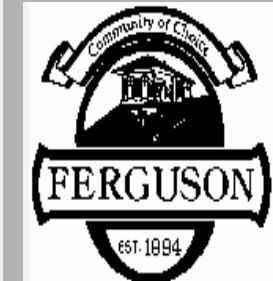


FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

**Council Meeting
March 14, 2006**

**WORK SESSION, 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL MEETING, 8:00 P.M.**

**CITY HALL
110 Church Street**



The regular meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on March 14, 2006 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
John Corson
Keith Kallstrom
James W. Knowles III - ABSENT
James Hines
Peggy Faul
Tim Larson

Also present were City Manager A.J. Krieger, City Attorney Stephanie Karr, and Deputy City Clerk Sonya Brooks. Ms. Brooks declared a quorum was present.

Mayor Fletcher welcomed all present and explained the the meeting would be in two portions – the Public Portion and the Business Portion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Melton – 250 Elmdale, commented on the new landlord ordinance going into effect June 1, 2006. Mr. Melton stated his concerns with the ordinance and the new application form. Requested information on the procedure of obtaining record checks and felt it inconvenient to go through St. Louis County. Staff will follow-up. Further stated he does not feel all landlords are treated equally on exterior inspections.

John Knowles – 716 N. Elizabeth, came forward to promote his candidacy for Ferguson-Florissant School Board. Mr. Knowles shared that he believes in safe schools and safe neighborhoods. In addition, he is the coordinator for the NLC Letter Carrier Food Drive to

be held in May. He will be back to promote the food drive again at a later date. Tom Patterson – Royal Ave., shared with the Council recent materials he has received in the mail and meetings he has attended.

There being no further public comments, Mayor declared the public portion closed at 8:20pm.

BUSINESS PORTION **MINUTES**

Council Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2006. A motion was made by Council Member Kallstrom, seconded, and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes of February 28, 2006, and file as appropriate.

CONSENT AGENDA

Request for April Council Meetings to be held on April 18 and April 25, 2006 per *City Charter Section 3.11.1 Meetings* was approved.

BILLS REQUIRING FIRST READING

City Manager, A.J. Krieger stated Bill No. 6739 is an annual reauthorization for the sale of alcoholic beverages in Forestwood Park.

BILL NO. 6739 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 - PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE IV - USE REGULATIONS, SECTION 30.66 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI, BY REPEALING SECTION 30.66 (a) (4) CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN FORESTWOOD PARK AND CONTAINING A SUNSET CLAUSE FOR SAID ORDINANCE AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 30.66(a) (4). Introduced by Council Member Kallstrom and read the first time.

Council Member Larson asked when and where sales will be made. Dave Smith, Parks and Recreation Director, responded that sales will be held at the two concession stands at Forestwood Park from mid April through late October. Mr. Smith further commented that a police officer is on duty at the park and there has not been a history of any incidents. All patrons are carded.

Council Member Corson shared his concern, and stated as we are addressing issues in our neighborhoods and the Neighborhood Agenda and making it more attractive – is there another way to attract young people to our sports facility without the sale of beer. The additional concession revenue has been minimal - is it really worth it? Mr. Corson does not see this as part of the City's necessary goals and objectives for the community.

BILLS REQUIRING SECOND READING

BILL NO. 6733 – 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.

Introduced by Council as a Whole and read the first time.

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

AYES: 6 – Corson, Kallstrom, Hines, Fletcher, Faul, Larson

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Knowles

Bill No. 6733 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6733 thus became Ordinance No. 2006-3259 and is permanently recorded in Book 28 on page 4.

BILL NO. 6734 – 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.

Introduced by Council as a Whole and read the first time.

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

AYES: 6 – Kallstrom, Hines, Fletcher, Faul, Larson, Corson

NOES: 0

ABSENT: Knowles

Bill No. 6734 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6734 thus became Ordinance No. 2006-3260 and is permanently recorded in Book 28 on page 5.

BILL NO. 6735 – 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. Introduced by Council as a Whole and read the first time.

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

AYES: 6 – Hines, Fletcher, Faul, Larson, Corson, Kallstrom
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Knowles

Bill No. 6735 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6735 thus became Ordinance No. 2006-3261 and is permanently recorded in Book 28 on page 6.

BILL NO. 6736 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 28-6 OF ARTICLE I OF TITLE 28 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF FERGUSON RELATING TO THE COSTS OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT.
Introduced by Council as a Whole and read the first time.

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

AYES: 6 – Fletcher, Faul, Larson, Corson, Kallstrom, Hines
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Knowles

Bill No. 6736 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6736 thus became Ordinance No. 2006-3262 and is permanently recorded in Book 28 on page 7.

BILL NO. 6737 (AMENDED) - AN ORDINANCE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW WATER MAIN AND FIRE HYDRANTS FOR RANDY BLOUNT NORTHGATE MAZDA PROJECT IN THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI.
Introduced by Council as a Whole and read the first time.

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

AYES: 6 – Faul, Larson, Corson, Kallstrom, Hines, Fletcher
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Knowles

Bill No. 6737 (AMENDED) was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6737 thus became Ordinance No. 2006-3263 and is permanently recorded in Book 28 on page 8.

BILL NO. 6738 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN LICENSE FEES
FOR ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF RENTAL OF RESIDENTIAL
REAL ESTATE. Introduced by Council as a Whole and read the first time.

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

AYES: 6 – Larson, Corson, Kallstrom, Hines, Fletcher, Faul
NOES: 0
ABSENT: Knowles

Bill No. 6738 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6738 thus became Ordinance No. 2006-3264 and is permanently recorded in Book 28 on page 9.

MISCELLANEOUS

John Corson – wanted to reiterate that we're making great strides between Neighborhood Agenda and the pieces of City function that help create a better quality of life here in this community. Has seen a great change in attitude in City staff and good response from the public at large about what they are doing. We're on track. Congratulated everyone on their part for making this happen.

Peggy Faul – echoed Mr. Corson's comments. Encourages us to continue to look for new ways to get properties abated within a timely fashion. Mrs. Faul shared that people are having trouble with trash cans. Reminded everyone to put trashcans behind or beside your garage and try not to leave them out in front.

Ms. Faul – further commented on the three Neighborhood Agenda meetings recently held, and shared the idea of Neighborhood Gardens which information is being put out by the Parks Department. Ms. Faul thinks it's a great idea and provided information at the meetings on grants, contests, neighborhood and city-wide gardens. Would like to see the Housing Resource Center up-to-date and that we advertise it. Has also spoken with other neighborhood organizations to try an Open House in the Fall in conjunction with realtors and/or FNIP group and getting each neighborhood involved and targeting a few houses that are for sale and Pride of the City homes. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Tim Larson – based on the Work Session, stated that the inspections numbers speak for themselves. Recognizes residents who did something with their property. Commented that the neighborhood meetings are obviously strong and heard at one of the meetings of an upcoming event - the City-Wide Cleanup Day is May 13th.

City, Manager, A.J. Krieger – reminded Council there will be a brief closed session

following the meeting.

Mayor Brian Fletcher – invited everyone to attend “An Irish Celebration” at the Savoy, Friday, March 17th. Tickets are still available. Mayor Fletcher pointed out a recent issue of trash blowing around the neighborhood and encouraged everyone to help do their part to keep our community clean.

Mayor Fletcher – suggested to the Council the need for a working rolling calendar maintained by the City Clerk. Mayor stated the calendar would be for Council issues and staff follow-up. The Council agreed that it would be beneficial. Mayor Fletcher will work with the City Clerk in creating the calendar.

There being no further business to consider, at 8:40 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Fletcher, seconded, to recess to closed session.

Council at 8:40 p.m. entered into closed session in accordance with RSMo 610.021/610.022 to discuss real estate matters under Section 610.021(2) RSMo.

A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded, to enter into closed session under Section 610.021(2) RSMo. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Corson, Kallstrom, Hines, Fletcher, Faul, Larson (Knowles absent).

Under Section 610.021(2), real estate matters were discussed.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Council Member Corson, seconded, to return to open session at 9:07 p.m. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to consider, Mayor Fletcher moved to adjourn, seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Sonya Brooks, Deputy City Clerk