Aldermen Allen, Benigas, Butler, Frautschi, Holman, Mange, Mortland and Reuter.

Mayor Dalton presided.

City Attorney Steve Garrett was present to represent the City.

MINUTES – 06/24/19 Regular Meeting

Alderman Frautschi moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Butler.

Mayor Dalton called for any corrections or amendments.

Hearing none, the minutes of 06/24/19, were unanimously approved.

HEARING FROM CITIZENS

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

APPOINTMENTS

- Conservation Commission-Ann Marie Mayuga, At-Large

Mayor Dalton announced that he would be holding the consideration of this appointment at the request of the Conservation Chairman, Alderman Reuter.

- Planning & Zoning Commission-Sheila Munsell

Alderman Mange moved for approval of Sheila Munsell to the Planning & Zoning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mike Chapman with a March 2023 expiration. Alderman Mortland seconded.

Ms. Munsell approached the podium to stand for interview pursuant to Code and provided information about her professional background.

In response to Alderman Frautschi, Ms. Munsell explained that she will be available for regular monthly attendance and able to do the preparation work in advance of meetings.

Ms. Munsell stated that her experience is well-suited for the Planning & Zoning Commission and she is prepared to enforce the Municipal Code and legal rules while working collaboratively with applicants.

A voice vote was held on Ms. Munsell's appointment and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Alderman Allen

Alderman Allen reported that the Public Infrastructure Task Force will have its first meeting on Tuesday, July 9, at the Municipal Center.

She also stated that the Ways & Means Commission will be meeting at 8:00 AM on July 19, at the Municipal Center.

Alderman Mortland

Alderman Mortland announced that the Public Works Commission is tentatively scheduled to meet at 7:00 PM on July 15, at the Municipal Center.

Alderman Reuter

Alderman Reuter shared that Mari de Villa has invited all to attend an information meeting about their future plans on July 16.

Mayor Dalton

Mayor Dalton announced that the Town Square Grand Opening has been rescheduled to August 16, with a ribbon cutting at 7:00 PM and fireworks at 9:00 PM.

City Administrator

Bob Shelton reported that work was ongoing for a cooperative IT plan with Chesterfield and Frontenac. He noted that an agreement would be forthcoming at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILL NO. 19-34, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 BUDGET BY INCREASING MULTIPLE ROAD FUND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR PROCUREMENT OF SALT, EQUIPMENT REPAIRS, AND MANPOWER RELATED TO SNOW REMOVAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO COVER THE INCREASE (sponsored by Alderman Allen) (1st reading 06/24/19)

Mayor Dalton called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 19-34 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Mortland moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Frautschi.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Benigas, Butler, Frautschi, Holman, Mange, Mortland and Reuter; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 19-34 became Ordinance No. 4295.

BILL NO. 19-35, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 BUDGET BY INCREASING A GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SHOW ME COURTS SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO COVER THE INCREASES (sponsored by Alderman Allen) (1st reading 06/24/19)

Mayor Dalton called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 19-35 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Allen moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Frautschi.

In response to Alderman Butler, Finance Director Pam Reitz confirmed that the appropriation involved increases in two separate funds.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Benigas, Butler, Frautschi, Holman, Mange, Mortland and Reuter; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 19-35 became Ordinance No. 4296.

BILL NO. 19-36, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 BUDGET BY INCREASING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL TOWN SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO COVER THE INCREASE (sponsored by Aldermen Mange & Allen) (1st reading 06/24/19)

Mayor Dalton called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 19-36 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Mange moved to accept Substitute Bill No. 19-36 for consideration and noted that the proposed amendment removes the verbiage and funding for both the Discovery plaques and the pedestrian access items.

Alderman Benigas seconded the substitute.

The roll call vote on the was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Benigas, Frautschi, Holman, Mange, Mortland and Reuter; NAY, Butler; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion carried 7-1 and the bill was substituted.

Alderman Benigas noted his opposition to the bill. He added that he would like the two properties to be collaborative but there has been continued resistance from Mason Woods Village ownership.

The City Clerk entered an email from resident Jenny Donovan, dated 07/08/19 and consisting of two pages, into the record as requested. Said email is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

The roll call vote on the bill, as substituted, was as follows: AYE, Alderman Mange; NAY, Aldermen Allen, Benigas, Butler, Frautschi, Holman, Mortland and Reuter; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion to approve failed 7-1.

NEW BUSINESS

BILL NO. 19-37, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 BUDGET BY INCREASING A PUBLIC ART FUND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR DISCOVERY STATUE DEDICATION PLAQUES AT TOWN SQUARE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO COVER THE INCREASE (sponsored by Aldermen Mange & Mortland)

Mayor Dalton called for a first reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 19-37 was read for the first time by title only.

Alderman Mange moved to suspend the agenda rules in order to hear the second reading and consider the Bill, seconded by Alderman Frautschi.

A voice vote was held on the suspension motion and carried.

Mayor Dalton consented.

Mayor Dalton called for second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 19-37 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

In response to Alderman Reuter, Finance Director Pam Reitz explained that the \$1,800 expenditure will be made with funds that were previously collected as donations.

City Attorney Steve Garrett stated that no recusal was necessary for those elected officials that would be featured as donors on the proposed plaques.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Benigas, Butler, Frautschi, Holman, Mange, Mortland and Reuter; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 19-37 became Ordinance No. 4297.

BILL NO. 19-38, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A RECORD PLAT AND TRUST INDENTURES FOR STONECHASE OF CONWAY SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY AND AUTHORIZING THE RECORD PLAT TO BE RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEED OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY (sponsored by Aldermen Benigas, Allen & Frautschi)

Mayor Dalton called for a first reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 19-38 was read for the first time by title only.

Mayor Dalton declared Bill No. 19-38 continued to the meeting of Monday, July 22, 2019 for the second reading and consideration.

APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES

Alderman Mortland moved for approval of the following liquor licenses, contingent upon the completion of a successful background investigation.

Retail Liquor By The Drink and Sunday By The Drink
Wasabi Sushi Bar

Alderman Frautschi seconded the motion and a voice vote carried.

WARRANT LIST-07/08/19

Alderman Allen moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Frautschi.

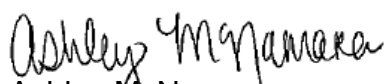
Mayor Dalton called for any amendments.

Hearing none, a voice vote was taken and the warrant list of July 8, 2019, in the amount of \$388,379.54 and was unanimously approved.

OTHER

ADJOURN

On motion of Alderman Frautschi, seconded by Alderman Holman and unanimously approved by voice vote, the regular meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.


Ashley McNamara
City Clerk

McNamara, Ashley

From: Jenny Donovan <donovanjenny13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2019 2:46 PM
To: Dalton, Mayor Jon; Mange, Ald Skip; Holman, Ald Pam; Butler, Ald. Lindsey; Frautschi, Ald Tiffany; Reuter, Ald Matt; Mortland, Ald Ryan; Benigas, Ald Jonathan; Allen, Ald Sue
Cc: Shelton, Bob; McNamara, Ashley
Subject: Vote NO on Bill 19-36

July 8, 2019

To: Board of Aldermen, City of Town and Country

Mayor Jon Dalton

From: Jennifer Donovan, 13309 Kings Glen Dr.

Resident of Ward 2

RE: Bill 19-36

Members of the Board,

I am unable to attend tonight's aldermanic meeting to address you in person so I hope you read and give due attention to this email prior to the meeting.

I ask you to vote NO on Bill 19-36 and any variation of the Bill.

The Board has already spent nearly twice the projected cost (now approaching \$10 million) to create a beautiful park-like setting and to remediate a major storm water issue to basically benefit a commercial development. A development that, to date, shows little progress filling/completing its retail space and thus providing tax revenue for our community. Not a single dime more should be spent to accommodate the developer of Blacksmith Grove or the adjoining commercial property, namely Mason Woods Village.

The proposed removal of honeysuckle and restoration will not only expose the Mason Woods Village dumpsters to the Town Square pavilion, retail space and residents on Kings Glen, but also uncover the nasty looking drainage problem and dumping ground for trash and yard waste now hidden behind the honeysuckle.

More than \$5500 for pedestrian access from a commercial property (Mason Woods Village) that made it clear from the beginning of this project that patrons of Blacksmith Grove businesses and residents going to Town Square would be denied parking at Mason Woods Village is simply nuts. And if someone does manage to park there and wants to come to Town Square, there is sidewalk access between the two commercial properties on Clayton Road.

It is ridiculous to approve this expenditure. Your time would be better spent seeing that the Town Square developer completes the project properly. Certainly the punch list is long and must include:

- Construction of rain gardens that actually drain properly. Standing water encourages mosquito breeding and is a public health hazard.
- Replacement of trees and plantings that are dead because they were planted at the wrong time of year and/or were planted and ignored.

- Fixing the storm water drainage issues that not only continue along Kings Glen properties but were worsened during Town Square construction.

There's more but surely the picture is clear. If commercial developers want to improve their properties, great! **But NOT at taxpayers' expense.**

Please vote NO on Bill 19-36.

Jenny Donovan

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The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. - Mahatma Gandh