

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

Special Council Meeting, July 13, 2004

Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

**CITY HALL
110 Church Street**



A special meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on July 13, 2004, by Mayor Steven Wegert, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri. On roll call the following Council members were present:

Mayor Steven Wegert
John Corson
Keith Kallstrom
Mark Crinnion
James Hines
Peggy Faul
Bill Duncan

Also present were City Manager A.J. Krieger, Attorney Martin Barnholtz and City Clerk, Debbie Matthies. Mrs. Matthies declared a quorum was present.

Mayor Wegert welcomed all present and explained a closed session is scheduled before the Council meeting. Due to citizens addressing the Council, the public comments portion would be held prior to Council entering closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Sorenson – 814 Moundale Drive – was in favor of a request for a Special Use Permit for the Ferguson Style Shop to relocate at 809 S. Florissant Road.

Sherry Sowder - 238 Louisa Ave., Ferguson Style Shop owner, explained the reasons and request for the Special Use Permit to expand to the 809 S. Florissant location.

There being no further public comments, Mayor declared the public portion closed at 6:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:40 p.m. Council entered into closed session in accordance with RSMo 610.022 to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions, and/or communication from the City Attorneys as provided under Section 610.021(1) RSMo, and/or personnel matters under Section 610.021(13) RSMo, and/or employee matters under Section 610.021(3) RSMo, and/or real estate matters under Section 610.021(2) RSMo.

A motion was made by Mayor Wegert and seconded to enter into closed session under Section 610.021 (1) (2) RSMo. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Kallstrom, Crinnion, Hines, Wegert, Faul, Duncan, Corson
NOES: 0

Litigation matters were discussed.

A motion was made by Mayor Wegert and seconded to return to open session at 7:20 p.m. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Faul, Wegert, Crinnion, Hines, Corson, Kallstrom, Duncan
NOES:0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor re-opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting. There being no public comments, Mayor declared the public portion closed at 7:20 p.m.

BILLS REQUIRING SECOND READING

BILL NO. 6690 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS; EFFECTIVE WHEN, introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to read the Bill a second time and place it upon its passage. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES – 7 – Kallstrom, Crinnion, Hines, Wegert, Faul, Duncan, Corson
NOES – 0

Bill No. 6690 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature.
Bill No. 6690 thus became Ordinance No. 2004-3217 and is permanently recorded in Book 26 on page 136.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2004 - 23- Disposing of Surplus Property at 220 N. Florissant Road, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by Attorney Martin Barnholtz. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES – 7 – Crinnion, Hines, Wegert, Faul, Duncan, Corson, Kallstrom
NOES - 0

Resolution passes

NEW BUSINESS – Neighborhood Agenda

City Manager, A. J. Krieger discussed the formulation and adoption of neighborhood goals. Administration hopes that the Council will establish and adopt a set of goals based on affirmative statements regarding its vision for Ferguson neighborhoods. Staff anticipates completing, implementing and monitoring a neighborhood improvement plan designed to stimulate demand and increase the general livability of, and quality of life in, Ferguson neighborhoods. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mayor indicated that Staff has heard what the Council has said and the Council agrees that the neighborhood agenda points, as presented, represent the Council's goals for neighborhoods. And as such, Council will focus on four neighborhood goals: 1) Establish a community-wide network of neighborhood organizations; 2) Stimulate demand through a concerted neighborhood planning effort to help each neighborhood design its ideal living environment; 3) Target infrastructure and pedestrian improvements to increase livability; and 4) Maintain high community standards by providing quality inspection and code enforcement services. The City will, proactively in cooperation with the leaders of individual neighborhoods, prioritize their needs, establish actions and address them.

A.J. informally introduced the new Planning & Development Director, Jennifer Denton to Council and will formally introduce her at a future Council meeting.

A.J. discussed the Sales Tax Increase issue and handed out previous propositions for Council's review. In order to place the tax issue on the November ballot the City needs to have two readings prior to the August 24th deadline. Staff will prepare the Ordinance for first reading at the July 27th Council meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:00 p.m. Council entered into closed session in accordance with RSMo 610.022 to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions, and/or communication from the City Attorneys as provided under Section 610.021(1) RSMo, and/or personnel matters under Section 610.021(13) RSMo, and/or employee matters under Section 610.021(3) RSMo, and/or real estate matters under Section 610.021(2) RSMo.

A motion was made by Mayor Wegert and seconded to enter into closed session under Section 610.021 (1) (2) RSMo. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Crinnion, Hines, Wegert, Faul, Duncan, Corson, Kallstrom
NOES: 0

Real Estate matters were discussed.

A motion was made by Mayor Wegert and seconded to return to open session at 8:35 p.m. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Hines, Wegert, Faul, Duncan, Corson, Kallstrom, Crinnion
NOES:0

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Debbie Matthies, City Clerk