

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting Minutes November 27, 2007



WORK SESSION, 7:00 P.M.

- ❖ Ferguson Parks & Recreation Master Planning

COUNCIL MEETING, 8:00 P.M.

CITY HALL

110 CHURCH STREET

WORK SESSION - NOVEMBER 27, 2007

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The Parks Master Plan was presented to the Park Board and City Council at the end of July 2007. City Council elected to establish a separate committee consisting of two City Council Members (Peggy Faul and Kynan Crecelius); two Park Board Members (Atefa Young and Mike Crawford); and two City Staff Members (Parks & Recreation Director Dave Smith and Planning & Development Director Rosalind Williams), to take the recommendations made by PRO's Consulting, along with other expressed interests for the City Parks and Recreation Department, and to prioritize the different initiatives set forth.

Staff and City Council thanked the entire Committee for their time and efforts and for being dedicated to presenting its findings and producing a formal recommendation to the City Council by the established deadline.

Parks & Recreation Director, Dave Smith gave a brief background and presented the Committee's findings and recommendations based on the following three areas: 1) January Wabash (JW) Replacement Building, 2) Park System Development Plan and 3) Development of Core Program Offerings, Standards and Partnerships.

Mr. Shaw concluded that Council will have the opportunity to re-examine the recommendations during the December 4, 2007 Work Session where the Council will firmly establish the priorities for the Parks Department and staff can insert the various initiatives into the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 27, 2007

The regular meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on November 27, 2007 by Mayor Brian P. Fletcher, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri.

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 (ABSENT)
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 Portion at which time 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 COMMENTS

There being no public comments, Mayor Fletcher closed the Public Comments at 8:05 p.m.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - Red Cross Lessons Assistance Program Parks & Recreation Director Dave Smith introduced Joyce Bathke, Executive Officer of Health and Safety with the local American Red Cross who presented a check for \$2,775 for the learn to swim grant to Mayor Fletcher.

Parks & Recreation Director Dave Smith – gave a brief background on how the Red Cross agreed to provide funds through their learn to swim grant program that would reduce the cost of lessons resulting in an increase in the group lessons program from 2006. Council thanked Ms. Bathke and the Red Cross.

BUSINESS PORTION **MINUTES**

Council Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Grecco, seconded by Council Member Faul and carried to approve and receive as presented the Council Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2007 and file as appropriate.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program (FNIP) Minutes – September 24, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

FSBD Board of Directors Minutes – September 20, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

FSBD Board of Directors Minutes – October 18, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

Ferguson Municipal Library Minutes – August 27, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

Ferguson Pension Board Minutes – July 23, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

Ferguson Personnel Board Minutes – June 8, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

Ferguson Senior Citizens Commission Minutes – November 8, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2007.
RECOMMENDATION: Council Member Faul noted that the Park Board's recommendation to Council is for the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (BTC) Center agreement to be renewed for an additional year as provided in the current agreement.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Fletcher announced:

Joyce Bass - Senior Citizen Commission
Barrieta Killiebrew - Landmarks Commission
John Walker - the Board of Adjustment

The named individuals were accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul to read Resolution No. 2007-41.

2007-41 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH REGIONAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICE (REJIS) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING TECHNICAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPING AN IT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 6 – Crecelius, Knowles, James, Fletcher, Faul, Grecco
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 – Salant

Resolution passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco to read Resolution No. 2007-42.

City Manager, John Shaw explained that the City was contacted by the Village of Bel-Nor asking if the City of Ferguson could provide snow removal for their municipality. After an examination of the City's current capabilities with the Public Works Department, this is a great opportunity for the City to work on one of its Strategic Objectives in establishing closer working relationships with neighboring municipalities. This also will serve as another method of generating revenues for City services and amenities provided to the residents; staff felt that this is an excellent opportunity for both municipalities. Mr. Shaw stated that this will not impact the City's current level of services to its residents.

Mr. Shaw further stated that Resolution 2007-43 is the same for the City of Greendale who also contacted the City for this service.

Staff recommends that the Council approve Resolutions 2007-42 and 2007-43 understanding that both Resolutions will be reviewed in the spring to determine effectiveness and if any changes need to be made.

Mayor Fletcher also commented that Council has challenged staff to find revenue sources to reduce cost to citizens. Staff has done so through the Public Works new fuel center which provides gasoline to other municipalities at a profit and also the street salt purchase and sharing with the school district. The City is continually looking for partnerships that will provide revenue to reduce the cost to citizens.

2007-42 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF BEL-NOR, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 6 – Knowles, James, Fletcher, Faul, Grecco, Crecelius
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 – Salant

Resolution passed.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul to read Resolution No. 2007-43.

2007-43 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GREENDALE, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 6 – James, Fletcher, Faul, Grecco, Crecelius, Knowles
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 – Salant

Resolution passed.

REQUEST

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco to cancel the December 25, 2007 Council Meeting due to the Christmas Holiday. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Grecco – Thanked everyone who organized and participated in the Northern Lights Festival and parade and felt it was fabulous.

Ms. Faul – echoed Ms. Grecco's comments and feels that Northern Lights is always a fun activity to start the holiday season off. Ms. Faul thanked the City for allowing her to attend the National League of Cities (NLC) Conference and gave a brief explanation of some of the workshops she attended as well as some ideas. Ms. Faul thanked the Park Master Plan committee, Board Members and staff who considered all of the ideas with making some adjustments and changes. Thanked the Red Cross and thanked staff for looking at different collaborations with organizations, Council appreciates staff's time in doing this.

Mr. Knowles – would like Council to consider the internet harassment ordinance for the City. Mr. Knowles reminded everyone that City Council petitions are available for the April 8, 2008 election and for more information contact the City Clerk.

Mr. Crecelius – echoed previous comments on the Northern Lights Festival and thanked everyone for the great turn out. Mr. Crecelius is

building family traditions and the Northern Lights will be one. With the work that has been done and all of the lights on Florissant Road it looks great.

Mr. Shaw – reminded Council of two Work Sessions in December. The Parks Prioritization Work Session scheduled for Tuesday December 4th, at 6:00 PM, and the City Clerk and Parks Action Plan Work Session for Monday December 17th, at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Shaw further commented that the North County Chamber Holiday Dinner will take place at the Garden Villas North, 4505 Parker Road on Thursday, December 6th, at 6:00 PM. Please contact Debbie to make arrangements.

Mr. Shaw commented that the remaining 200+ recycle containers have been delivered to the Municipal Garage, and will be delivered by Public Works Staff next week. Once there is a firm date, it will be published on the City's Website and on the Cable Channel.

Mr. Shaw commended all City employees who helped address the situation that occurred where the pavement underneath the parking lot at the Convenient Food Mart on S. Florissant Road collapsed, taking two vehicles with it into the void that was created. One person was rescued from one of the vehicles, and is in good condition.

Mr. Shaw also pointed out that the various City Departments worked exceptionally well together to assist victims, stabilize and secure the scene, and then to monitor the area until the proper authorities responsible were able to take over. Mr. Shaw would like to thank the members of the Police Department, Fire Department, and Department of Public Works for their quick action and also thanked the members of other area Fire Departments who responded through mutual aid.

Mr. Shaw thanked everyone involved; it was a job well done and he appreciates all of the work that was done.

Mayor Fletcher – Thanked John Shaw for contacting City Council of the situation. Thanked the Park Commission and others involved in additional meetings for the Master Plan. Mayor Fletcher, Council Member Peggy Faul and City Manager, John Shaw attended the National League of Cities (NLC) Conference and, as a result of some of the ideas taken from the NLC Conference, John has already started working with the School District in forming closer ties and communications.

Mayor reminded everyone of a new event called Christmas Glow sponsored by the Ferguson Station Business District Saturday, December 8, 2007 3-8:00 p.m. Many shops and restaurants will be open for special hours, – it is a family oriented event including – carriage rides, children's Christmas stories, raffles, bonfires, roasted chestnuts, marshmallows, and hot chocolate.

Mayor gave special thanks and commended the Volunteer Flower Department on the window display at the old Ferguson Department Store across from Victorian Plaza. The display is part of the original Ferguson Department Store window display along with some of the original store gift boxes underneath the tree.

Mayor suggested everyone visit the City's new antique and jewelry stores.

Mayor expressed thanks to ExpressScripts who decided to build another building at the UMSL Campus as part of the NorthPark partnership with an additional 900 employees who will be visiting Ferguson and surrounding areas.

Mayor thanked Public Works for the great job in completing and cleaning up Florissant Road in time for the Northern Lights Festival. Mayor updated and commented on major street improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco to enter into closed session at 8:35 p.m. in accordance with RSMo 610.021/610.022 to discuss matters relating to litigation and communications from the City Attorney and Personnel Matters as provided under Sections 610.021 (1) and (13) RSMo. Motion carried.

At 9:25 p.m. a motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco to convene to open session. On roll call vote, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Deborah L. Matthies, City Clerk
