

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL
Council Meeting
January 11, 2005

Closed Session, 7:00 P.M.
Work Session, 7:15 P.M.
Council Meeting, 8:00 P.M.

CITY HALL
110 Church Street



On January 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. the Council entered into closed session in accordance with RSMo 610.021 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) RSMo. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: John Corson, Keith Kallstrom, Mark Crinnion, James Hines, Mayor Wegert, Peggy Faul and Bill Duncan.

Under Section 610.021(1) RSMo, litigation, legal actions, and/or communications from the City Attorneys were discussed.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mayor Wegert, seconded, to convene to open session. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote: Keith Kallstrom, Mark Crinnion, James Hines, Mayor Wegert, Peggy Faul, Bill Duncan and John Corson.

The regular meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on January 11, 2005 by Mayor Steven Wegert, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri. Mayor Wegert requested that everyone stand for a moment of silent prayer, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 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, City Attorney Stephanie Karr and City Clerk, Debbie Matthies. Mrs. Matthies declared a quorum was present.

Mayor Wegert welcomed all present.

WORK SESSION ITEM (Continued)

Chief Moonier gave a presentation on the City's Emergency Management Plan.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – Police Officer Promotions

Police Chief, Tom Moonier introduced promoted Ferguson Police Officers Matthew BeBe and Matthew Klenke. Both Officers joined the Ferguson Police Department as Correctional Officers in July 2003 and attended the Police Academy for 14 months on their own time while working full-time. Both Officers ranked high in their class and the City is proud to have them as part of the Ferguson Police Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Hewlett – 21 Oliver – had comments and concerns regarding the floodplain and MSD involvement with flooding on Compton, Oliver and Paul Avenue.

Monica Blanks – 130 Elkan – had comments and concerns regarding criminal acts of violence relating to a group of girl gang members. Ms. Blanks informed Council that Police reports were taken for the crimes but no arrests were made and requested that the Police Department, City officials, School officials and Ferguson residents work together to make sure individuals are held accountable for their actions.

Gary Gierczuk – 306 St. Louis Ave. – had comments and concerns regarding the new automated refuse and yard waste collection. He had several questions he wanted immediate responses to. Mayor Wegert requested Mr. Gierczuk leave his list of questions for Council and Staff to review.

Cardelia Williams – Blanding Drive – had comments and concerns regarding the walking on private streets where no sidewalks are available.

There being no further public comments, Mayor declared the public portion closed at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2004. A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded, and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Library Board Minutes – November 15, 2004. A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded, and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

APPOINTMENTS - Boards and Commissions Appointments for 2004-2005.

A motion was made by Bill Duncan, seconded, to appoint Krischael Green to the Board of Adjustment. Motion approved unanimously. Mayor Wegert concurred.

A motion was made by John Corson, seconded, to re-appoint Margie Herin to the Park Board. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by John Corson, seconded, to re-appoint Diane Corson to the Park Board. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by John Corson, seconded, to re-appoint Roger Herin to the Plan Commission. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by John Corson, seconded, to appoint Emily Whaley to the Library Board. Motion approved unanimously. Mayor Wegert concurred.

A motion was made by John Corson, seconded, to appoint Mike Salant to the Personnel Board. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Keith Kallstrom, seconded, to appoint Realtor, Lisa Henson to the FNIP Board. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Crinnion, seconded, to re-appoint Bill Ernst to the FNIP Board. Motion approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Crinnion, seconded, to re-appoint Chris Diamond to the Landmarks Commission. Motion approved unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT - City Manager, A.J. Krieger explained the items on the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2005-01 – North County Chamber of Commerce “Business Person of the Year” Leslie Briegleb was introduced by Council as a Whole and read by Attorney Karr. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

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

Resolution passes

MISCELLANEOUS

John Corson – Happy New Year and a successful 2005 to everyone. Congratulated the new Police Officers. Mr. Corson asked about the Critical Mass email sent by the City Manager and the Council agreed that Bill Duncan would represent the City on the TrailNet Committee.

Keith Kallstrom – Congratulated the new Police Officers and Lisa Briegleb as the North County Chamber Business Person of the Year. Thanked Mark Etling for the 940 Highmont Project, attended the open house and felt it was a success. Ferguson Rotary Club will hold its Salute to Public Safety Dinner on Friday, February 18, 2005 at the Savoy. Featured speaker is Ms. Wendy Wiese, co-anchor of the KTRS Radio Morning Show. Tickets are available for \$35.00.

Mark Crinnion – Happy New Year and congratulated the new Police Officers. Update from staff on the salary benefit survey. City Manager, A.J. Krieger reported the job descriptions are completed and staff has started reviewing the draft of the report and would like to finalize it in accordance with the 05-06 Budget. Update from staff on the 4th of July recommendations and if staff representatives will attend the committee meetings. Mr. Krieger reported that staff would attend the meetings to answer general questions. There will be an update and Council discussion at the January 25, 2005 Council Meeting. Update on the Annual Financial Report. Mr. Krieger extended the audit because of the turnover and asked the Auditor to look at a specific list of questions and trends. The report should be finished by the end of January and discussed at a February meeting.

James Hines – Happy New Year and reported he is going back into the hospital and will be back within 2-3 weeks.

Peggy Faul – Happy New Year and congratulated the new Police Officers. Commented on the success of the 940 Highmont project and open house. Missed the employee Holiday Breakfast this year. Update from staff on the streetscape committee and when it will meet. City Manager, A.J. Krieger responded that the committee has not met primarily because the work that is occurring now is the engineering and preliminary design of the functional part of the Florissant Road improvement. The remaining Florissant Road improvement funds will be used to design the streetscape element of the project. At that point, the streetscape committee will reconvene to assist with the designs.

Mayor Wegert – requested Community Development Coordinator, Mark Etling give an overview of the 940 Highmont project. Mr. Etling explained the details of the program. For further information, contact Mark Etling at City Hall 524-5196.

City Manager, A.J. Krieger – commented that the Park Grant was successful in receiving the grant for the Robert-Superior project. The commission decided it was not going to fund certain activities but Mr. Krieger feels there will be some flexibility to come close to the improvement the City contemplated. Council will be updated.

Mr. Krieger announced the City is searching for a Municipal Judge. Friday, January 7, 2005 was the deadline to submit qualifications. Eleven applications were received. Staff is beginning the review process.

Regarding the 4th of July Committee, staff will make a presentation to Council on January 25, 2005, with the exception of staff; no one else will have heard the presentation prior to the January 25 meeting.

Monthly financial updates will begin on the January 25, 2005 Council meeting. The updates will inform Council on a month-to-month basis of the revenue and expenditure standpoint which, will help in the budget process.

Mr. Krieger updated Council on the Airport Redevelopment Agreement and the language dealing with Suburban and requested Greg Smith, Counsel to the Commission, review the language and clarify the interpretation of the language within the Agreement to make sure it is what the Council agreed to.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Debbie Matthies, City Clerk