

**CITY OF BRENTWOOD  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2016**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Christopher Thornton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, in the Council Room of City Hall located at 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO 63144 and immediately led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present

Alderman Plufka	Absent	Alderman O’Neill	Present
Alderman Wegge	Absent	Alderman Leahy	Present
Alderman Lochmoeller	Present	Alderman Sims	Present
Alderman Kramer	Present	Alderman Dimmitt	Present
Mayor Thornton	Present		

Members present constituted a quorum. Also present were City Administrator Bola Akande, Planning Director/Assistant City Administrator Lisa Koerkenmeier, Attorney Kevin O’Keefe, and Interim City Clerk Lisa Other. Alderman Wegge participated in discussion via phone.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Alderman Dimmitt and seconded by Alderman Kramer to move item 10A to 12B. **By Show of Hands:** Alderman Dimmitt – yes; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Leahy – no; Alderman Lochmoeller – no; Alderman O’Neill – no; Alderman Plufka – absent; Alderman Sims – no; Alderman Wegge – absent; **MOTION FAILED**

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to move item 12A to 10B to allow staggered readings. **By Show of Hands:** Alderman Dimmitt – no; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderman Lochmoeller – no; Alderman O’Neill – yes; Alderman Plufka – absent; Alderman Sims – no; Alderman Wegge – absent; Mayor Thornton – no; **MOTION FAILED**

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy and seconded by Alderman Sims to postpone Bill No. 6090 (item 11A) until the November 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Aldermen Meeting. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

The amended agenda was approved by acclamation.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes October 3, 2016**

Hearing no changes, meeting minutes were approved, as submitted, by acclamation

**PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION**

Detective Craig Eisenbeis recognized residents who hosted block parties for National Night Out. Hosts were given certificates and pictures were taken of the hosts in attendance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**None**

**BIDS**

**None**

**HEARING OF ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST UPON REQUEST OF ANY PERSON**

**PRESENT** (Each person addressing the board shall give his/her name, address and organization or firm represented, if any. He/she shall speak for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes; though additional time may be granted by the presiding officer of the board.)

**Maureen Saunders, 2326 Parkridge**, requested a moment of silence in memory of St. Louis County Police Officer Snyder. Saunders expressed a need to increase the number of police officers in Brentwood since the number of officers has not increased to keep pace with new development and crime rates. She also expressed her desire to see police officer pay increased to the 100%. Saunders also requested that staff and the board be diligent and detailed when updating the Comprehensive Plan. She stressed the importance of community involvement as well as plan follow-through.

**Aldermanic Response**

**None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**None**

**BILLS TO BE GIVEN A FIRST READING ONLY**

**Bill No. 6092 – An Ordinance Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into Temporary Construction Easement and Permanent Sidewalk Easement Agreements Between The City of Brentwood And Brentwood School District At 1201 Hanley Industrial Court.**

Attorney O’Keefe read Bill #6092 by title only. Alderman Kramer provided the synopsis, “This bill is for an ordinance authorizing the city administrator to enter into temporary construction easement and permanent sidewalk easement agreements for said property. “

Dan Gummertsheimer, Director of Public Works, verified that this parcel is one of 12 needed to complete the STP project. Four are still outstanding. Alderman Dimmitt requested a price breakdown, which was explained in detail by Gummertsheimer. Alderman Leahy questioned whether the offer was within the estimated amount for this parcel. Gummertsheimer clarified that the amount is within the budget for easements.

**BILLS TO BE GIVEN A SECOND READING ONLY**

**Bill No. 6090 – An Ordinance Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into Temporary Construction Easement And Permanent Sidewalk Easement Agreements Between The City Of Brentwood And Postal Properties - Hanley Industrial, LLC At 1449 Strassner Drive And HIC Real Estate, LLC At 1425 Strassner Drive**

Administrator Akande requested that this item be postponed until the 11/7/16 Board of Alderman Meeting.

**Bill No. 6091 – An Ordinance Of The City Of Brentwood, Missouri, Amending The Comprehensive Fund Balance Policy; Providing For The Effective Date Of This Ordinance; And Providing For The Repeal Of All Conflicting Ordinances**

Attorney O’Keefe read Bill # 6091 by title only. Alderman Kramer provided the synopsis, This is a housekeeping matter. City Attorney, Kevin O’Keefe has opined that the supermajority requirements present in this policy appears to conflict with state law, and if challenged, would be void.”

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to perfect Bill #6091 into ordinance form. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Dimmitt – yes; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderman Lochmoeller – yes; Alderwoman O’Neill – yes; Alderman Plufka – absent; Alderwoman Sims – yes; Alderman Wegge – absent; **MOTION PASSED.**

**BILL #6091 IS HEREBY PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN AND UPON SIGNATURE BY THE MAYOR BECOMES ORDINANCE #4741**

**BILLS TO BE GIVEN A FIRST AND SECOND READING**

**Bill No. 6094 – An Ordinance Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into Temporary Construction Easement and Permanent Sidewalk Easement Agreements between the City of Brentwood and Hoffman Company, LLC, 1025 Hanley Industrial Court (Parcel 11)**

Attorney O’Keefe performed the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings of Bill #6094 by title only. Alderman Kramer provided the synopsis, “This bill is for an ordinance authorizing the city administrator to enter into temporary construction easement and permanent sidewalk easement agreements for said property.”

Motion was made by Alderman Dimmitt and seconded by Alderman Kramer to perfect Bill #6094 into ordinance form. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Dimmitt – yes; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderman Lochmoeller – yes; Alderwoman O’Neill – yes; Alderman Plufka – absent; Alderwoman Sims – yes; Alderman Wegge – absent; **MOTION PASSED.**

**BILL #6094 IS HEREBY PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN AND UPON SIGNATURE BY THE MAYOR BECOMES ORDINANCE #4742**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**None**

**ACCOUNTS AGAINST THE CITY**

Alderman Dimmitt announced review of the warrant list in the amount of \$97,683.89 and made a motion for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Leahy. It was clarified that the warrant list was amended to remove the \$20,800 check to the Brentwood School District.

**ROLL CALL:** Alderman Dimmitt – yes; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderman Lochmoeller – yes; Alderwoman O’Neill – yes; Alderman Plufka – absent; Alderwoman Sims – yes; Alderman Wegge – absent; **MOTION PASSED.**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Mayor Thornton** recommended that the Board of Aldermen carefully focus during the budget process to thoroughly evaluate returns when considering whether to fund services vs. capital investments.

**Public Safety Committee**, Alderman Lochmoeller announced that the next meeting of the committee is 10/20 at 5:30 pm.

**Public Works Committee** Alderman Leahy announced that the next meeting of the committee is 11/9 at 4:30 pm.

**Director of Planning & Development**

Director Koerkenmeier had no report.

**Ways and Means Committee** Alderman Dimmitt announced that the next meeting of the committee is 11/3 at 6 pm. Draft of the 2017 Budget will be the focus.

**City Attorney Kevin O’Keefe** had no report

**City Administrator**, Administrator Akande announced the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis’s upcoming meeting on 10/27. A focus of this meeting is the City’s reentry to St. Louis County. A representative from Brentwood can vote on this issue.

**Excise Commissioner**

**Temporary Liquor License –Craft Beer Cellar** – Aldermen Dimmitt reported the request to sell beer and wine during the Light up the Fall event Saturday October 22nd; 4:00 – 8:00 pm and made a motion for approval. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Sims. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

**Library Board**, Alderwoman O’Neill announced that the library is seeking a part-time employee to monitor the teen room during the week afterschool.

**Municipal League**, Mayor Thornton had no report.

**Historical Society**, per Chief Fitzgerald had no report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alderman Leahy promoted the Light up the Fall event as well as the Backstoppers BBQ on Saturday 10/22. He also announced the Ward 3 meeting on 10/25 at 7 pm. Leahy warned the community to drive carefully on 10/31 for Halloween.

Alderwoman O’Neill announced the Ward 4 meeting on 10/25 at 6 pm. This meeting will take place at the Brentwood Forest Clubhouse.

Mayor Thornton reminded the board about the Happy Hour with the School Board on 11/10.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Leahy motioned to have the City’s representative at the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> vote against reunification of the City and County. Alderman Kramer seconded the motion.

Alderman Leahy started a discussion about the Municipal League vote to invite the City of St. Louis to reconsolidate with St. Louis County. Mayor Thornton stated that he feels this is an advisory vote and no real action will be taken at this time. Multiple alderpersons noted that they did not feel comfortable making a decision on this issue with little to no supporting information. Administrator Akande clarified that the league is looking for support of reunification as a symbolic move to show unity and enhance the image of St. Louis. Alderman

Kramer noted that the economic impact on the County has not been fully taken into consideration.

Alderman Dimmitt moved to question forcing an immediate vote. Alderwoman Sims seconded the motion. **By Show of Hands:** Alderman Dimmitt – yes; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Leahy – no; Alderman Lochmoeller – no; Alderwoman O’Neill – no; Alderman Plufka – absent; Alderwoman Sims – yes; Alderman Wegge – absent; Mayor Thornton- yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

Alderman Leahy moved to have a representative attend and vote against the reunification of the City and County. Alderwoman Sims seconded the motion. **By Show of Hands:** Alderman Dimmitt – no; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderman Lochmoeller – no; Alderwoman O’Neill – no; Alderman Plufka – absent; Alderwoman Sims – no; Alderman Wegge – absent; **MOTION FAILED. The Board will take no action during the Municipal League vote.**

**HEARING OF ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST UPON REQUEST OF ANY PERSON**

**PRESENT** (Each person addressing the board shall give his/her name, address and organization or firm represented, if any. He/she shall speak for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes; though additional time may be granted by the presiding officer of the board. Total time allotted for this section shall not exceed 15 minutes)

**Louise Charboneau, 8833 Madge,** questioned whether the STP project includes tree replacement. She also agreed with comments from Mrs. Saunders concerning increasing the police department wages. Charboneau noted that she believes the police force needs more women officers and that perhaps they should consider assisting with police academy payment for qualified applicants. Charboneau believes the city should review current debts and pay them down before taking on any additional debt. She believes that people want services primarily and thanked everyone for their service.

**Timothy Vires, 8728 Litzsinger,** asked the board to be sure to take the quantitative knowledge into account not simply the qualitative, when deciding how to vote on the reunification of the City and County.

**Aldermanic Response**

Mayor Thornton clarified that it is never possible to borrow time to speak during public comments. The rule is 3 minutes when the time is used up it is at the Chairman’s discretion at which time he encourages a wrap-up.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Legal – RSMo 610.021 1)**

**Real Estate RSMo 610.021 (2)**

**Personnel RSMo 610.021 (3)**

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy and seconded by Alderman Dimmitt to enter into executive session at 8:23 pm to discuss **Legal** matters pursuant to **RSMo 610.021(1), Real Estate** pursuant to **RSMo. 610.021(2)** and **Personnel – RSMo. 610.021(3)** Mayor Thornton stated that adjournment will take place in closed session. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Dimmitt – yes; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderman Lochmoeller – yes; Alderwoman O’Neill – yes; Alderman Plufka – absent; Alderwoman Sims – yes; Alderman Wegge – absent; **MOTION PASSED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy and seconded by Alderman Dimmitt to adjourn the special closed session at 9:29 p.m. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED**

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy and seconded by Alderman Dimmitt to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED**

Attest:

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Christopher A. Thornton, Mayor

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Bola Akande, City Clerk/Administrator