

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY
FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

WORK SESSION

The work session meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Town and Country was held at 6:00 PM on Monday, February 25, 2019.

Present were: Aldermen Allen, Butler, Frautschi, Mange, Meyland-Smith, Reuter and Wright. Alderman Benigas arrived at 6:20 PM.

Mayor Dalton presided.

City Attorney Steve Garrett was present to represent the City.

1. City-County Governance Matters

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, City Administrator Bob Shelton provided information about the potential impacts of the Better Together initiative to combine St. Louis City and St. Louis County. An overview of the plan for the new "Metro City" was provided to include the structure of the proposed governing body and charter, municipal districts in place of municipalities, and financial aspects. Various duties to be assumed by the Metro City such as police, streets, public works, zoning, and courts, etc. were discussed. It was noted that the municipal district would be responsible for fire/EMS services, parks, pensions, and general administration. The potential tax distributions, lost revenues and ongoing expense estimates were displayed. Discussion was held about the current proposal and the effort to establish a Board of Freeholders that would allow for both a deliberative exchange and the vote to be held by the people of St. Louis City and St. Louis County, as opposed to a decision made by statewide voters.

Mayor Dalton announced the upcoming community conversation he would be hosting to consist of several sessions focused solely on providing more information about the Better Together proposal. Discussion ensued about the location and ability to meet the capacity needs of interested residents.

2. 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, February 25, 2019 at the Municipal Center, 1011 Municipal Center Drive.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Gary Hoelzer, Town and Country Chief of Police, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The 7:05 PM roll call indicated Aldermen Allen, Benigas, Butler, Frautschi, Mange, Meyland-Smith, Reuter and Wright.

Mayor Dalton presided.

City Attorney Steve Garrett was present to represent the City.

RECOGNITION

Mayor Dalton shared the recent retirement announcement of Chief Gary Hoelzer. He offered sincerest appreciation for Chief Hoelzer's distinguished service throughout his 34 year career at the City of Town and Country.

MINUTES – 02/11/19 Regular Meeting

Alderman Mange moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Wright.

Mayor Dalton called for any corrections or amendments.

Hearing none, the minutes of 02/11/19, were unanimously approved.

HEARING FROM CITIZENS

Andy Kuchan, 1203 Devonworth, spoke in support of Will McKnight's application to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission as they had previously served together. Mr. Kuchan stated that Mr. McKnight's interactions with commission members, understanding nature, preparation, and perspective bring tremendous value to the Commission.

Keith Goding, 1757 Topping Road, stated that he received phone calls from residents with regard to his previous questions about Craig Wilde's resignation, but no response from the City. He noted that after filing a Sunshine Law request, he obtained records showing an inordinate amount of Sunshine Law requests filed by Aldermen, resulting in over 2,000 pages of responsive records and excessive staff time spent at the expense of productivity. He also referred to an email from Mr. Wilde wherein concerns were shared about the work environment.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Dalton announced his intent to appoint Will McKnight to the Planning and Zoning Commission at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Alderman Frautschi

Alderman Frautschi reported that the Ward 2 Speaker Series featuring Ameren was held and received a great turnout. She noted that Ameren will be reaching out to specific subdivisions about pollinator beds and added that they were interested in getting involved with the Laurel Lake Estates Stormwater Project.

She announced that the Ward 2 Coffee would be held on Saturday, March 9, from 8-9 AM at the Mason Woods Village Starbucks. She added that the next Ward 2 Forum is scheduled for 9:30 AM on Monday, March 11, at the Longview Farm House.

Mayor Dalton

Mayor Dalton announced that he would be hosting educational sessions about the Better Together plan and potential for the establishment of a Board of Freeholders. He stated that the date is currently set for March 14 from 5-6 PM and again from 6:30-7:30 PM at the Municipal Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILL NO. 19-07, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF THE GREENWOOD GROUP FOR THE 2019 GROUNDS CARE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR SAME (sponsored by Aldermen Wright & Mange) (1st reading 02/11/19)

Mayor Dalton called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 19-07 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Mange moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Wright.

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

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 19-07 became Ordinance No. 4270.

BILL NO. 19-08, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE AND AUTHORIZING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE, A POOL HOUSE, LOCATED AT 12525 DARIEN DRIVE IN THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY (sponsored by Aldermen Wright & Mange) (1st reading 02/11/19)

Mayor Dalton called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 19-08 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Mange moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Wright.

Alderman Reuter noted for the record that in light of his previous absence, he had reviewed the audio and materials for this item and was prepared to proceed.

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

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 19-08 became Ordinance No. 4271.

BILL NO. 19-09, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 135.180 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO COURT COSTS AND ESTABLISHING A \$7.00 SURCHARGE ON ALL MUNICIPAL COURT CASES FOR THE STATEWIDE COURT AUTOMATION FUND AS MANDATED BY STATE LAW (sponsored by Aldermen Frautschi & Allen) (1st reading 02/11/19)

Mayor Dalton called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 19-09 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Frautschi moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Allen.

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

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 19-09 became Ordinance No. 4272.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER

Alderman Frautschi moved for approval of a purchase order to Joe Machens Ford for a 2019 Ford Ranger in the amount of \$24,462.00. Alderman Allen seconded the motion.

A voice vote was held and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R07-2019, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OF METRO ST. LOUIS TO FORM A BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS AS AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE VI; SECTION 30(A) AND 30 (B) OF THE MISSOURI CONSTITUTION

Alderman Mange moved to continue Resolution No. R07-2019 to the meeting of March 11, 2019 in order to afford additional time for precision in the drafting of the Resolution's language.

Alderman Butler seconded the motion and a voice vote carried.

WARRANT LIST-02/25/19

Alderman Allen moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Wright.

Mayor Dalton called for any amendments.

Hearing none, a voice vote was taken and the warrant list of February 25, 2019, in the amount of \$237,426.94 was unanimously approved.

OTHER

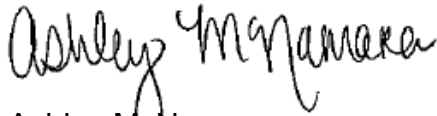
ADJOURN

Motion was made by Alderman Frautschi and seconded by Alderman Meyland-Smith to move to closed session pursuant to Section 610.021 (2) to discuss real estate and attorney/client privileged communications.

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

The motion carried unanimously and the Board moved to closed meeting at 7:35 PM.

The Board did not return to open regular session.



Ashley McNamara
City Clerk