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Council Meeting Minutes

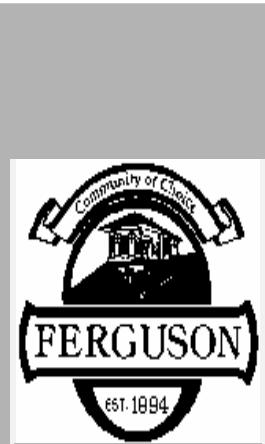
August 28, 2007

WORK SESSION, 7:00 P.M.

- ❖ Façade Program Update
- ❖ Traffic Calming Report
- ❖ Brotherton Streetlights/Retaining Wall

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 August 28, 2007 by Mayor Brian P. Fletcher, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri. All Council members were present. Also present were City Manager John Shaw, City Attorney Stephanie Karr and City Clerk Debbie Matthies.

FAÇADE PROGRAM UPDATE – Assistant to the City Manager, Drew Awsumb gave a power point presentation regarding the Façade Program that was created by Council in August, 2006. This one year update on the program's success featured the three existing easement agreements and demonstrated the improvements that were made. Mr. Awsumb outlined plans for 2007 and 2008 that will include additional promotion and program marketing to increase further participation.

TRAFFIC CALMING REPORT – Public Works Director, Terry O'Neil gave a presentation and updated Council on traffic calming in the Darst neighborhood.

BROTHERTON STREETLIGHTS/RETAINING WALL – Planning & Development Director Rosalind Williams gave an update on Brotherton streetlights and retaining wall. Ms. Williams presented photographs of the streetlight fixtures for Council review.

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COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 28, 2007

The regular meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on August 28, 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 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.

Mayor moved Items number 3. *Special Presentations* and 5D. *Proclamations* to the beginning of the meeting.

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 September Pride of the City winners. The September winners are Ward 1 – Ms. Erin Taylor, 605 Royal Ave., Ward 2 – Ms. Linda James, 422 Adams St. and Ward 3 – Jamie Cannon-Moody, 7525 Halpin Drive. Winners received a Certificate and City Flag. Pride of the City signs will be placed in their yards. Council congratulated the winners.

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PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Fletcher read and presented the Proclamation for the Ferguson Swim Team. Council congratulated the team and their parents.

Mayor Fletcher read and presented the Proclamation for Eagle Scout Ryan Joseph Klocker. Council congratulated Eagle Scout Klocker and his parents.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor opened the Public Hearing which was continued from July 24, 2007 to the August 28, 2007 Council Meeting at 8:10 p.m.

- ❖ *Special Use Permit – ATM 10732 W. Florissant* - Automated Teller Machine located at 10732 W. Florissant Avenue. The proposed site is zoned C-1, General Commercial District, and an Automated Teller Machine is a special use.

City Manager, John Shaw explained that staff has received several requests for locating Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) on sites that are not related to the primary use. ATMs have always been allowed as accessory uses to financial institutions. In previous zoning ordinances, ATMs have been permitted on parking lots of unrelated uses as free standing structures. Mr. Shaw stated that the ATM on the Wal-Mart parking lot was approved in 1990. However, the current zoning ordinance does not permit ATMs as a separate use. The proposed ATM at 10732 West Florissant Ave. is one of two ATMs that the Bank of America would like to install at commercial sites in Ferguson. The proposed zoning amendments to Chapter 49 would add ATMs as a special use with standards in all of the commercial districts to meet the demand for these types of facilities off-site. This proposal will be evaluated for a special use permit based on the proposed amendment.

Petitioner Mr. Rob Jacknewitz, 2324 Hampton Ave., St. Louis, MO 63139 was present for questions and comments.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Fletcher closed the Public Hearing at 8:15 p.m.

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Mr. Shaw explained this hearing is a second special use permit from Bank of America at the location of 9101 West Florissant Ave.

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There being no further public comments, Mayor Fletcher closed the Public Hearing at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor opened the Property Tax Rate Public Hearing at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Shaw explained that as the final Public Hearing, Finance Director Brian Coyman will explain the process involved in setting the tax rate every year, and to answer any questions the Council and/or public may have. This will precede the second reading of the ordinance.

Finance Director, Brian Coyman presented Council a hand out which explained the property tax process in the State of Missouri, provided definitions and offered an example of how property taxes might change due to changes in property evaluations. Mr. Coyman gave an overview of the proposed property tax rates for 2007.

Mr. Coyman explained that this is a year when a reassessment of property evaluations in St. Louis County was completed. When a taxing district's assessed value increases due to reassessment, the districts, being any and all taxing districts that have a property tax levy, are required to roll back (reduce) their levies to compensate for the increase in assessed value. This helps ensure that taxpayers are not unfairly burdened with higher taxes due to a reassessment and also prevents windfalls in new revenues occurring within these districts. Mr. Coyman further stated that only voters vote higher tax levies.

Mr. Coyman stated that by Council approving the ordinance it will roll back the levy to one of the lowest levels that he can find record of. This does not necessarily mean that every property owner is going to see a decrease in their property tax; some will, some will see no change, and others will pay more with all this depending upon the change in assessed value of the property owned. The State of Missouri has a limitation that revenues can not go up within a taxing district any more than by the consumer price index for the State of Missouri which is 2.6% for this round of levies.

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Mr. Coyman explained that the tax levies differ slightly from the previous numbers presented on the original bill and on the public hearing notice because they were presented prior to receipt of post board of equalization numbers from St. Louis County.

Mr. Coyman stated there is a potential for \$8,600.00 in new property tax revenues from new construction and improvements to property and an additional \$28,000.00 from the property reassessments for a total of approximately \$37,000.00 in new revenue for the City of Ferguson General Operating Fund and for the Park system. This will be approximately a 2.5% increase in revenue as compared to the State limitation of 2.6%. The State Auditor's office has the power to make any changes as it completes a final review of the City's calculations.

Council discussed the reassessment.

William Small - #12 Lake Pembroke – commented that he had an increase in his assessment.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Fletcher closed the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sue O'Dell, 514 Carson Road – representing Old Ferguson West Neighborhood Association – publicly acknowledged and thanked the Ward 2 Council Members who have been outstanding and have helped the association in more ways than one by answering all of their questions and attending meetings; thanked Terry O'Neil who has worked extensively with their group along with Liaison Peggy Carson and thanked Natasha Ramey who also works extensively with their group and who has not missed a single meeting or event. Ms. O'Dell stated that one of the association's goals is to keep a positive relationship with the City government and their organization by committing to always having a representative in attendance at a City Council meeting. Ms. O'Dell complimented Council and thanked them for doing a great job. Council thanked Ms. O'Dell.

Michael Gray, 620 Darst Road – Marketing and Special Events Coordinator for the Farmers' Market updated Council on the Farmers' Market events occurring during the month of September.

William Small, #12 Lake Pembroke – had concerns with the rear pick up of recycling containers.

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Staff will check with Allied regarding the rear pick ups.

There being no additional public comments, Mayor Fletcher closed the Public Comments portion at 8:35 p.m.

BUSINESS PORTION
MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Grecco, seconded by Council Member Knowles and carried to approve and receive as presented the Council Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2007 and file as appropriate.

Council Special Meeting Minutes – July 31, 2007. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member James and carried to approve and receive as presented the Council Meeting Minutes of July 31, 2007 and file as appropriate.

CONSENT AGENDA
Minutes

Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes – August 21, 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 Special Business District (FSBD) Minutes – July 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.

Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program Minutes – June 25, 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.

Plan Commission Meeting Minutes – June 20, 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.

Landmarks Commission Minutes – June 5, 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.

Pension Board Meeting Minutes – January 30, 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.

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APPOINTMENTS

Mayor announced the submitted names for the Charter Review Committee: Mayor Fletcher nominated Chuck James – Ward 2 who will also chair the committee, Ms. Grecco nominated John Knowles – Ward 1, Mr. Salant nominated former Council Member John Corson – Ward 3, Mr. Hines, before his resignation, nominated Mr. Larson – Ward 1, Mr. Crecelius nominated Cathy Dahmer – Ward 3, Mr. Knowles nominated former Council Member Tom Wolf and Ms. Faul nominated former Council Member James Knowles, Jr.

Council Member Knowles abstained from approving the Charter Review Committee.

A motion was made by Council Member Grecco, seconded by Council Member Faul to approve the appointments submitted for the Charter Review Committee. Motion carried with Council Member Knowles abstaining.

A motion was made by Mayor Fletcher to appoint Susan Donnell to the Library Board, seconded. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Faul, seconded, to appoint Tom Lemp to the Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program (FNIP). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Grecco, seconded, to appoint Bob Feager, to the Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program (FNIP). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Faul, seconded, to appoint Dan Doherty to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Grecco, seconded, to appoint Mike Hardin to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Salant, seconded, to appoint former Council Member John Corson to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

Mayor announced that the Council Member appointments for the Special Park Master Plan Team will be Council Member Kynan Crecelius and Council Member Peggy Faul.

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Mr. Shaw announced that the appointments from the Park Board will be Michael Crawford and Atefa Young, Staff Representative appointments will be Recreation Director, David Smith and Planning & Development Director, Rosalind Williams.

Council approved the appointments named to the Special Park Master Plan Team. Mr. Shaw will coordinate the meetings as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION

2007- 31- A RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE THE CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH RONNA ALANIZ D/B/A MUNI FINANCIAL 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 James to read Resolution No. 2007-31.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

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

Resolution passes (7-0)

REQUESTS

Mayor Fletcher explained that due to several Council Members attending the Missouri Municipal League annual conference some members will not be attending the September 11, 2007 Council Meeting. Therefore, Council consensus is to reschedule the September 11, 2007 Council Meeting to September 18, 2007 at 8:30 p.m. with no work session prior to the meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul to reschedule the September 11, 2007 Council Meeting to September 18, 2007 at 8:30 p.m. without a work session. Motion carried.

Mayor Fletcher explained that the City Manager and the Assistant to the City Manager will be attending the ICMA Conference in October and will not be in attendance at the October 9, 2007 Council Meeting. Therefore, Council consensus is to cancel the October 9, 2007 Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul to cancel the October 9, 2007 Council Meeting. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius to approve a Temporary Liquor License - Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival, September 9, 2007- January Wabash Park. Applicant: Rev. A. Jack Schuler. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul, to approve a Temporary Liquor License - Hispanic Festival, Inc. – Streetfest September 28, 29, 30, 2007. Applicant: Haniny Hillberg – on behalf of Hispanic Festival, Inc. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul, to approve a Temporary Liquor License - Ferguson Station Business District (FSBD) Streetfest September 28, 29 30, 2007. Applicant: Michael Lonero – on behalf of FSBD. Motion carried.

BILLS REQUIRING FIRST READING

BILL NO.6806 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10732 W. FLORISSANT AVENUE SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH HEREIN, was introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

BILL NO.6807 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9101 W. Florissant AVENUE SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH HEREIN, was introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

BILL NO.6808 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL TAX BILLS AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR COSTS OF BOARDING UP BUILDINGS AS PROVIDED UNDER CHAPTER 7. BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI, was introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

BILL NO.6809 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL TAX BILLS AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR COST OF REMOVING TRASH AND DEBRIS AS PROVIDED UNDER CHAPTER 28. NUISANCES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI, was introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

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BILL NO. 6810 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL TAX BILLS AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR COSTS OF CUTTING AND REMOVING WEEDS AS PROVIDED UNDER CHAPTER 46. VEGETATION, ARTICLE III. WEEDS AND VINES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI, was introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

BILLS REQUIRING SECOND READING

BILL NO. 6799 (AMENDED) AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATE OF AD VALOREM TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2007 BY LEVYING A TAX FOR GENERAL AND OTHER PURPOSES ON ALL PROPERTY MADE TAXABLE BY LAW WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI; AND LEVYING A TAX FOR FREE PUBLIC PARKS IN THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI, was introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles to read the Bill as amended to reflect the changes, seconded by Council Member Faul. Motion carried.

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

Bill No. 6799 (AMENDED) was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6799 (AMENDED) thus became Ordinance No. 2007-3318 and is permanently recorded in Book 29 on page 32.

BILL NO. 6800 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 49 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES AND CLARIFYING THE DISTRICTS IN WHICH THEY MAY BE LOCATED, was introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

Mr. Shaw explained that the Plan Commission voted to recommend approval of the Staff Report recommending the approval of the text amendment to add the definition of automated teller machines (ATMs) and to allow them as special uses in all commercial zoning districts in the City.

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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 James.

On roll call vote the motion carried as follows:

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

Bill No. 6800 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6800 thus became Ordinance No. 2007-3319 and is permanently recorded in Book 29 on page 33.

BILL NO. 6801 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 49 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS FOR DONATION RECEPTACLES AND CLARIFYING THE DISTRICTS IN WHICH THEY MAY BE LOCATED, was introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

Mr. Shaw explained that the Plan Commission voted to recommend approval of the Staff Report recommending the approval of the text amendment to add the definition of donation receptacles and to allow them as Accessory Uses in the C-1, General Commercial and C-2, Planned Commercial districts.

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

Bill No. 6801 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6801 thus became Ordinance No. 2007-3320 and is permanently recorded in Book 29 on page 34.

BILL NO. 6802 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FAÇADE EASEMENT IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HOME ANNEX IV, LLC REGARDING THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT AND RESTORATION OF 299 SOUTH FLORISSANT ROAD, was introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

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Mr. Shaw explained this is the Home Annex LLC for 299 South Florissant Road which was purchased in November 2006 and presented a grant application later that month to the City Council. There were a number of changes to the original design and it has now been finalized.

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 – Fletcher, Faul, Greco, Crecelius, Salant, Knowles, James
NOES: 0

Bill No. 6802 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6802 thus became Ordinance No. 2007-3321 and is permanently recorded in Book 29 on page 35.

BILL NO. 6803 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2007-3277 AND IN LIEU THEREOF APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE BOARD OF CURATORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI – ST. LOUIS RELATING TO PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE LOCATION OF AN ART STUDIO AND EXHIBITION FACILITY WITHIN THE CITY OF FERGUSON, was introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

Mr. Shaw explained that last year the City Council approved a redevelopment agreement with the University of Missouri – St. Louis (UMSL) for the renovation of a downtown retail space for the use of a public gallery space. The partnership included the efforts of community artists as well as University faculty. The agreement was amended in April 2007 to accommodate for the University's request to have the City funds be directly distributed to the University's contractor. The general terms of the agreement did not change. UMSL has requested additional language changes and clarifications as well as desired to specifically insert the Northern Arts Council by name into the agreement. This amended Bill will address the University's concerns and formally identify the Northern Arts Council in both the ordinance and the agreement. The general terms of the agreement and City contribution of \$20,000 remains unchanged.

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.

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On roll call vote the motion carried as follows:

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

Bill No. 6803 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6803 thus became Ordinance No. 2007-3322 and is permanently recorded in Book 29 on page 36.

BILL NO. 6804 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2007-3316 PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL JUNE 26, 2007, RELATING TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR INCREASED COMPENSATION AND 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.

Mr. Shaw explained that this is the second reading of an Ordinance that will amend the annual Ordinance passed to establish the rates of pay for the part-time seasonal employees of the Parks and Recreation Department. Increases were made to the rates in accordance to the adjusted minimum wage passed through Proposition B, which placed the City into compliance with that law. However, further clarification was needed to specify that the additional overall increases for the various part-time seasonal positions was intended to go into affect for the next recreational season. This Ordinance simply further clarifies that language in accordance with the intent of the original Ordinance.

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 - Crecelius, Salant, Knowles, James, Fletcher, Faul, Grecco
NOES: 0

Bill No. 6804 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6804 thus became Ordinance No. 2007-3323 and is permanently recorded in Book 29 on page 37.

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BILL NO. 6805 (AMENDED) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-381 OF ARTICLE V OF TITLE II OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TERMS OF MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY, was introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles to read the Bill as amended to reflect the changes, seconded by Council Member Faul. Motion carried.

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

On roll call vote the motion carried as follows:

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

Bill No. 6805 (AMENDED) was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6805 (AMENDED) thus became Ordinance No. 2007-3324 and is permanently recorded in Book 29 on page 38.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Faul – reminded everyone of the Festival of the Young Child presented by the Ferguson Florissant Early Education Department which is presented every year held at the James Eagan Center, Ms. Faul attended the Ferguson Safety Days held Saturday August 25 – by the Ferguson Police Department and Fire Department. Ms. Faul thanked Firefighter John Hampton for all of his hard work in putting this event together and all of the community service work he does as well.

Ms. Grecco – thanked the Police and Fire Departments for Safety Days which was a wonderful event. Congratulated the Pride of the City winners, Eagle Scout Ryan Klocker, and the Ferguson Swim Team. Congratulated the Robert-Superior Neighborhood Association for their Neighborhood Daycare held at the end of July which was a success. Ms. Grecco encouraged everyone to participate and welcome the newest entity to the City of Ferguson – the Metamor4ic Math Center. Ms. Grecco said to think of it to Math what the Magic House is to Science, the Grand Opening is September 8, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. located at the First Baptist Church of Ferguson.

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Mr. James – thanked Gary and Nicole for hosting the PROUD event on Saturday which is a great event and had a lovely time. Thanked Old Ferguson West for their kind words. This Labor Day weekend be safe and have fun.

Mr. Knowles – thanked Old Ferguson West for their kind words and it is greatly appreciated. Have a safe weekend; Farmers' Market will be open. Congratulated City Manager John Shaw as being recognized as one of the 30 Leaders in their 30's for North St. Louis County by North County, Inc., Suburban Journals and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Crecelius – Congratulated the Pride of the City winners, Eagle Scout Klocker and the Ferguson Swim Team.

Mr. Shaw needed Council consensus to schedule the first work session for the Departmental Action Plans in response to the Strategic Planning Retreat. Council consensus was to meet on September 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Shaw commented that there have been a number of issues with the transformers in the area and with Ameren UE and the power outages. Mr. Shaw thanked the Public Works Department in setting up a meeting with Ameren at the end of the week to talk about the different issues and will invite a representative to a future Council Meeting as soon as possible to make a presentation. Mr. Shaw requested Council to send him their questions for Ameren for this meeting.

Mayor Fletcher recognized and congratulated Eagle Scout Klocker, Pride of the City winners and the Ferguson Swim Team. If anyone in the community feels there is someone who needs to be recognized to please let the Mayor know. Mayor commented that Saturday was very busy with the Farmers' Market, Safety Days, the PROUD Dinner and other activities – it was a very enjoyable Saturday.

Mayor commented the need for a golf cart for use with City events for transporting people to and from Farmers' Market, 4th of July, Streetfest, Northern Lights Parade there are all kinds of activities for the use of a shuttle. Mayor requested, with Council's permission, to have staff check into the cost of a 4-6 passenger Golf Cart to be used for City activities.

Staff will look into the cost and report back to Council.

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At 9:25 p.m. a motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul to enter into closed session in accordance with RSMo 610.021/610.022 to discuss matters relating to communications with the City Attorney as provided under Sections 610.021 (1) RSMo.
Motion carried.

Having concluded the closed session, a motion was made by Council Member Salant, seconded by Council Member Knowles to reconvene to open session at 10:20 p.m. On roll call vote, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to consider, Council Member James moved to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Grecco. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Deborah L. Matthies, City Clerk

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