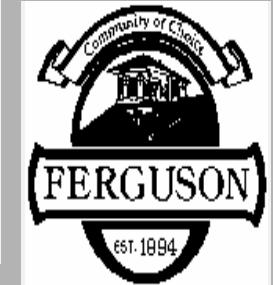


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**FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 20, 2008 - 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL
110 Church Street**



A budget work session meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday May 20, 2008 by Mayor Brian P. Fletcher, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri. The following Council Members were present:

Mayor Brian P. Fletcher
Kynan Crecelius
Michael Salant
James W. Knowles III
Dwayne James
Peggy Faul
Fran Grecco

Also present were:

John Shaw - City Manager
Sam Anselm – Assistant to the City Manager
Debbie Matthies – City Clerk
Jeffrey Blume – Finance Director
Terry O'Neil – Public Works Director
Thomas Moonier – Public Safety Director
Steve Rosenthal – Assistant Fire Chief
Stan Kreitler – Recreation Superintendent
Rosalind Williams – Planning Director

FSBD President Joe Lonero and Chuck James presented the FSBD 2008-2009 Proposed Budget. Mr. Lonero reviewed their Budget and discussed each category line by line. Council discussed how their spreadsheet was unclear and requested FSBD to re-submit their budget to Mr. Shaw. After the presentation, Council requested Mr. Lonero to present the following updates and reports to Council: 1) 2007 Streetfest report; 2) 2007 Farmers' Market income report; 3) update on scheduling of 3 Concert Series; 4) status of hanging flower baskets from Streetlights; 5) FSBA Status report; and 6) correct and re-submit the FSBD Budget with expenditures.

Discussion was had regarding FSBA and its status. Mr. Lonero will report to Council.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget and CIP was reviewed and discussed. Council offered questions regarding discussions from the May 6, 2008 work session.

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Finance Director Jeffrey Blume explained that after the May 6, 2008 budget work session there were a number of changes to the budget as well as to the CIP. Mr. Blume presented and discussed the changes from the May 6, 2008 budget work session.

Mr. Shaw presented and reviewed the CIP and each department summarized their projects recommended for funding in the 2009-2013 CIP. The Police Department and Public Works Department discussed their projects.

Mayor Fletcher discussed the Community Building line item under Facilities. Mayor feels that Resolution #2005-24 approved on September 27, 2005, *directed the City Manager to prepare a plan to finance and construct a new building with similar purpose, form and function of the current building in January-Wabash Memorial Park.* Mayor also stated that he feels this still has not been acted on and feels the City made a commitment and owes it to the citizens to support the Resolution. The Resolution states that the groundbreaking would take effect no later than April 1, 2008.

Discussion was had on possibly setting money aside each year to go towards the funding of the Community Building by FY 2012-2013 or 2010-2011, or putting money aside as a working document in the CIP; the need for a vision or the concept of the building and possibly combining it with a new City Hall, Fire Department, etc. and a type of fiscally responsible plan.

City Manager John Shaw requested a Council update on the concept and vision of the Community Building. Mr. Shaw said that he would provide Council an idea of bonding options for various amounts intended to construct a facility.

It was decided to schedule a third Budget Work Session for Tuesday June 3, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. to finish the Planning & Development and Park Departments projects.

The Budget Work Session adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

At 10:00 p.m. a motion was made by Council Member Salant, seconded by Council Member Knowles to enter into closed session in accordance with RSMo 610.021/610.022 Section(s) 610.021 (2) RSMo. Motion carried.

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

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

Deborah L. Matthies – City Clerk
City of Ferguson, Missouri

Brian P. Fletcher – Mayor
City of Ferguson, Missouri