

COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

**October 26, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chamber**

A Council work session was held to discuss the following issues: 1) Conversion therapy; and 2) mediation assistance for public accommodation.

Attending: Mayor Bill McMurray and Councilmembers Brenda Blessing, Madison Davis, PJ Kovac, Russell Moore, Marty Novak and Kent O'Dell.

Chris Connally, Interim City Manager; Bryan Carter, City Attorney; Debra Bradley, Health Director; Mary Robertson, Asst. to the City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager; Emily Wearing, Communications Coordinator; and Paula Heyde, City Clerk.

Mayor Bill McMurray called the meeting to order.

Bryan Carter, City Attorney, gave an overview of two topics brought forward by the Human Rights Commission: 1) mediation assistance for public accommodation, and 2) ban of conversion therapy of minors.

Public Comment - The following individuals addressed the City Council:

Nicholas Bartulica, 511 Southwood Lane
Jeremiah Brandford, 701 Woodcrest Drive
Andrew Comiskey, 415 E. Bannister Road, Kansas City, Missouri
Dino Durando, 5943 SE Downing Road, Holt, Missouri
Bill Francis, 16252 70th Road, Faucett, Missouri
Jeremy Fruechting, 2 Eastwood Drive
Scott Gilbert, 66 Eastwood Drive
Calvin Haynes, 1904 Lovers Lane
Michael Jasper, Vice-Chairman of Human Rights Commission, 2119 N. 32nd Street
Rev. Brian Kirk, 3501 Beck Road
Terri Lowden, Human Rights Commission member, 3417 Jackson Street
David Mason, 2901 Mitchell Avenue
Jacob McMillian, 1914 N. 33rd Street
Carey Pearson, 1511 Mason Road
Jeff Pickerel, 1617 Poplar Street
Fr. Joseph Totton, 5814 King Hill Avenue
Carla Willis, President of PFLAG St. Joseph (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), 9998 SW Ogle Road, Stewartsville, Missouri

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.



Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.