

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

April 19, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.  
Office of the City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, met in regular meeting in the Council Chamber at City Hall, on Monday, April 19, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor McMurray. Notice of said meeting had been established as every other Monday at 5:30 p.m. Further notice was provided by posting the regular meeting date and time in the City Clerk's office at City Hall, and by written notice (together with a tentative agenda) three days in advance in the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL:

|                  | <u>Name</u>                   | <u>Term Attendance</u><br>(mtgs attended-mtgs absent) |
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| Members present: | Mayor Bill McMurray           | (111-02)  |
|                  | Councilmember Brenda Blessing | (108-05)  |
|                  | Councilmember Madison Davis   | (108-05)  |
|                  | Councilmember PJ Kovac        | ( 96-17)  |
|                  | Councilmember Russell Moore   | (110-03)  |
|                  | Councilmember Brian Myers     | (106-07)  |
|                  | Councilmember Marty Novak     | (108-05)  |
|                  | Councilmember Kent O'Dell     | (101-12)  |
|                  | Councilmember Gary Roach      | ( 97-16)  |

Total membership--9. Five members constitute a quorum.

Also present were Interim City Manager/City Attorney Bryan Carter, Police Chief Chris Connally, Interim Administrative Services Director Tom Mahoney, Fire Chief Michael L. Dalsing, Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Director Chuck Kempf, Health Director Debra Bradley, Public Works & Transportation Director Andrew Clements, Human Resources Director Amy Cohorst, Detective Division Commander Eric Protzman, Support Services Division Commander David Hart, Asst. to City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager Mary Robertson, Interim Community Development Manager Mary Kay Griffin, Multimedia Planner Ed Schilling and City Clerk Paula Heyde.

Under the Council voting rotation system, Mayor McMurray voted first.

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MINUTES:

45978 By general consent, the minutes of the regular meeting held April 5, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., and the special meeting held April 12, 2021, at 5:45 p.m., were approved as transcribed in the office of the City Clerk.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

45979 Proclamation - St. Paul Lutheran School 25th Anniversary

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ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

45980 It was moved by Councilmember O'Dell and seconded by Councilmember Novak that the Agenda be accepted as published with the addition of one resolution for adoption (Bill #1094-18) being placed on the Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac--9.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PLAN:

45981 The City Council held a public hearing on Monday, April 19, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall, on the City's Consolidated Second Year Annual Plan for the use of any Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership funds the City may receive in Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

The public hearing is to give residents, especially low- and moderate-income individuals, and community organizations, the opportunity to review and comment on the City of St. Joseph's strategic use of available CDBG and HOME funds. These federal funds are intended to principally address the economic, housing and non-housing needs of low- and moderate-income residents and the areas in which they live. The City of St. Joseph receives these funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The following is a brief overview of each program:

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:** The goals of the CDBG Program are:

**Provide public services opportunities:** Provide access to low-to-moderate individuals for services such as: latch key programs, food banks, mental health services, shelter for women and children who are homeless and/or victims of domestic violence, counseling for children who are victims of abuse, integration and advocacy for children with disabilities and dental care.

**Provide decent housing by:** Assisting homeless persons in obtaining appropriate housing and by assisting those at risk of homelessness; retaining the stock of affordable housing; increasing the availability of permanent housing for low-income residents; increasing the supply of supportive housing and services to enable persons with special needs to live with dignity.

**Provide a suitable living environment by:** Improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods; increasing access to quality facilities and services; reducing isolation of income groups within an area through deconcentrating of housing opportunities and revitalization of deteriorating neighborhoods; restoring and preserving properties of special value for historic, architectural or aesthetic reasons; conserving energy resources.

**HOME Program:**

The HOME Program is a special housing program designed to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for very low- and low-income residents. The HOME Program is structured to promote the development of partnerships among the federal government, state and local government, private industry, and non-profit organizations. The housing can be single or multi-family. Further, the housing unit can be permanent or transitional and includes permanent housing for disabled homeless persons and single-room occupancy housing. Activities eligible under the HOME Program include acquisition of real property for housing purposes and rehabilitation or new construction of housing.

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Residents were given an opportunity at this time to express their views on the Consolidated Annual Plan.

45982 There being no persons appearing to be heard, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

45983 It was moved by Councilmember Roach and seconded by Councilmember Novak that Agenda Numbers 45984 through 45991 be passed by Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac--9.

Nominations and Appointments:

45984 Filed 4/12/21: The nomination by Councilmember Roach was approved, appointing Don F. Daffron, 35 Stonecrest, as a member of the Administrative Violation Review Board, subject to the concurrence of the City Council for a term expiring on April 29, 2026; he is being reappointed.

45985 Filed 4/12/21: The nomination by Councilmember Blessing was approved, appointing Isobel McGowan, 809 Hall Street, as a member of the Landmark Commission, subject to the concurrence of the City Council for a term expiring October 27, 2023; she is filling a vacancy on the Commission.

Bills for Passage:

45986 (S.O. 9877) A Bill (#1071-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Public Health Department budget in the General Fund to appropriate funds from fund balance in the amount of \$23,058.00 and to authorize the purchase of a 2021 Hyundai Sonata SE sedan from Reed Dodge, Jeep, Hyundai to replace an existing sedan, having been read the first time on April 5, 2021, was read the second time and passed.

45987 (S.O. 9878) A Bill (#1072-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray authorizing an amendment to the Capital Projects Fund budget and execution of a lump sum contract with Schneider Electric Buildings Americas, Inc. both in the amount of \$1,208,359.00 for the completion of a design-build, energy and operational improvement project for the Horace Mann and Bartlett Center facility, having been read the first time on April 5, 2021, was read the second time and passed.

Resolutions for Adoption:

45988 (Resolution No. 45988 – 4726) A Resolution (#1073-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray canceling the regularly scheduled meeting of the St. Joseph City Council on December 27, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., was read and adopted.

45989 (Resolution No. 45989 – 4727) A Resolution (#1087-18) authorizing execution of a contract with Moffet Nurseries, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a variety of trees, shrubs, plants and planting materials for site landscaping for the new splash park at Hyde Park in the amount of \$36,978.00, was read and adopted.

45990 (Resolution No. 45990 – 4728) A Resolution (#1088-18) of support for designating an official name for the City's new disc golf course as the "Bartlett Parkway Disc Golf Course," was read and adopted.

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CONSENT AGENDA: Resolutions for Adoption: (Cont'd)

- 45991 (Resolution No. 45991 – 4729) A Resolution (#1089-18) of support for designating an official name for the City's new trails as the "River Bluff Trails Park," was read and adopted.

\*\*\*\*\* END OF CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\*\*\*

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

None.

BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

- 45992 (S.O. 9879) A Bill (#1065-18) sponsored by Councilmember Roach authorizing the purchase of the "School's Out" sculpture from the Allied Arts Council and an amendment to the General Fund Cell Phone Program budget to provide funds in the amount of \$11,250.00 for said purchase, having been read the first time on April 5, 2021, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac--9.
- 45993 (S.O. 9880) A Bill (#1068-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing execution of an Agreement with St. Joseph Disc Golf Club for the use of the Bartlett Parkway Disc Golf Course located at 1700 Southwest Parkway, having been read the first time on April 5, 2021, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, Kovac--9.
- 45994 (S.O. 9881) A Bill (#1052-18) sponsored by Councilmember Roach repealing Special Ordinance Numbers 7217 and 8236 and discontinuing the Sewer Backup Reimbursement Policy, having been read the first time on March 22, 2021, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis--7. Nays, Myers, Kovac--2.

EMERGENCY BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

- 45995 (Resolution No. 45995 – 4730) A Resolution (#1090-18) of support for designating an official name for the City's new splash park in Hyde Park as "Liberty Oak Splash Park at Hyde Park," was read and adopted. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis--8. Nay, Kovac--1.
- 44996 It was moved by Councilmember Novak and seconded by Councilmember Myers that the debate be closed and the question on Bill #1092-18 be put. Motion carried. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis--8. Nay, Kovac--1.
- 45997 (Resolution No. 45997 – 4731) A Resolution (#1092-18) ratifying and authorizing execution of a Consulting Agreement for Preliminary Services with ASM Global, LLC for preliminary consulting services in connection with the Krug Park Amphitheater Project, was read and adopted. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis--8. Nay, Kovac--1.

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RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION: (Cont'd)

45998 (Resolution No. 45998 – 4732) A Resolution (#1094-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray ratifying and authorizing execution of a Consultant/Services Agreement for a Feasibility Study and an Economic and Fiscal Impact Study with Stone Planning, LLC for the Krug Park Amphitheater project in an amount up to \$49,998.00, was read and adopted. Ayes, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing--7. Nay, Davis, Kovac--2.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

45999 A Bill (#1074-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing the execution of a Lease Agreement with the Community Action Partnership for space in the Horace Mann Community Center, was introduced and read the first time.

46000 A Bill (#1075-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing execution of a Cooperative Agreement with the St. Joseph School District for fire protection services for the Bessie Ellison Elementary School facility from March 29, 2021 through March 29, 2026, was introduced and read the first time.

46001 A Bill (#1076-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell redistricting the property located at 514 North 22nd Street from R-1A, Single Family Residential District and R-2, Two Family Residential to C-1, Neighborhood Shopping District, as requested by Ben Byrd on behalf of the St. Joseph School District Foundation, was introduced and read the first time.

46002 A Bill (#1077-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the final plat entitled "U-Haul," a major subdivision consisting of an unplatted tract of land that includes the property located at 903 North 36th Street, as requested by Chad Howerton, was introduced and read the first time.

46003 A Bill (#1078-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the preliminary plat entitled "St. Florian's Subdivision," a major commercial subdivision consisting of one (1) lot proposed for the property located at 4500 Mitchell Avenue, as requested by the City of Saint Joseph, was introduced and read the first time.

46004 A Bill (#1079-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the preliminary plat entitled "Mitchell Woods East Plat 3," a major commercial subdivision consisting of one (1) lot that is a replat of Lot 1A Mitchell Woods East Plat proposed for the property located on Corporate Drive identified as Parcel Number 07-4.0-17-003-000-006.002, as requested by Shawn Duke on behalf of Steven Craig, was introduced and read the first time.

46005 A Bill (#1080-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the General Fund Animal Control and Rescue Program budget and acceptance of a grant from Pets for the Elderly Foundation all in the amount of \$15,000 to be used to discount animal adoptions for senior citizens, was introduced and read the first time.

46006 A Bill (#1081-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray abating administrative penalties totaling \$6,500.23 on the property located at 1213 Isadore Street to allow St. Joseph Land Bank to acquire and market property for redevelopment, was introduced and read the first time.

46007 A Bill (#1082-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray authorizing abatement of administrative penalties totaling \$1,902.13 on the property located at 5908 Lookout Street to allow St. Joseph Land Bank to acquire and market property for redevelopment, was introduced and read the first time.

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- 46008 A Bill (#1083-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray abating administrative penalties totaling \$8,641.53 on the property located at 1201 Corby Street to allow St. Joseph Land Bank to acquire and market property for redevelopment, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46009 A Bill (#1084-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray abating administrative penalties totaling \$11,243.31 on the property located at 518 South 12th Street to allow St. Joseph Land Bank to acquire and market property for redevelopment, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46010 A Bill (#1085-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray authorizing abatement of administrative penalties totaling \$2,873.96 on the property located at 204 North 17th Street to allow St. Joseph Land Bank to acquire and market property for redevelopment, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46011 A Bill (#1086-18) sponsored by Councilmember Novak authorizing the submittal of the Second Year Annual Plan for the use of FY2021/2022 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Program funds to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), was introduced and read the first time.
- 46012 A Bill (#1091-18) sponsored by Councilmember Myers authorizing execution of a Sewer Billing Agreement with Countryside Mobile Home Estates and a sewer billing credit in the amount of \$89,932.72 for estimated amounts that were billed although the discharge did not enter the sewer system, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46013 A Bill (#1093-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Police Department budget in the Public Safety Tax Fund and acceptance of a bid from Don Brown Chevrolet for the purchase and setup of five new unmarked police all-wheel drive Chevrolet Equinox vehicles for the St. Joseph Police Department all in the amount of \$122,655.00, was introduced and read the first time.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Filed 4/5/21: Minutes of the Museum Oversight Board meeting held March 19, 2021, at 9:20 a.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 4/7/21: Minutes of the Landmark Commission meeting held March 2, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

Filed 4/8/21: Minutes of the Administrative Violation Review Board meeting held March 3, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 4/13/21: Minutes of the Plumbers Examining and Appeals Board meeting held April 8, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:

Filed 4/6/21: Minutes of the Council Work Session held April 5, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Filed 4/14/21: Minutes of the Council Work Session held April 12, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

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REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Filed 4/6/21: Memorandum in re: Acting Interim City Manager and Acting City Attorney.

Filed 4/9/21: Memorandum in re: Sewer Backup Reimbursement Policy.

Filed 4/14/21: Memorandum in re: Landfill staffing increases.

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Filed 4/1/21: Encumbrances \$5,000 to \$25,000 report, March 2021.

Filed 4/1/21: Duplex Housing Rental Property Licenses, March 2021.

Filed 4/1/21: Single Family Rental Property Licenses, March 2021.

Filed 4/1/21: Apartment House Rental Property Licenses, March 2021.

Filed 4/1/21: Business Licenses, March 2021.

Filed 4/1/21: Building Permits Issued, March 2021.

Filed 4/1/21: City Link, April 1, 2021

Filed 4/5/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Membership Committee meeting held February 11, 2021, at 3:15 p.m. at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue via video conferencing.

Filed 4/6/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Black Archives Museum Committee meeting held March 2, 2021, at 3:12 p.m. at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 4/6/21: Correspondence from Amanda Hutchison, 604 N. Noyes Blvd., in re: Resignation from Landmark Commission.

Filed 4/6/21: Municipal Division Summary Reporting, March 2021.

Filed 4/7/21: Health Department Monthly Statistical Report, March 2021.

Filed 4/7/21: Human Resources Department Monthly Activity Report, March 2021.

Filed 4/8/21: City Link, April 8, 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS:

46014

City Manager's Report – Interim City Manager/City Attorney Bryan Carter said last Friday the City Council received the first portion of the City Manager's Proposed Fiscal Year 2021/2022 including the transmittal memo. The full document should be transmitted to the City Council tonight. He thanked Interim Administrative Services Director Tom Mahoney and his staff for their assistance through this process. The Police Department Communication Center operators collected and delivered items for residents of Carriage Square Nursing Home. Another great example of City employees taking it upon

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themselves to create that better place. Last week was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week which began in 1981 to acknowledge what those individuals do for the community. He distributed a memorandum last Friday from Public Works & Transportation Director Andy Clements regarding the Chicago Great Western Trail Grant. MoDOT has changed their position and there will no longer be grant money available for that trail, but it will still be constructed using CIP funds available for the project.

Councilmember Blessing said April 22, 2021 is Earth Day and suggested planting a tree or something; be nice to the earth.

Councilmember Roach asked for an update on the abatements in the bills for first reading. He said the Sound of Speed Air Show is May 1 and 2 and the Apple Blossom Parade is May 1. Mr. Carter said those abatements are for properties that will be going to the St. Joseph Land Bank and most of them are situations where the property owner is voluntarily turning the property over to the Land Bank to get them back on the tax rolls.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NOTES:

Agenda No. 45979 – Councilmember Roach read the proclamation and presented it to representatives of St. Paul Lutheran School.

Agenda No. 45997 – Terry Turbak, 1321 Faraon St., and Dana Black, 3520 N. 5th Terr., asked questions about the project.

ADJOURNMENT:

46015 By general consent, the City Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.