

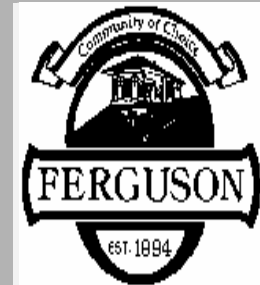
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FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

**Council Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2007**

COUNCIL MEETING, 8:00 P.M.

**CITY HALL
110 Church Street**



WORK SESSION

The work session of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on June 26, 2007 by Mayor Brian P. Fletcher, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri. All Council members were present as well as City Manager John Shaw, City Attorney Stephanie Karr and City Clerk Debbie Matthies.

FSBD Executive Director Shannon Howard presented the FSBD updates regarding the Streetfest Schedule for September 28, 29, and 30, Farmers' Market events, Florissant Road construction updates, Express Scripts, UMSL and DLS employee lunch shuttles, E-newsletter/website updates and FSBD strategic planning. Ms. Howard announced her resignation with FSBD but will continue as a volunteer to run Streetfest. Ms. Howard thanked Council.

Mayor and Council commented that Ms. Howard has done an excellent job and appreciates her volunteering. Council thanked Ms. Howard for her time spent with FSBD.

Mayor Fletcher explained that at the June 12 Council Meeting, Ward 2 Council Member James Hines resigned from the Council due to health issues. At a special meeting held June 19, 2007 Council Members appointed Dwayne James to fill the Ward 2 vacancy until April, 2008.

A motion was made by Council Member Grecco, seconded by Council Member Faul to give the Oath of Office to the new Ward 2 Council Member Dwayne James during the June 26, 2007 Work Session and prior to Council entering into a closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021/610.022 to discuss matters relating to communications with the City Attorney, and Employee matters as provided under Sections 610.021 (1) and (3) RSMo.

The City Clerk gave the Oath of Office to the new Ward 2 Council Member Dwayne James.

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On June 26, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. a motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco to enter into closed session in accordance with RSMo 610.021/610.022 to discuss matters relating to communications with the City Attorney, and Employee matters as provided under Sections 610.021 (1) and (3) RSMo. Motion carried.

Having concluded the closed session at 8:00 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Grecco, seconded by Council Member Knowles to reconvene to open session at 8:00 p.m. to proceed with the June 26, 2007 Council Meeting. On roll call vote, the motion carried.

COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 26, 2007

The regular meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on June 26, 2007 by Mayor Brian P. Fletcher, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri.

Mayor Fletcher explained that at the June 12 Council Meeting, Ward 2 Council Member James Hines resigned from the Council due to health issues. Dwayne James was appointed to fill the Ward 2 vacancy and was given his Oath of Office during the June 26, 2007 Work Session. Mayor and Council welcomed Mr. James.

Mayor Fletcher 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 Brian P. Fletcher
Kynan S. Crecelius
Michael Salant
James W. Knowles III
Dwayne James
Peggy Faul
Fran Grecco

Also present were City Manager John Shaw, City Attorney Stephanie Karr, and City Clerk Debbie Matthies. Mrs. Matthies declared a quorum was present.

Mayor Fletcher welcomed all present and explained the Council meeting would have a Public Hearing Portion, Public Comment Portion at which time you are invited to speak on matters of general concern; and Business Portion in which you are welcome to listen but not participate.

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A Motion was made by Council Member Grecco, seconded by Council Member James to amend the June 26, 2007 Agenda to add Resolution No. 2007-28, Resolution No. 2007-29 and to include a liquor license renewal for the Greek's. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - Mayor opened the CDBG Public Hearing at 8:05 p.m.
Community Development Block Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2008

- ❖ Request to sign in
- ❖ Distribution and reading of informational handout
- ❖ Staff presentation of submitted suggestions or comments
- ❖ Request for public suggestions or comments

City Manager, John Shaw explained that annually the City submits a CDBG application to the St. Louis County Planning and Development Department to secure funding to undertake in the coming calendar year a set of eligible activities that primarily benefit low and moderate income residents of the City. Mr. Shaw stated that in recent years these funds have been used to partially pay for code inspections and street improvements in lower income neighborhoods and home improvement grants. A Public Hearing is required for eligibility for this grant.

Planning and Development Director Rosalind Williams presented the Community Development Block Grant Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2008. Ms. Williams gave a brief presentation on the particulars of the grant, and the intended expenses to be covered by those funds.

Ms. Williams stated this year the allocation available to the City is \$155,300. Ms. Williams pointed out that there were a list of eligibility activities, handouts and sign-in sheet at the back of the Council Chamber. A public notice was given that comments and suggestions for the use of the 2008 CDBG funds will be heard at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing to City Hall, 110 Church Street, attention: Natasha C. Ramey, Community Development Coordinator before June 22, 2007. The funds will become available after January 1, 2008.

Ms. Williams explained the informational handout of eligible activities. The proposed budget includes:

Neighborhood Code Enforcement - \$30,000

As part of the City of Ferguson's Neighborhood Agenda, the City building inspectors will conduct inspections and re-inspections of residential structure in low-moderate income neighborhoods in Ferguson.

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Public Facilities and Improvements – \$75,300

As part of the City of Ferguson's Neighborhood Agenda, the city will use CDBG funds for capital improvement projects in the low-moderate income areas of the city. Next year's project will focus on sidewalk replacement or construction, lighting and streetscape improvements.

Neighborhood Enhancements - \$50,000

Established neighborhood organizations will have an opportunity to select, prioritize and carry out needed projects, subject to Council approval, in the low-moderate income areas within the neighborhood's boundaries. Projects could include aesthetic enhancements such as neighborhood markers or entry signs, landscaping, sidewalk additions, etc. (Neighborhoods that are not identified as low-moderate income will have a similar opportunity to access the Neighborhood Improvement fund in the City's capital budget for the same purpose).

Council discussed the allocation of \$30,000 for Code enforcement.

There being no public comments or suggestions for the proposed use of the CDBG funds, Mayor Fletcher declared the CDBG Public Hearing portion closed at 8:10 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 8:10 p.m.
Halls Ferry/I270 Redevelopment Project

Mr. Shaw explained that the purpose of this Public Hearing is to determine if the Halls Ferry/I270 Redevelopment Project is making satisfactory progress under the proposed time schedule contained within the approved Redevelopment Plan adopted July 15, 1997. Mr. Shaw further commented that the TIF is doing exceptionally well, as you will notice from the Budget that the unreserved fund balance of the Halls Ferry TIF Debt Service fund is increasing substantially due to taxes collected being greater than the debt service.

Finance Director, Brian Coyman, commented that this is the second Public Hearing for this TIF the first was in July, 2002 and the plan is called the Crossing at Halls Ferry and presented pictures. Mr. Coyman commented that the facility is fully leased out and operating. Copies of the handouts are available to the public. Mr. Coyman made a brief presentation on this TIF. For the benefit of the public, as well as the Council, Brian gave a brief overview of what a TIF is, and why it was used; a description of the Halls Ferry TIF; the current tenants of the development; and the financing history.

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Mr. Coyman further commented that the bottom line for the Public Hearing is that the project has made significant progress, staff will continue to monitor its revenues and its refinancing possibilities as well as the opportunity to retire any debt the City can prior to its full maturity.

Public Hearing Public Comments -

Ms. Billie Jenkins – 1528 N. Elizabeth had concerns and comments regarding utility taxes.

Discussion ensued regarding how the bonds are backed primarily by sales taxes generated from the development.

There being no further public comment, Mayor Fletcher closed the Public Hearing at 8:30 p.m.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director, Terry O'Neil explained the Pride of the City Program. Mr. O'Neil and Mayor Fletcher introduced and congratulated the July Pride of the City winners. The July winners are Ward 1 - Terry & Cathy Foushee, 456 N. Elizabeth Ave., Ward 2 – Neil and Kathleen Noelker, Ward 3 – James and Christine Williams, 303 Redmond Ave. Each of the winners will receive a Certificate and City Flag. Pride of the City signs will be placed in their yards. Council congratulated the winners.

❖ Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program (FNIP) Graduation Gift Winners

Community Development Coordinator, Natasha Ramey announced the Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program (FNIP) Graduation Gift winners. The winners were selected in a lottery of sixteen applicants, from 10 different colleges and universities. Two graduates were awarded "graduation gifts" to be used to purchase homes in Ferguson. The gifts are cash awards of \$2,500 each that the winners will apply toward the purchase of a home in Ferguson.

Ms. Ramey further explained that the \$2,500 gift may be used to cover the down payment or closing costs on the purchase of a home anywhere in Ferguson. The winners will have one year to use the gift. This year's gifts were sponsored by UMB Bank of St. Louis and the Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program.

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Ms. Ramey announced the winners. Ms. Stephanie D. Harvey, a 2005 graduate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and Tayona L. Mayhew, a 2006 graduate of Webster University with B.S. in Business Administration (currently enrolled in Masters Program). Ms. Harvey was present to receive the award from Mayor Fletcher.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Martin Pion – 6 Manor Lane - encouraged everyone to participate in the bike ride Saturday, June 30, 2007 - 10:00 a.m. joined by UMSL Chancellor Dr. Tom George.

Mike Grady – gave a Farmers' Market update along with scheduled events.

Stan Caldwell – enjoys the Farmers' Market and appreciates the flower garden and visiting with the residents.

Chuck James – 210 Hereford – on behalf of his client Barry Senseman, applicant for the 600-610 S. Florissant Road project was present for comments and questions regarding Resolution No. 2007-26 and tabled Bill No. 6795.

Mr. James presented Council with a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) report which shows the status of the underground storage tanks on the site. According to the report there were a total of 3 gas storage tanks, 2 removed in 1979 and 1-500 gallon used oil tank still exists but was temporarily closed in 1979. Mr. James explained that from his client's point of view the tank is permanently closed unless DNR suggests it has to be removed. Mr. James researched and explained there are 2 ways of closing a tank 1) removing it and 2) filling the tank with an inert material. Mr. James further stated that Mr. Senseman had been told the tank was filled with sand.

At this point it is believed that the 500 gallon tank remaining in the ground is filled with sand and is registered with DNR. It does not appear that DNR has any issues with the remaining tank. Mr. James wanted Council to be aware of the situation in case there were concerns.

There being no additional public comments, Mayor Fletcher closed the Public Comments portion at 8:55 p.m.

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BUSINESS PORTION
MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul and carried to approve and receive as presented the Council Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2007 and file as appropriate.

CONSENT AGENDA
Minutes

Ferguson Special Business District (FSBD) Minutes – May 17, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program Minutes – April 23, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program Minutes – March 26, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

Ferguson Municipal Public Library Minutes – April 16, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

Landmarks Commission Minutes – May 1, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

Park Board Minutes – June 19, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

Council Member Faul pointed out that the Park Board had two recommendations to Council 1) that the Park Board be given the opportunity to review the budgeted Park related capital projects in the proposed budget after the Park and Recreation Master Plan is completed and 2) to recommend training existing park maintenance employees to perform the forestry duties as opposed to hiring a new forester.

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Plan Commission Minutes –May 16, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor suggested that due to the vacancy of Council Representation with the resignation of Mr. Hines, Ms. Grecco be appointed to the Senior Citizen Commission as Council Representative and Dwayne James be appointed to the Architectural Review Board, Housing Board of Appeals and the Personnel Board as Council Representative.

Council Member Salant nominated Roger Herin, Jr. Ward 3 to the Park Board.

Council Member Faul nominated Patty Knowles Ward 1 to the Park Board.

Council Member Faul nominated Tom Steinbruegge Ward 1 to the Housing Board of Appeals.

Mayor appointed Helen Moody Ward 1, Don Gores Ward 2 and Ms. Chris Giddens Ward 1 to the Senior Citizen Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Grecco, seconded by Council Member Faul to approve the board appointments.

Council Member Knowles abstained from the vote to approve the board appointments and discussion of the board appointments.

Motion carried with Council Member Knowles abstaining.

Council discussed the Charter Review Committee and nominees, rules and Ordinances regarding Boards and Commissions.

City Attorney Karr explained that Boards and Commission members, with the exception of the Library Board, must wait one year before being appointed to any Board or Commission.

Mayor suggested that the Charter Commission appointments be placed on hold until the City Attorney has time to review and update the Council.

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Mayor also suggested that Council members e-mail ordinance amendment suggestions to the City Manager who would forward them to the City Attorney for review.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius to instruct the City Attorney to prepare amendment options for amending the City Ordinances of Committees and Boards and Commissions not set by City Ordinance. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS - Ferguson Fourth of July Festival Committee Awards

Mayor announced the recipient's of the *Len Winters Youth Achievement Awards*: Margaret (Maggie) Faul, Jordan Kuhlmann, Eric Lindgren, Tim Miller, and Meghan Moll. The recipients will be recognized and presented Proclamations at the Fourth of July festivities.

The recipients of the *Ferguson's Citizens of the Year Award*: Margaret and Stan Caldwell who were present at the Council Meeting. Mayor Fletcher read the Proclamation that will be presented to the Caldwell's at the Fourth of July festivities.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco to remove from the table and read Resolution No. 2007-17. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius to read Resolution #2007-17.

#2007-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO SIGN ON UNITED MISSOURI BANK OF ST. LOUIS ACCOUNTS, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Crecelius, Salant, Knowles, James, Fletcher, Faul, Grecco
NOES: 0

Resolution passes (7-0)

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Salant to read Resolution #2007-19.

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#2007-19 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Salant, Knowles, James, Fletcher, Faul, Grecco, Crecelius

NOES: 0

Resolution passes (7-0)

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Salant to read Resolution #2007-20.

2007-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI, ADOPTING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEARS OF 2008 – 2012, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Knowles, James, Fletcher, Faul, Grecco, Crecelius, Salant

NOES: 0

Resolution passes (7-0)

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius to read Resolution #2007-21.

2007-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY APPLICATION DOCUMENTS TO FORWARD TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AND ENTER INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF THESE FUNDS, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – James, Fletcher, Faul, Grecco, Crecelius, Salant, Knowles

NOES: 0

Resolution passes (7-0)

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Mr. Shaw explained that the Public Works conducted a bid opening on Thursday, May 31, 2007, for the Parking Lot Asphalt Overlay project for parking lots 1 & 2 at Victorian Plaza. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Ford Asphalt Company, Inc., the lowest bidder in the amount of \$71,250.00. This Resolution is to allow the City Manager to enter into a contract with Ford Asphalt Company, Inc. for this project.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member James to read Resolution #2007-22.

2007-22 A RESOLUTION SELECTING A BIDDER FOR THE PARKING LOT ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECT - CITY LOTS 1 & 2 AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO SAID BIDDER AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Fletcher, Faul, Grecco, Crecelius, Salant, Knowles, James
NOES: 0

Resolution passes (7-0)

Mr. Shaw explained that as a co-permittee of the St. Louis Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) under the coordinating authority of MSD the City is required each year to meet certain requirements of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources as part of the five year St. Louis County Phase II Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP). The City is currently entering year five of this plan and one of the current requirements for our City is to adopt the model Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Program for storm water pollution prevention, and train the appropriate employees.

The document is the O&M Program Manual adapted for the City of Ferguson based on City facilities, equipment, and maintenance activities. The manual will provide a written policy for properly disposing of materials and controlling run off of water and chemicals. Mr. Shaw further stated the staff is currently following most of these procedures and employees are trained in these procedures. The recent addition of new roof coverage over all the existing storage bins at the 901 Ferguson Ave. Municipal Services garage facility allows the City to meet standards for storage. Also, current Fuel Center project allows the City to meet many requirements for fuel area use and clean up.

Mr. Shaw further explained as the final step to complying with the MS4 and

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SWMP requirements, the City Council must pass a Resolution adopting the O&M Program Manual.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco to read Resolution #2007-23.

2007-23 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PHASE II STORM WATER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM MANUAL, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Faul, Grecco, Crecelius, Salant, Knowles, James, Fletcher
NOES: 0

Resolution passes (7-0)

Mr. Shaw explained that this final Lease to Purchase Proposal is the second part of the two-part plan to replace and/or upgrade the in-house network and mobile computer system of the Ferguson Police Department. The first part, implemented in 2006, included the mobile computer part of the network. Together, both parts of the financing plan comprise a total of \$159,001.80, which is well under the maximum amount of \$260,000 encumbered out of Capital Improvement funds specifically for this project. Both leases will automatically transfer ownership of all hardware to the City of Ferguson Police Department, at the end of the 3 year lease period, for no additional cost.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius to read Resolution #2007-24.

2007-24 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT (PHASE II) WITH KEY GOVERNMENT FINANCE, INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Grecco, Crecelius, Salant, Knowles, James, Fletcher, Faul
NOES: 0

Resolution passes (7-0)

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Mr. Shaw explained due to traffic issues meeting the criteria of the City of Ferguson Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40, Section 40-7 Designation of "safe streets" and after consultation with the Director of Public Safety, it has been determined that there is a need to designate Godfrey Lane as a "safe street". This issue came before the Traffic Commission on June 19, 2007 due to a petition from the Godfrey Lane residents. It was recommended by City Staff and accepted by the Traffic Commission as a recommendation to City Council. Once the Resolution is approved, signage will be erected and fines for traffic violations on Godfrey Lane will be increased. All relevant information in reference to the designation will be forwarded to the municipal prosecutor, municipal court clerk and the municipal judge. It is also recommended that at this time the current speed limit (25 mph) remain in place and that no other traffic control devices or additional regulations be put in place that do not currently exist on Godfrey Lane.

A motion was made by Council Member James, seconded by Council Member Knowles to read Resolution #2007-25.

2007-25 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING GODFREY LANE IN THE CITY OF FERGUSON AS A "SAFE STREET" was introduced by Council Member Knowles and Council Member James and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Crecelius, Salant, Knowles, James, Fletcher, Faul, Grecco
NOES: 0

Resolution passes (7-0)

Mr. Shaw explained an application for a Special Use Permit (SUP) was submitted for the subject property, however, at the time the lot did not meet the lot size requirement for the use. The SUP required that the lot meet a minimum lot size of 10,000 square feet. Since both lots are under the same ownership, the applicant is combining the lots to create one lot that contains 13,211 square feet. The lot that is created will meet the lot requirement for the SUP.

The Plan Commission voted to recommend approval of the Staff Report recommending approval of the consolidation plat of 600 and 610 South Florissant Road into one parcel.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco to read Resolution #2007-26.

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2007-26 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A RECORD PLAT CONSOLIDATING TWO PARCELS, 600 AND 610 SOUTH FLORISSANT, INTO ONE LOT TO BE KNOWN AND NUMBERED AS 600 SOUTH FLORISSANT AVENUE, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Salant, Knowles, James, Fletcher, Faul, Grecco, Crecelius
NOES: 0

Resolution passes (7-0)

Mr. Shaw explained that this Resolution will address the City Council's desire for the City Charter to be re-examined and possible changes to be recommended for a public vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius to read Resolution #2007-27.

2007-27 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL PERTAINING TO PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Knowles, James, Fletcher, Faul, Grecco, Crecelius, Salant
NOES: 0

Resolution passes (7-0)

Mr. Shaw explained that this Resolution will allow the City Manager to enter into a contract with J&M Displays, Inc. for the fireworks display on July 4th.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul to read Resolution #2007-28.

2007-28 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH J&M DISPLAYS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT THE CITY'S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

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AYES: 7 – James, Fletcher, Faul, Grecco, Crecelius, Salant, Knowles
NOES: 0

Resolution passes (7-0)

Mr. Shaw explained that Resolution #2007-29 was brought up by Council Member Grecco to explore opportunities available to the City of Ferguson, in the interest of our elderly residents.

Council Member Grecco explained in recognition of the City's demographics significance with the aging population it is an incredible opportunity to explore the advantages of many things, one of which is a demographic certification as a naturally occurring retirement community and to use that designation as a stepping stone to research all available services to put together to help what is called an aging in place program so that the City can recognize that the City's seniors do better if they stay at home as opposed to going to a nursing home. If the City can identify the services that already exist, link the seniors with those services and find ways that the City can create other services that are needed and then link the City this would be an incredible forward thinking City.

A motion was made by Council Member Grecco, seconded by Council Member James to read Resolution #2007-29.

2007-29 A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CITY COUNCIL ENTITLED THE NORC ("NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT COMMUNITY") COMMITTEE, was introduced by Council Member Grecco and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Fletcher, Faul, Grecco, Crecelius, Salant, Knowles, James
NOES: 0

Resolution passes (7-0)

REQUESTS

A motion was made by Council Member Grecco, seconded by Council Member Knowles to approve the following businesses that have applied for Liquor License Renewals for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ferguson Amoco – 1032 S. Florissant Road, Lamplighter Banquet Center, Candlelight Banquet Center, Mimi's Subway Bar and Grill, Kahle's Bar & Grill, Zion Lutheran Church, St. Louis Wings, Phillips 66 – 10620 N. Halls Ferry, Ferguson Amoco – 10633 N. Halls Ferry, A&D Minimart, El Palenque. Agenda amended to add: Greek's.

BILLS REQUIRING FIRST READING

BILL NO. 6798 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FAÇADE EASEMENT IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ROBYN L. STRANQUIST REGARDING THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT AND RESTORATION OF 101 DARST ROAD, was introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

BILLS REQUIRING SECOND READING

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member James to remove from the table Bill No. 6795. Motion carried.

BILL NO. 6795 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 600 S. FLORISSANT AVENUE SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH HEREIN, was introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

A motion to read the Bill a second time and place it upon its passage was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul.

On roll call vote the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 6 – Crecelius, Salant, Knowles, Fletcher, Faul, Grecco

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 - James

Bill No. 6795 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6795 thus became Ordinance No. 2007-3314 and is permanently recorded in Book 29 on page 28.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul to Amend Bill No. 6796. Motion carried.

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BILL NO. 6796 (AMENDED) AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-3271, AND ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND OTHER COMPENSATION OF ALL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2-47. COMPENSATION, OF CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008, was introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

A motion to read the Bill a second time as amended and place it upon its passage was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius.

On roll call vote the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Salant, Knowles, James, Fletcher, Faul, Grecco, Crecelius
NOES: 0

Bill No. 6796 (AMENDED) was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6796 (AMENDED) thus became Ordinance No. 2007-3315 and is permanently recorded in Book 29 on page 29.

BILL NO. 6797 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-3272, AND ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON; FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008, was introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

A motion to read the Bill a second time and place it upon its passage was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul.

On roll call vote the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Knowles, James, Fletcher, Faul, Grecco, Crecelius, Salant
NOES: 0

Bill No. 6797 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6797 thus became Ordinance No. 2007-3316 and is permanently recorded in Book 29 on page 30.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. James – is excited and looking forward to the opportunity to serve and thanked Council.

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Mr. Knowles – requested Council consider moving the Work Sessions from the day of the Council Meeting to another day for Council to be able to have discussions on issues on an informal basis. Mr. Knowles feels this would give staff an opportunity to get more direction from Council.

Mr. Knowles – commented on an informational citizen guide that St. Louis City uses provided by their Board of Aldermen. It is called Responsibilities of City and Citizen; the good neighbor guide. The guide has a lot of good information on what both the City should be doing for the citizen and what the citizen should be doing for the City. Mr. Knowles would like Council and staff to check into it.

Mr. Knowles reminded everyone of the bike trail ride with UMSL Chancellor Tom George Saturday June 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Crecelius – re-iterated citizens to look at their emergency plans and make sure you are able to take care of yourself during short term emergencies.

Ms. Faul – congratulated the Pride of the City winners. Congratulated and welcomed the graduation gift winners. Reminded everyone to support the Farmers' Market and Fourth of July festivities. Ms. Faul suggested that as an out-going Council Member they should receive a City Flag.

Ms. Faul commented that the new Pope building on Airport Road has a lot of cars parked on the lot, possibly from the car leasing lot across the street.

Staff will check into it.

Ms. Faul feels that there are some concerns with the new business with extra cars within the neighborhoods and asked that the business owner be very conscious and City staff be conscious of what the business looks like for the surrounding neighbors.

Ms. Grecco – encourages everyone to attend the Farmers' Market. Ms. Grecco thanked the Waste Management Company for distributing the recycle bins and encourages everyone to increase their use of recycling as opposed to general trash. Congratulates all of the award winners especially Stan and Margaret Caldwell.

Ms. Grecco welcomed the new business to Ferguson and personally drove to every business the proprietor is a registered owner of and is pleased to report to Council and to the City those businesses were well maintained, well cared for, well lit and were not in ruin and hopes that it holds well for the old Meineke business.

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Mr. Knowles – welcomed Council Member James and commented that Council had several people who were interested in the Ward 2 vacancy all were very qualified excellent people who were interested in serving the citizens of Ferguson and willing to make that sacrifice and Mr. Knowles feels that Mr. James will be an excellent addition to the Council.

Mr. Shaw – congratulated and welcomed newly appointed Council Member Dwayne James, and looks forward in working with him.

Mr. Shaw thanked all of the Council Members and Department Directors for their participation in the Strategic Planning Retreat and hopes that everyone found it as beneficial as Mr. Shaw did. Mr. Shaw thinks that this was a great opportunity for everyone to get to know one another better and to establish some collective goals for the following year, as well as long-term.

Mr. Shaw further commented that construction on the new Ferguson Fuel Center has begun and everyone is excited for this dramatic improvement at the Public Works Garage, and is looking forward working with other area municipalities to cooperate and in yet another effort to cut costs. Staff is currently finalizing agreements with a number of local municipalities.

Mr. Shaw explained that the City purchased 733 N. Florissant Road and took possession of this property on May 29, 2007. The property is located at the corner of Eddy Ave. and N. Florissant Road and is directly adjacent to January Wabash Memorial Park. The intent is to use this property in connection with the park system. Currently the property has two structures (a house and a storage shed/garage), several trees and overgrowth throughout the property. In order to make the property beneficial to the City's park system the property should have the structures, overgrowth and some of the trees removed. The structures are in deplorable condition and should be removed for public health and safety as well.

Mr. Shaw further explained that Staff received a bid from First Line Inc. in the amount of \$11,469.00 to obtain necessary permits, remove two structures (house & storage shed/garage), remove gravel drive, fill and grade, seed and straw, and remove any underbrush where practical for the demolition process. Staff currently has a contract with First Line, Inc. that was originally for the removal of up to eighteen (18) homes. If City chooses to proceed with First Line, Inc., the contract is still in effect. Over the past three years, First Line, Inc. has removed only seven (7) homes for the City of Ferguson allowing at least eleven more homes to be removed by First Line, Inc. if the City should choose to do so.

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First Line, Inc. has provided excellent service and pricing in the past. They have been very dependable and responsive to the City in all work they have done. The price quoted is a good price for the size and condition of the structures and property.

Mr. Shaw explained that the City has been able to save funds in the current budget (06/07) in the Public Works Administration - Professional Services account by providing services in-house that were originally expected to be done using an engineering firm. That savings would cover the cost of the demolition if this is approved by City Council.

Therefore, Mr. Shaw would like to ask the Council to make a motion to approve the demolition work and accept the quoted amount from First Line, Inc. and to authorize the City Manager to take the steps necessary to accomplish the demolition work.

Mr. Shaw confirmed every effort will be taken to preserve any attractive or mature trees.

Mr. Shaw commented since the Public Works Department is performing the service and there is surplus in that particular account that is why that account was chosen opposed to further depleting this year's Park Fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco to approve the demolition work and accept the quoted amount from First Line, Inc. and to authorize the City Manager to take the steps necessary to accomplish the demolition work. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Fletcher – reminded everyone of the City's Fourth of July Celebration, the parade is the same route and starts at 10:00 a.m. July 4. Mayor Fletcher echoed Council Member Grecco's comments regarding the recycling containers. Mayor congratulated and welcomed Dwayne James and feels Mr. James will be a great addition to Council and looks forward working with him. Reminded the citizens that the City streets and properties are the window people view us by and urged everyone to please keep up their properties.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to consider, Council Member Knowles moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Grecco. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Deborah L. Matthies, City Clerk