

**CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 11, 2014 by Mayor James W. Knowles III, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri.

Mayor Knowles requested that everyone stand for a moment of silent prayer after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On roll call, the following Council Members were present:

Mayor James W. Knowles III  
David Conway  
Keith Kallstrom  
Tim Larson  
Dwayne T. James  
Mark Byrne  
Kim Tihen

Ms. Asikainen declared a quorum was present.

Also present were City Manager John Shaw, City Attorney Stephanie Karr, and City Clerk Megan Asikainen.

Mayor Knowles welcomed all present and explained that the meeting would have the Public Portion in which you are invited to speak on matters of general concern and the Business Portion in which you are welcome to listen but not participate.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Zoning Code Amendments**

Mayor Knowles opened the Public Hearing on Zoning Code amendments. City Attorney Stephanie Karr explained there are two definitions within the Zoning Code which are proposed to be amended by the passage of an Ordinance. The first is the definition of family. She said the amendment was requested to encompass some of the expanding families of today. The second is the definition of rooming house. The amendment would define rooming house in a consistent manner with the rest of the City's Code. City Attorney Karr said if the Council wishes to proceed, the Ordinance to amend the aforementioned definitions in the Zoning Code is on the agenda for a first reading.

Mayor Knowles opened the floor for public comments on the Public Hearing. There being no public comments on the proposed Zoning Code amendments, Mayor Knowles closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Police Department Commendations**

Chief Thomas Jackson presented commendations to individual officers who gave extraordinary effort in the line of duty. Commendations were presented to Officer Burnes, Officer O'Brien, Officer Mueller, Dispatcher Shaw, Dispatcher Glasgow, Dispatcher Dandridge, Dispatcher Combs, Dispatcher Newcombe, Officer Boudreau, Officer D. Wilson, Officer D. Rivera, Officer Brown, Officer Mink, Lieutenant Rettke, Officer S. Wilson, Officer Brannan, Officer Casem, Officer Cosma, Officer Kirkwood, Sergeant Allen, Detective Ballard, Detective Creely, Detective Bebe, Detective Feen, Detective Leone, and Sergeant Harris.

### **Fee/Policy Recommendations for Community Center**

Parks and Recreation Director Stan Kreidler presented the proposed fees and policies for the community center. He explained City staff reviewed the fees and general policies of 11 other municipal community centers in the area and used the successes of those centers to develop the recommendations. The recommendations were reviewed by the City's Park Board.

Council Member James asked if consideration could be given for youth who may be visiting family over the summer months. Public Works Director Unrein responded that those special situations had been discussed. City Manager Shaw said staff could look at developing a student rate or some type of pro-rated memberships.

Council Member Larson asked if the facility operations costs were factored in when developing the fees for the community center. City Manager Shaw responded that it is difficult to estimate the full operations costs of the facility at this point in time. He said staff will perform a complete analysis of the costs and fees after the first year of operation.

Council Member James asked about the process for renting the meeting rooms for neighborhood groups to hold community meetings. City Manager Shaw responded staff would develop a schedule for those groups to hold their meetings at the facility at no charge.

Council Member James expressed concerns about the cost of the resident ID card and the day pass. City Manager Shaw responded the resident ID card is a one-time cost and would give the person access to restricted areas like the fitness center and locker rooms. Staff feels it is also a necessary safety precaution.

Jolly Trolley transportation to and from the community center was discussed. City Manager Shaw explained the pickup schedule and locations were intended to cover areas all over the City and are located near public gathering spaces or on City-owned property. Resident ID cards are required to utilize transportation services.

Council Member James suggested discussing possible partnership opportunities with the Emerson Family YMCA. City Manager Shaw agreed and said there is a great opportunity for both facilities to engage in cross-promotion. He added that staff was also seeking out other opportunities for the City to partner with local entities on the project.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There being no public comments, Mayor Knowles closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

**BUSINESS PORTION**

**MINUTES**

**City Council Meeting Minutes- January 28, 2014.** A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member James, and carried to approve and file the City Council Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**FSBD Board of Directors Meeting Minutes- January 7, 2014** A motion was made by Council Member James, seconded by Council Member Kallstrom, and carried to receive and file the FSBD Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

**Library Board Meeting Minutes- November 25, 2013.** A motion was made by Council Member James, seconded by Council Member Kallstrom, and carried to receive and file the Library Board Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Knowles appointed Ella Jones, 554 Monceau, to the Human Rights Commission term to expire June 30, 2014. A motion was made by Council Member James, seconded by Council Member Byrne, and carried to approve the appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

**REQUESTS**

There were no Requests at this time.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**August 3, 2014 as Play Day.**

Mayor Knowles presented Parks and Recreation Director Stan Kreitler with the Proclamation.

**RESOLUTIONS**

There were no Resolutions at this time.

**BILLS REQUIRING FIRST READINGS**

**BILL 7041**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS IN THE CITY 'S ZONING CODE** was introduced by Council as a whole and read for the first time.

**BILLS REQUIRING SECOND READINGS**

**BILL 7041**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE THE PERMANENT EASEMENT PLAT FOR THE REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 400 PAUL AVE, AND FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS LOCATOR NUMBER 12H510481 TO BE CONVEYED TO THE METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT** was introduced by Council Members present and read for the first time.

A motion was made by Council Member James, seconded by Council Member Byrne, and carried to read Bill No. 7041 by title only for the second time and place it upon its passage. By roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7- Conway, Kallstrom, Larson, James, Mayor Knowles, Byrne,  
Tihen  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

Bill No. 7041 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for his signature. Bill No. 7041 thus became Ordinance No. 2014-3545 and is permanently recorded in Book 32, Page 61.

**BILL 7042**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DIVISION 5 OF ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 29 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE ADDITION OF NEW PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS AND THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO-RELATED PARAPHERNALIA** was introduced by Council Members present and read for the first time.

A motion was made by Council Member James, seconded by Council Member Byrne, and carried to read Bill No. 7042 by title only for the second time and place it upon its passage. By roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7- Conway, Kallstrom, Larson, James, Mayor Knowles, Byrne,  
Tihen  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

Bill No. 7042 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for his signature. Bill No. 7042 thus became Ordinance No. 2014-3546 and is permanently recorded in Book 32, Page 62.

**BILL 7043**  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE BI-STATE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE MISSOURI-ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT D/B/A METRO FOR THE PURPOSE OF COOPERATING IN THE COMPLETION OF THE NORTH COUNTY BUS TRANSIT CENTER** was introduced by Council Members present and read for the first time.

A motion was made by Council Member James, seconded by Council Member Conway, and carried to read Bill No. 7043 by title only for the second time and place it upon its passage. By roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7- Conway, Kallstrom, Larson, James, Mayor Knowles, Byrne,  
Tihen  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

Bill No. 7043 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for his signature. Bill No. 7043 thus became Ordinance No. 2013-3547 and is permanently recorded in Book 32, Page 63.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to be discussed at this time.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Council Member Conway** congratulated and thanked the Police Department employees who received commendations.

**Council Member Kallstrom** echoed Council Member Conway's congratulations and thanks to the Police Department employees who received commendations. He added that Fire Department employees also deserved thanks for the work they do for the community.

**Council Member Larson** echoed Council Member Conway's comments about the Police Department and said he agreed with Chief Jackson's statement that Ferguson has the best Police Department in the area.

**Council Member James** echoed the congratulations and thanks to the Police and Fire Department employees. He expressed sympathy to the family in Berkeley who suffered devastating losses during a recent fire.

**Council Member Byrne** said this is one of his favorite nights as a Council Member, to be able to see the Police Department recognize outstanding officers. He said echoed Council Member James's comments about the family in Berkeley and thanked the Fire Department for their dedication and service.

**Council Member Tihen** congratulated the police officers and dispatchers who received commendations. She said the honors are well-deserved.

**City Clerk Asikainen** said the Ferguson mobile app, Go Ferg!, should be available for download soon. She said training for the Human Rights Commission would be held in March.

**City Manager Shaw** congratulated all those who received commendations. He reminded all of the goal setting work session on Thursday, February 13 from 6 to 9 p.m.

**Mayor Knowles** echoed the congratulations to the Police Department.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Council Member James, seconded by Council Member Byrne, and carried to enter into closed session pursuant to RSMo. 610.021/610.022 to discuss matters relating to RSMo. 610.021 Section(s) (2) lease, purchase or sale of real estate, (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting particular employees; (12) negotiations of a contract. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7- Conway, Kallstrom, Larson, James, Mayor Knowles, Byrne, Tihen  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

Having concluded the closed session at 8:50 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Conway, and carried to convene to an open session. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7- Conway, Kallstrom, Larson, James, Mayor Knowles, Byrne, Tihen  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Conway, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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James W. Knowles III, Mayor  
City of Ferguson, Missouri

ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
City of Ferguson, Missouri  
Approved: 2/25/14