

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

**Council Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2007**



WORK SESSION, 7:00 P.M.

❖ **Traffic Calming update**

COUNCIL MEETING, 8:00 P.M.

CITY HALL

110 CHURCH STREET

WORK SESSION – December 11, 2007

❖ **Traffic Calming Update**

Public Works Director Terry O'Neil reviewed the data/report which was presented to City Council & Traffic Commission in August 2007; then presented the requested update comparing the data after one full year with the traffic calming methods in place.

Mr. O'Neil reviewed the 2006 meetings leading up to the study results and plans for the medians.

Mr. O'Neil commented that since the installation of the medians additional signage (delineators); additional street lighting; painting of curb – no parking; and additional landscaping has been added. Mr. O'Neil updated the accident history and the Darst Road Traffic Study Data Analysis including traffic counts (volume), speed, and in-pace. Mr. O'Neil further stated that based on the data collected for November 2007 the results have improved.

COUNCIL MEETING – December 11, 2007

The regular meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on December 11, 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
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.

Mayor moved Agenda item #3. *Special Presentations* before item #2. *Public Comments*.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

"Badges with Books" –

Mayor Fletcher presented a check from the City of Ferguson to Parents as Teachers Coordinator, Debra Smith-McCutchen who thanked Council for allowing them to partner with the City.

"Backstoppers" -

Mayor Fletcher presented a check from the City of Ferguson to Chief Ron Batelle on behalf of the Backstoppers Organization. Chief Batelle thanked the City Council, City of Ferguson and the community as a whole for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There being no public comments, Mayor Fletcher closed the Public Comments at 8:10 p.m.

BUSINESS PORTION

MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes – November 27, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco and carried to approve and receive as presented the Council Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2007 and file as appropriate.

Council Special Work Session Minutes Park Projects – CIP – December 4, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul and carried to approve and receive as presented the Council Special Work Session Minutes Park Projects – CIP Minutes of December 4, 2007 and file as appropriate.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

Ferguson Municipal Library Minutes – October 15, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program (FNIP) Minutes – October 22, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

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

Board of Adjustment Minutes – February 22, 2006. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul, and carried to receive the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Fletcher announced the following appointments to the Personnel Board.

Victoria Salsman - Ward 2 – Personnel Board

Veronica Wells - Ward 3 – Personnel Board

Dave Wesloh - Ward 1 – Personnel Board

The named individuals were accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTIONS

2007-44 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON APPROVING THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT WITH US CELLULAR AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE THE APPROPRIATE CLAIM FORM AND EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SUCH SETTLEMENT, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

City Manager, John Shaw explained that this Resolution accepts the settlement offered by US Cellular to all of the municipalities and allocates 5% of that settlement to the St. Louis County Municipal League. Mr. Shaw also pointed out that the total settlement is in the amount of \$48,569.67, with the proposed 5% contribution amounting to \$2,428.48.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul to read Resolution No. 2007-44. Motion carried.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

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

Resolution 2007-44 passed.

2007-45 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE TO THE CITY OF PASADENA HILLS, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

Mr. Shaw explained that Resolution 2007-45 is identical to the two Resolutions passed at the November 27, 2007 Council Meeting. The addition of Pasadena Hills will add an estimated one and one-half hours per session to the route that will cover Bel-Nor and Greendale. Mr. Shaw further explained that because of the proximity, this will be able to be performed very easily at the same time as the other municipalities with the same designated truck. Mr. Shaw commented that the City will not recommend taking on any additional municipalities until this service is evaluated in the spring.

Mr. Shaw mentioned as with the other municipalities, this is an opportunity for the City to work on one of its Strategic Objectives, in establishing closer working relationships with neighboring municipalities, while also increasing the City's revenues. The addition

of Pasadena Hills will not impact the current level of service to Ferguson residents.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul to read Resolution No. 2007-45. Motion carried.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

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

Resolution 2007-45 passed.

2007-46 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH ACTIVE NETWORK, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING THE EXISTING, OUTDATED SOFTWARE PACKAGE (RecWare Pro) TO A MODERN HOSTED SOFTWARE PACKAGE (ActiveNet) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

Mr. Shaw explained that in the Fiscal Year '06-'07 Budget, \$7,000 was budgeted for the upgrade of the existing Parks and Recreation software. Staff, at the time, looked at other options including the purchase of a completely new software package, but deemed it too expensive for a limited return. The primary reason for the upgrade was the fact that RecWare (the City's current system) was being bought out by ActiveNet. Due to the buy-out, RecWare has been officially discontinued as of the first of this year. Because of the lack of support and with the Parks Department experiencing numerous problems and the need to establish an online payment system, ActiveNet was chosen as the most viable solution. Mr. Shaw further pointed out that there were some changes with the pricing.

Parks and Recreation Director, Dave Smith explained the process used for the selection of the software and some of the more specifics of the recommendation.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided Council needed more information and research regarding the software.

A motion was made by Council Member Salant to table Resolution 2007-46, seconded by Council Member Grecco. Motion carried.

A motion was then made by Council Member Knowles to amend the motion to table Resolution 2007-46 by specifically tabling Resolution 2007-46 to the special meeting on December 17, 2007, seconded by Council Member Grecco. Motion carried.

Mr. Shaw requested that Council send any questions by email to staff regarding the software as soon as possible.

2007-47 A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE FERGUSON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENGAGE IN THE PROMOTION OF SAFE PRACTICES FOR THE YOUTH OF THE COMMUNITY AND TO INTERVENE IN GANG ACTIVITY THROUGH GANG RESISTANCE AND EDUCATION TRAINING, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul to read Resolution No. 2007-47.

Mr. Shaw explained that the A.T.F (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) have grant funds available to communities to establish within their schools a "GREAT" program to deter membership in gangs and gang related activities. It includes class room instruction, after school mentoring and outside of school community based activity programs. The total grant will be for \$125,000.00 with a 10% match by the City and includes the hiring of one additional police officer.

This was an item already endorsed by the City Council, which was included in the Police Department's Strategic Planning Action Plan. The Resolution would authorize the City Manager to submit the application for the grant.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

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

Resolution 2007-47 passed.

REQUEST

New Liquor License – My Time Sports Bar & Grill, located at 1120 N. Florissant Road. Applicant/Managing Officer David Carlisle.

City Manager, John Shaw suggested this liquor license be approved as "conditional" because the owner has yet to complete the required inspections. This is being done to accommodate the business because this is the last Council Meeting in December and will allow the business additional time in completing and scheduling the inspections. If Council approved the liquor license, "conditionally," it would only be issued after all other requirements set out by City Code are met.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius to approve the new liquor license for My Time Sports Bar & Grill, located at 1120 N. Florissant Road upon conditions being met by the required inspections. Motion carried.

Owners David Carlisle and Harlan Smith explained they are very proud of the fact that they have completed re-hab work at the establishment and it will be a nice place for the community to come and enjoy. They are hoping to open for New Year's Eve. Owners thanked Council and Council welcomed the new establishment to the City.

TABLED ITEM

New Liquor License – Fielders Choice Sports Bar, located at 9290 West Florissant. Applicant/Managing Officer Grover W. Field. The new liquor license request was removed from the table because the applicant withdrew the liquor license application.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Crecelius – wished everyone Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

Mr. Salant – wished everyone Happy Holidays and be safe.

Mr. Knowles – wished everyone Happy Holidays, and a Merry Christmas.

Mr. James - wished everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year. Be safe, merry and have fun.

Ms. Faul – wished everyone Happy Holidays and to share this time with your families. Ms. Faul thanked the Police Department for participating in the Badges with Books program which will help purchase new books for the Police Department vehicles. Ms. Faul also thanked Neighborhood Watch for their fundraiser for the Backstoppers and their donation to a wonderful organization. Ms. Faul attended and

enjoyed the first annual Christmas Glow festivities and ended the evening with a wonderful dinner at Thyme Table.

Ms. Grecco – wished everyone Happy Holidays, be careful, and do not drink and drive and also with the cold weather approaching to please look out for their neighbors. Ms. Grecco questioned staff about the street lights being out on West Florissant.

Public Works Director, Terry O'Neil responded that Ameren is looking into the issues and moving forward in solving the problems and asked everyone to please be patient.

Mr. Shaw reminded everyone of the final Strategic Planning Departmental Work Session on December 17, 2007 – 6 p.m.

Mr. Shaw informed Council of the bid opening Wednesday, December 12, 2007 for the City Hall and Fire House 1 generator(s).

Mr. Shaw informed and updated Council that Staff met with the original engineer from Black & Veatch, the company that designed the January Wabash Lake Wall. The engineer came to City Hall and reviewed the plans then went on-site to see the problems. The engineer was also surprised by the deterioration taking place, took pictures of the problems around the entire lake and is going to contact the manufacturer and will get back with staff.

Mr. Shaw reminded everyone of the Neighborhood Watch Holiday Party Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at City Hall.

Mayor Fletcher – Personally thanked Chris Peyerl with *Down Memory Lane Antiques* Store and everyone involved who participated in the first annual Christmas Glow and enjoyed all of the festivities associated with it. Mayor has received several compliments on how beautiful the downtown area looks and thanked the Public Works Department and City Staff for keeping downtown looking beautiful during the Holiday Season. Mayor wished everyone the merriest of Holidays and to spend time with family and friends and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Salant to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Deborah L. Matthies, City Clerk

Approved 1/8/08
