

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

August 11, 2020 - 4:00 p.m.
Office of the City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, met in a called special meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor McMurray. Notice of said meeting (together with an agenda) was posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting in the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)
Members Present:	Mayor Bill McMurray	(83-02)
	Councilmember Brenda Blessing	(81-04)
	Councilmember Madison Davis	(82-03)
	Councilmember PJ Kovac	(69-16)
	Councilmember Russell Moore	(84-01)
	Councilmember Brian Myers	(80-05)
	Councilmember Marty Novak	(82-03)
	Councilmember Kent O'Dell	(73-12)
Members Absent:	Councilmember Gary Roach	(74-11)

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

Also present were Interim City Manager Chris Connally, City Attorney Bryan Carter, Human Resources Director Amy Cohorst, Fire Chief Mike Dalsing, Interim Administrative Services Director Tom Mahoney and City Clerk Paula Heyde.

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CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING:

45445 Filed 8/6/20 - A written request has been received from eight members of the Council this date requesting a special meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall to discuss matters pertaining to hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting an employee by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded; and preparation, including any discussions or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups.

Discussions shall be limited solely to the matters stated above.

BEFORE ENTERING INTO SUCH DISCUSSIONS, THE COUNCIL SHALL VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF MAKING THE MEETING CLOSED.

If such question receives an affirmative vote of the majority of the quorum of the Councilmembers, the meeting thereafter shall be closed.

Authority for closing the meeting is authorized by Section 610.021(3) and (9) RSMo., as amended, which authorizes a closed meeting.

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CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING: (Cont'd)

NOW, THEREFORE, as City Clerk of the City of St. Joseph, under the provisions of Section 3.9(a) of the Charter of the City of St. Joseph, I hereby issue a call for a special meeting of the Council for the time and place and for the purpose as set forth above in accordance with the written request of the Council.

(SEAL)

/s/ Paula Heyde
Paula Heyde, City Clerk

MINUTES:

None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

None.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

- 45446 It was moved by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Councilmember Blessing that the Agenda be accepted as published with the addition of allowing individuals to address the Council before going into closed session. Motion carried. Ayes, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak--7. Absent, O'Dell, Roach--2.

DISCUSSION ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH EMPLOYEE GROUPS:

Interim City Manager Chris Connally distributed a packet of information on the pay plan proposed by the Firefighters Union Local #77.

[Councilmember Kent O'Dell arrived.]

Jimmy Williams, President of the Firefighters Union Local #77, went over the handout.

MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION:

- 45447 It was moved by Councilmember Myers and seconded by Councilmember Novak that the Council adjourn into executive (closed) session with a closed meeting, vote and record in order to discuss matters pertaining to hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting an employee by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded; and preparation, including any discussions or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups. Motion carried. Ayes, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell--8. Absent, Roach--1.

The Council adjourned into executive (closed) session.

The Council adjourned the closed portion of the special meeting and reconvened in open session.

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UPDATE ON CITY MANAGER SELECTION:

Interim City Manager Connally said we should have a list of 10 to 12 finalists for the city manager position from the search firm (Baker Tilley Virchow Krause, LLP) tomorrow. They ask the City Council to go through the information and identify your top three. The consultant will be in St. Joseph in a couple of weeks to meet with the City Council and go through the list to narrow it down to three finalists. He proposed the date of August 26 to meet with the consultant. No objections were expressed to meeting on that date.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

None.

BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

None.

EMERGENCY BILL FOR PASSAGE:

None.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

None.

WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:

None.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

None.

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

City Manager's Report – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

45448 By general consent, the Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Heyde". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.