

**CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2022 (outgoing)**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Council meeting is being conducted both in person and through the use of a Webinar invite in which some members of the City Council, staff and citizens are participating in the meeting remotely. Section 610.015 of the Mo. Sunshine Law provides that members of the Council who are not physically in the Council Chambers can participate and vote on all matters when an emergency exists and the nature of the emergency is stated in the minutes. Thus, these minutes reflect that the U.S., and the world, is in a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus—COVID-19. The Missouri Governor and the County Executive have issued Orders limiting meetings and gatherings sizes. These Orders are intended to avoid the spread of the Coronavirus.

Mayor Ella M. Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via in the City Council Chambers located at 110 Church Street, Ferguson, MO 63135, and also via Zoom Teleconference (RSMO 610.015) due to the recent State of Emergency. A copy of the recording will be made accessible via the City’s Website and Social Media Outlets. She immediately led a silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Naquittia Noah	Present	Mayor Ella Jones	Present
Councilwoman Fran Griffin	Present	Councilwoman Linda Lipka	Present
Councilwoman J. Toni Burrow	Present	Councilwoman Phedra Nelson	Present
Councilwoman Heather Robinett	Present		

A quorum was declared. Also present were City Manager Eric Osterberg, City Attorney Jacqueline Graves (for Apollo Carey), and City Clerk Octavia Pittman.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alan Mueller stated he is appalled with the constant political discourse. He offered comments of Mayor Jones offer of an olive branch and there’s continued assassination of her character and being blamed for all actions in the city. He also stated praises of the EDST board and their work.

Cassandra Butler offered comments of there being adversity amongst the council and noted conflicts of interest of a council member as it relates to the ARPA fund request.

Mildred Clines said she attempted to enter the 6pm special meeting but was unable to get in. She congratulated the elected officials and also offered comments that the rampant racism and divisiveness will destroy the city.

Chuck Henson stated his longtime residency and announced that he is a founding member of PROUD. He noted his experiences with the city and challenges with racism and noted the importance of coming together to survive racism.

Gerry Noll spoke of efforts of the CRB and encouraged citizens to apply for vacancies. He noted CRB works to review police department policies and actions and provide feedback.

Erica Brooks offered comments regarding racism in the city and the need for representation and a voice to stand for equality.

Shirley Emerson announced Forestwood Community Development Association is hosting a Neighborhood Empowerment Summit on April 30th; 10am – 2pm at the community center. The purpose of the summit is promote home ownership and to improve and enhance empowerment with resource for current owners as well as a neighbor meet and greet and health fair.

Nick Kasoff responded to complaints regarding the Ferguson Observer publication stating that the Council controls outcomes and he would publish the acts of each member. He also commented regarding the shift in power adding that others may have an opportunity get legislation introduced and passed.

Melanie Randels stated she is the current chair of the EDST Board. She offered comments regarding the amount of time it took to get the board established and that funds have been distributed without the board in place. She asked that no more funds are used without the commission.

MANAGER'S REPORT

After questions from the Council, City Manager Osterberg responded that grass cutting bids have been posted and received, the process should begin soon. He also provided an update that the emergency repairs have been completed at Fire House 2, and responded that Cousins Market on Airport Road has been reinstated after complaints of not providing due process; that process will be reviewed again as well.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meetings: [February 8, 2022](#); [February 22, 2022](#); [March 8, 2022](#); [March 22, 2022](#)

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and seconded by Councilwoman Lipka to approve council meeting minutes. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Special Meetings: [March 8, 2022](#)

Motion was made by Councilwoman Noah and seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to approve special meeting minutes. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

BOARD/ COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Farmers Market: [January 12, 2022](#)

Civilian Review Board: [March 7, 2022](#)

Motion was made by Councilwoman Burrow and seconded by Councilwoman Robinett to receive and file Board and Commission meeting minutes. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

APPOINTMENTS

Human Rights Commission

Mayor Jones appointed **Daniel Hancock** to **HRC** (ex. 2023)

Park Board

Motion was made by Councilwoman Noah and seconded by Councilwoman Burrow to appoint **Carolyn Shannon** to the **Park Board**. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED**.

Special Business District

Motion was made by Councilwoman Lipka and seconded by Councilwoman Noah to appoint **Alice Herndon** with Onyx Print Shop (ex 2022) to **FSBD**. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED**.

REQUESTS

Liquor License Approval - Mimi's Subway Bar & Grill - 46 N. Florissant Road (NEW)

Roger Herrin and Clinton Calhoun announced their recent purchase of Mimi's Subway Bar along with their plan of operations and requested liquor license approval. Motion was made by Councilwoman Lipka and seconded by Councilwoman Noah to approve a liquor license for **MiMi's Subway Bar & Grill**. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED**.

PROCLAMATIONS

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2022-14 – A Resolution Selecting A Contractor For The Demolition Of Dangerous Buildings, Awarding The Contract To Said Contractor, And Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Contract On Behalf Of The City

Without objection, Resolution #2022-14 was introduced by Council Present and Attorney Graves provided the reading. Motion was made by Councilwoman Lipka and seconded by Councilwoman Noah to approve Resolution #2022-14. **ROLL CALL:** Councilwoman Noah – aye; Councilwoman Griffin – absent; Councilwoman Burrow – aye; Councilwoman Robinett – aye; Mayor Jones – aye; Councilwoman Lipka – aye; Councilwoman Nelson – aye; **MOTION PASSED**.

Resolution No. 2022-15 – A Resolution Selecting A Professional Services Contractor For Citywide IP Camera Solution, Awarding The Contract To Said Contractor, And Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Contract On Behalf Of The City

City Manager Osterberg explained a complaint received from a vendor that the equipment being proposed may be banned. He requested an opportunity to review the materials presented before approving as due diligence. As requested, a motion was made by Councilwoman Burrow and seconded by Councilwoman Robinett to postpone this resolution until the April 26th meeting. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED**.

Resolution No. 2022-16 – A Resolution Of The City Of Ferguson, Missouri, Authorizing The City Manager To Sign And Execute A Contract With Palmer Residential Services, LLC For Redevelopment Of 601 Ruggles From The City Of Ferguson

Without objection, Resolution #2022-16 was introduced by Council Present and Attorney Carey provided the reading. Motion was made by Councilwoman Lipka and seconded by Councilwoman Burrow to approve Resolution #2022-16. **ROLL CALL:** Councilwoman Noah – aye; Councilwoman Griffin – absent; Councilwoman Burrow – aye; Councilwoman Robinett – aye; Mayor Jones – aye; Councilwoman Lipka – aye; Councilwoman Nelson – aye; **MOTION PASSED**.

BILLS REQUIRING FIRST READING

None

BILLS REQUIRING SECOND READING

None

CERTIFICATION OF APRIL 5, 2022 ELECTION RESULTS

City Clerk Pittman announced the results as certified by the St. Louis County Board of Elections. Motion was made by Councilwoman Burrow and seconded by Councilwoman Robinett to accept the results of the April 5, 2022 election. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Council Member Ward 1

Linda R. Lipka	Votes 539
Lawrence Berry	Votes 111

Council Member Ward 2

Heather L. Robinett	Votes 450
Travonne (VON) Walker	Votes 219

Council Member Ward 3

Mike Palmer	Votes 211
Fran Griffin	Votes 113

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilwoman Noah congratulated elected officials and wished Councilwoman Griffin best wishes. She announced her attendance at the State of the County address, the County LEAD Program, noted MSD is offering assistance to seniors and disabled as with Missouri American Water.

Councilwoman Griffin expressed work dos gratitude to all. She also stated her purpose and the desire to continue serving in some capacity moving forward.

Councilwoman Burrow congratulated elected officials. She expressed gratitude for the condolences received on the recent loss of her sister as well as other family losses suffered over the last several months. She offered comments regarding EDST and responded that she has no ownership in PAKT and takes no salary.

Councilwoman Robinett thanked all involved in the election process. She thanked Councilwoman Griffin for her service and stated she looks forward to her continued work in the community.

Councilwoman Lipka thanked Councilwoman Griffin for her contributions and expressed sorrow to Councilwoman Burrow on her loss. She also announced the blood drive at NCI on May 13th.

Councilwoman Nelson had no report.

City Manager Osterberg had no report.

City Clerk Pittman thanked Councilwoman Griffin and congratulated newly elected and re-elected officials. It was also noted that there are many vacancies on boards and commissions to be reviewed in advance of the annual appointments next month.

Attorney Jacqueline Graves had no report.

Mayor Jones expressed gratitude to Councilwoman Griffin and presented a plaque of appreciation.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Griffin and seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to adjourn the meeting Sine Die at 8:38 p.m. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

ATTEST:

Ella M. Jones, Mayor

Octavia Pittman, City Clerk

**CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI
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APRIL 19, 2022 (Incoming Council)**

Mayor Ella M. Jones called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Pittman provided the Oath of Office to the newly and re-elected Council Members;

Ward 1 – Linda Lipka

Ward 2 – Heather Robinett

Ward 3 – Mike Palmer

ROLL CALL

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Councilman Mike Palmer	Present	Councilwoman Linda Lipka	Present
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A quorum was declared. Also present were City Manager Eric Osterberg, City Attorney Jacqueline Graves, and City Clerk Octavia Pittman.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donald Stevens submitted comments and supporting photos regarding the need for restoration and beautification at the intersections of Lang Dr @ W. Florissant and Highmont @ W. Florissant.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Councilwoman Robinett nominated Councilwoman Burrow as Mayor Pro Tem. **ROLL CALL:** Councilwoman Noah – nay; Councilman Palmer – aye; Councilwoman Burrow – aye; Councilwoman Robinett – aye; Mayor Jones – nay; Councilwoman Lipka – aye; Councilwoman Nelson – nay; **PASSED.**

Councilwoman Nelson nominated Councilwoman Lipka as Mayor Pro Tem. (no vote was taken)

As there were no additional nominations from the floor, Council proceeded with the vote.

Councilwoman Burrow was elected at Mayor Pro-Tem.

APPOINTMENTS

Council Members to Boards and Commissions

Discussions were held regarding Council representation on boards and commissions and the following assignments were made:

Jones: Senior

Lipka: FSBD, W. Florissant Business District, Ferguson Future Foundation, Traffic

Robinett: Farmers Market, FYAB, Technology, Pension, Landmarks

Burrow: CRB, Library, Economic Development Sales Tax, Jeske Park

Palmer: FNIP, Architectural Review, Board of Adjustment,

Noah: Parks, Human Rights Commission, Building Board of Appeals

Nelson: Personnel, Housing Board of Appeals, Plan Commission

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilwoman Noah congratulated Councilwoman Burrow. She also announced the North Hills Community Meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month and the SW Ferguson Meeting on April 25th at 6pm.

Councilman Palmer commented that he looks forward to serving the city and offered comments of working as a team.

Councilwoman Burrow thanked the citizens and welcomed Councilman Palmer.

Councilwoman Robinett welcomed Councilman Palmer.

Councilwoman Lipka thanked Councilwoman Nelson for the nomination as Mayor Pro Tem. She stated she is committed to working together with the Council and apologized for her tone that may have come off disrespectful. She also announced the Traffic Calming presentation that will be held at BTC on April 20th, 7pm.

Councilwoman Nelson announced that work continues on Halpin Park, a groundbreaking will be held in May.

City Attorney Graves had no report.

City Clerk Pittman had no report.

Mayor Jones welcomed Councilman Palmer and stated she looks forward to moving the city forward. She also announced that Prosecuting Attorney Bell is looking to schedule a police simulator session for the city council and that she has been approached by a group of young men mentors looking to clean an area in Ferguson.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Robinett to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Unanimous vote in favor was taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Approved on the 10th day of May , 2022.

ATTEST:

Ella M. Jones, Mayor

Octavia Pittman, City Clerk