

**CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 21, 2016**

Alderman Plufka called the Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Deputy Clerk Pittman called for attendance.

Alderman Plufka – Present
Alderman Kramer – Present
Alderman Lochmoeller – Present
Alderwoman Sims – Present

Also present were: City Clerk/Administrator Bola Akande, Police Chief Dan Fitzgerald, Fire Chief Ted Jury, and Deputy City Clerk Pittman.

Alderman Plufka briefly announced the time constraints with the ARB immediately following and the potential need to postpone some of the items to another time. He also introduced, newly elected Alderwoman Sims to the committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Plufka requested the removal of Item J (Public Comment) from the agenda. Motion was made by Alderman Kramer and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes March 22, 2016

Hearing no changes, the meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.

PRESENTATION

Amendment to Brentwood Municipal Code

Attorney O'Keefe was present, as requested, to offer assistance with regards to expanding protections within the code regarding prohibitions against sex offenders and certain facilities being in close proximity to child care facilities and schools.

He explained that a circumstance arose where a facility proposed locating in the community located across from a school of which would cater to ex-offenders. In addressing that circumstance, it was thought that a more comprehensive approach to the issue of protecting the public from those with a proven acridity to commit sex crimes involving children would be appropriate.

Brentwood ordinances and state law have long had regulations intended to protect children from convicted sex offenders and violent criminals. The amendment contains regulations on sex offenders loitering or being present on property containing a childcare facility or school and also adds a prohibition against facilities where sex offenders and other violent criminals gather being located within the same prescribed distance from those facilities.

City Attorney, Kevin O'Keefe provided a similar ordinance authored for the City of O'Fallon, Missouri. The concern with the O'Fallon ordinance is that this is a city with a population of 79,329 and 29.29 square miles. To adopt a similar ordinance would prohibit a group of people

from being able to reside in the City of Brentwood. Therefore, the committee has been asked to keep in mind Brentwood's population of 8035 and 1.96 square miles in comparison when proposing an amendment to the code.

Discussions were held regarding the definition of the following per Missouri RSMO: Child care facilities, Public schools, Private schools, Public parks, pools open to the general public, and Public libraries. It was requested that a map is generated depicting the locations that would be restricted.

Motion was made by Alderman Lochmoeller and seconded by Alderman Kramer to recommend to the full board of aldermen for consideration the proposed bill amending section 215.1330 and 215.1340; with the 1st and 2nd readings conducted on the same night. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Lochmoeller – yes; Alderwoman Sims – yes; Alderman Plufka. **MOTION PASSED.**

Department Efficiency Report

Motion was made by Alderman Lochmoeller and seconded by Alderman Kramer to postpone this report until the next meeting. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Lee Canon (CBB) Traffic Engineer, was present to provide updates to the following requested study requests:

Presentation on Enhanced Pedestrian Signage – Crosswalk at Sonora/McKnight – Work Order #42

Safety concerns were previously raised regarding the pedestrian crossing on McKnight, south of Sonora that provides access to Tilles Park. The jurisdiction over this location is split between the city's of Ladue and Brentwood. Due to the configuration of the area and traffic volume, especially during the holiday season, Lee Canon offered suggestions of mitigation. It was suggested to replace the sign (currently incorrectly listed as school crossing), leave the crossing as it is or to install a 5 feet median with a raised curb on either side of the crosswalk which encroaches into vehicular space and slows drivers. This requires slight widening of the existing roadway and significantly shortening the gaps for crossing. It was noted that this area could be left as it is, given the amount of pedestrians. This project was estimated between \$10,000 - \$20,000. After discussion, it was agreed that Lee Canon would forward the suggestions to Ladue for their formal commitment and to configure a cost for the design and installation. This will continue at the next meeting.

Brentwood/Strassner – Work Order #44

Pedestrian safety concerns were previously raised regarding this intersection. Lee Canon offered suggestions of removing all right turn lanes at this intersection and to create a 3rd through lane traveling northbound Brentwood Blvd. It is estimated that these improvements could cost between \$300,000 - 500,000. For a more immediate impact with less cost, it was suggested to keep paint fresh, change the pedestrian indicator to count down boards or audible alert for pedestrians. It was noted that St. Louis County has jurisdiction over this intersection whose priority is traffic, and who likely would not allow the city to undergo this project alone; approval would be needed. It was requested to meet with St. Louis County to seek their interest, submit their response at the next public safety meeting and if favorable seek grant funding. This will continue at the next meeting.

Presentation on City-Wide Traffic Calming Solutions – Stop Sign @ Pine/Hatton

As the city is seeing more and more concerns, it was agreed to conduct an analysis to see other areas that may be impacted. This study is not scheduled to be conducted until the improvements on Brentwood Blvd are completed and then presented to the committee; Administrator Akande will authorize the study at this point.

An update was provided regarding the status of additional work orders;

- ❖ In Process
 - Work Order 48 – Traffic and Parking Studies for Metro Manchester Apartments
- ❖ Completed
 - Work Order 40R – Updated to Resubmit Manchester Road STP for TIP Funds
 - Work Order 41 – Harrison Parking Letter
 - Work Order 45 – Total Wine and More
- ❖ Not Yet Approved
 - Work Order 43 – City Wide Traffic Calming Strategies
 - Work Order 46 – Pine and Hatton Intersection Controls

Presentation on Solutions for the Egress of Brentwood Court Apartment Area on Eager Road

Lee Canon announced his unofficial review to address concerns. Legally, cars are able to park on both sides but parking was sporadic in this area until the construction of the neighboring development. The driveway to the Brentwood Court Apartments has a very steep incline and with the parked cars abutting the driveway egress, visibility is difficult. At a minimum, it was recommended that parking is restricted for 27 feet on both sides of the driveway, as done further down toward Peacock. Another thought is to consider no parking on the south side of the road, perhaps with time restrictions, or, parking by permit only; both options are used in other areas of the city. After committee discussion, motion was made by Alderman Kramer for protected margins of no parking, 27 feet to the east and west of the Brentwood Court Apartments egress on to Eager Road and 27 feet to the east from Oriole Lane on Eager Road; no parking from here to the corner. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Lochmoeller – yes; Alderwoman Sims – yes; Alderman Plufka. **MOTION PASSED.**

COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman Lochmoeller offered comments of increasing police patrols on Pine in the interim of the completed traffic study.

Alderman Kramer requested a report at the next meeting regarding the location of the existing weight signage at Litzsinger and McKnight; exact locations were noted.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Request For Resident Parking Restrictions On East Side Of St. Clair Avenue (Intersection Of St. Clair Avenue And White Avenue)

This is scheduled to be presented to Planning and Zoning and then brought back to the committee for review.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendments to Brentwood Code Regarding Prohibited Conduct For Licenses

Attorney O'Keefe announced the intent to purport into the city's code, in general, some state law standards for conduct of those who operate facilities with state liquor licenses. A situation arose with the opening of a social house in University City and the regulations to address inappropriate conduct in license establishments were found to be inadequate; with respect to opaque clothing and body paints and pasties. Discussion was held and motion was made by Alderman Kramer and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to recommend consideration by the full board of Alderman, amendments to the Brentwood Code regarding prohibited conduct for licenses; with the 1st and 2nd reading conducted on the same night. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman

Kramer – yes; Alderman Lochmoeller – yes; Alderwoman Sims – yes; Alderman Plufka.
MOTION PASSED.

Road Sign Request – “Caution Deaf Child At Play”

A residential request was noted, by the resident at 9367 Pine, to install a caution deaf child at play sign on her block as protection for her child with special needs. A discussion was held and Lee Canon noted that such a sign is allowable under METCD. It was suggested that a periodic check is performed for such signs to determine if the need is still apparent. Motion was made by Alderman Kramer and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to direct staff to place 2 standard METCD signs for caution deaf child at play, 1 east bound and 1 west bound on the 9300 block of Pine. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Lochmoeller – yes; Alderwoman Sims – yes; Alderman Plufka. **MOTION PASSED.**

UPDATES FROM POLICE CHIEF FITZGERALD

General Police Department Update

UPDATES FROM FIRE CHIEF JURY

General Fire Department Update

Motion was made by Alderman Lochmoeller and seconded by Alderman Kramer to postpone both updates until the next meeting. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Julie Roberts, 9333 Pine, announced her dissatisfaction that the process to study Pine and Hatton has not moved faster. Alderman Plufka explained the review and approval process and noted that the process is still underway.

Louise Charboneau, Madge, announced concerns that the bills being introduced to the Board of Aldermen should have readings and approval at separate meetings for transparency.

Katrina Sommer, 9327 Pine, expressed appreciation for the special needs signs. She also suggested doubling fines along Pine to help slow down traffic.

Kent Lynstrom, 9433 Pine, stated his agreement with the need for signs at Hatton and Pine regarding cut through traffic. He added his belief that Pine has become a commercial roadway due to the development in the area.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Alderman Kramer and seconded by Lochmoeller to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Approved as submitted on the 19th day of May, 2016.

Attest:

Bola Akande, City Clerk/Administrator