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**FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 8, 2009 - 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL
110 Church Street**



A budget meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2009 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 (arrived 6:30 p.m.)
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

Dave Watson of D.A. Watson & Company, the City's Insurance Consultant, gave a brief background on the history of the City's Insurance rates, the current plan and why some changes may be necessary at this time. Council referenced information regarding potential changes that could be made to address the General Fund deficit.

Finance Director Jeff Blume briefly reviewed the most up-to-date changes to the Revenues and Expenditures.

Mr. Shaw updated Council on the discussion with the City Attorney on the potential funding of the FSBD from the Downtown TIF and rationale.

Mr. Shaw discussed the FSBD expenses, which can be funded by the TIF. Funding would come primarily from FSBD "taxes" and the TIF Fund, minimizing the amount subsidized by the General Fund.

FSBD can still spend money that the Council approves in the Budget, but cannot make changes without Council or Staff approval. FSBD must function as an "advisory board."

Council agreed to have Mr. Shaw inform FSBD the City has found a way to continue funding FSBD near-to the current level, despite the economy, which is forcing the City to reallocate General Fund Revenues.

On June 8, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. a motion was made by Council Member Faul, seconded by Council Member Grecco to enter into closed session in accordance with RSMo 610.021/610.022 to discuss matters relating to matters as provided under Section(s) 610.021 (3) RSMo. Motion carried.

Having concluded the closed session at 9:00 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius to convene to open session. On roll call vote, the motion carried.

There being no further business to consider, Council Member Grecco, seconded by Council Member Faul, moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The budget work session adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Brian P. Fletcher, - Mayor
City of Ferguson, Missouri

Deborah L. Matthies - City Clerk
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