

CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES

January 3, 2023

The City Council met this date in a regular session, in-person in the Council Chambers, and via Zoom, at 7:45 p.m.

Present at Roll Call: Mayor Laura Arnold
Councilmember Pam Bliss
Councilmember David Franklin [Via Zoom]
Councilmember Emerson Smith
Councilmember Karen D. Alexander
Councilmember Sarah Richardson
Councilmember Emily Hixson Shepherd

A quorum was present.

Also present: Dr. Marie Peoples, City Manager
Mr. Neil Bruntrager, City Attorney
Katie Nakazono, City Clerk

REMARKS FROM THE COMMUNITY AND VISITORS

Dave Buck, 124 S. Elm Ave. (See Exhibit A)

NEW BUSINESS – MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY ATTORNEY, CITY MANAGER

No new business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REOPEN PUBLIC HEARING - TELVA @T THE RIDGE (60 N. GORE AVENUE)

An Application By Loryn Crowley For A Conditional Use Permit To Allow A Coffee Shop, No Drive-Thru Use In The Existing Structure Located On A 0.45 Acre Lot At 60 N. Gore Avenue In The “D” Commercial District

A motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to reopen the public hearing.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote to reopen the public hearing.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH, ALEXANDER, RICHARDSON, HIXSON SHEPHERD, ARNOLD

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that the public hearing will be reopened.

Mayor Arnold reopened the public hearing so Council could specifically speak to the applicant, Loryn Nalic, about hours of operation, and access to the coffee shop. Mara Perry, Director of Planning & Development, addressed what Council would be discussing with the applicant. Following the discussion, Ms. Nalic stated they would like to open at 6 a.m., and are not opposed to having access from the Gore Avenue entrance. Lynn Cressler, Rolling Ridge, via Zoom, stated

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that she did not have anything to add, except that she is very excited to have the coffee shop open at this location.

City Attorney Neil Bruntrager entered the following into the public record:

- Additional comments made on January 3, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Hixson Shepherd, to close the public hearing.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote to close the public hearing.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: FRANKLIN, SMITH, ALEXANDER, RICHARDSON, HIXSON SHEPHERD, ARNOLD, BLISS

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that the public hearing will be closed

Mayor Arnold stated that the public hearing was closed.

BILL #9209 – THIRD READING

Prior to the Third Reading of Bill #9209, a motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Hixson Shepherd, to amend Bill #9209 by adding a new item to Section 1 as follows: “Access to the coffee shop use prior to 6 a.m. opening time will be from the Gore Street entrance.” [Subsections to be renumbered accordingly.]

Mayor Arnold called for the vote on the amendment to Bill #9209.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: SMITH, ALEXANDER, HIXSON SHEPHERD, ARNOLD, FRANKLIN

NOES: RICHARDSON, BLISS

Mayor Arnold stated that the amendment to Bill #9209 was approved.

On motion of Councilmember Hixson Shepherd, seconded by Councilmember Bliss, **BILL #9209 - AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO TELVA, LLC TO ALLOW A COFFEE SHOP, NO DRIVE-THRU USE ON AN APPROXIMATELY 0.45-ACRE TRACT OF LAND IN AN EXISTING STRUCTURE AT 60 N. GORE AVENUE IN THE “D” COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO**, having been introduced and read twice on December 20, 2022, was taken up its title read a third time and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9209.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote on Bill #9209 as amended.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: ALEXANDER, RICHARDSON, HIXSON SHEPHERD, ARNOLD, BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that Bill #9209 was approved as amended.

BILL #9210 – THIRD READING

On motion of Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Bliss, **BILL #9210 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES, A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT TO THE MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY TO RELOCATE THE WATER**

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MAIN ALONG N. ELM AVENUE AT KIRKHAM AVENUE FOR THE CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, having been introduced and read twice on December 20, 2022, was taken up its title read a third time and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9210.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote on Bill #9210.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: RICHARDSON, HIXSON SHEPHERD, ARNOLD, BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH, ALEXANDER

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that Bill #9210 was approved.

BILL #9211 – THIRD READING

On motion of Councilmember Bliss, seconded by Councilmember Richardson, **BILL #9211 - AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A SALES TAX AT A RATE OF THREE PERCENT ON ALL TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY RETAIL SALES OF ADULT USE MARIJUANA SOLD WITHIN THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 2.6(5) OF THE MISSOURI CONSTITUTION SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE VOTERS OF THE CITY AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 4, 2023; DESIGNATING THE FORM OF BALLOT; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION**, having been introduced and read twice on December 20, 2022, was taken up its title read a third time and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9211.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote on Bill #9211.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: HIXSON SHEPHERD, ARNOLD, BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH, ALEXANDER, RICHARDSON

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that Bill #9211 was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Richardson, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Arnold called for the vote on the Consent Agenda.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: ARNOLD, BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH, ALEXANDER, RICHARDSON, HIXSON SHEPHERD

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that the Consent Agenda was approved.

The following Consent Agenda was approved:

- **Approval of Minutes** – December 20, 2022

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Mike Clay was appointed to the Library Board.

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EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Councilmember Bliss made a motion, which was seconded by Councilmember Richardson, to go into Executive Closed Session per Personnel [MO Statute 610.021 (3)], and Negotiated Contract [Mo Statute 610.021 (12)].

Mayor Arnold called for the vote to go into Executive (Closed) Session.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH, ALEXANDER, RICHARDSON, HIXSON SHEPHERD, ARNOLD

NOES: NONE

Mayor Arnold stated that they would go into Executive (Closed) Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. on motion of the Mayor, duly seconded.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of JANUARY 2023.



Mayor



City Clerk

Nakazono, Katie

From: Dave Buck <dave@buckstl.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 10:19 PM
To: Laura W. Arnold; Pam Bliss; Alexander, Karen; Richardson, Sarah; Emily Hixson Shepherd; David Franklin; Emerson Smith; Peoples, Marie; Peterson, Eric; njbatty@aol.com; Perry, Mara; Starkey, Jenny; Nakazono, Katie; Conrad, Jennifer; Davis, Scott; Rehg, Todd; Curtis, Dale; Ellis, Brett
Cc: Toni Hunt; Sebastian Bellomo; Kathy Hart; info@injurylawstl.com; Bill Newhouse; Gerry Welch; Jaime Mowers; Kevin Murphy; Ashley Owens; karen-stout@att.net
Subject: Dave Buck's "Remarks from the Community & Visitors" in the 1/3/23 WG City Council Regular Meeting

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Happy New Year!

This shares **TWO simple, easy & free ideas** that I think can improve your **City Council regular meeting agenda** starting with your next meeting on January 17. Both are borrowed from the regular meetings of the **Webster Groves School Board**, which Emerson should be very familiar with, given his past service on this Board, including Board President.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING Katie's "Roll Call", and BEFORE "Remarks from the Community & Visitors", open every meeting by adding TWO things in order:

The first is the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The flag is right there behind you and has always been there. And all it takes is 10 seconds to recite it. On one hand, the Pledge hasn't been said once – never to my knowledge – in a City Council meeting in the 23 years I have lived in Webster.

On the other hand, here are just a few of the government agencies which do begin their sessions or meetings with the Pledge: The United States Senate & House; the Missouri State Senate & House, and closer to home, the City Councils of Kirkwood, Rock Hill, Brentwood, Sunset Hills, Manchester, Ballwin, Chesterfield, and the list goes on.

But let's be fair. Not everyone says it. And my guess is that some of your residents may even oppose it for various reasons. So, it is your choice. But I hope you

choose to say it, as every Pledge we make humbles and reminds us that we are all united as one country, in liberty and justice, and that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves in little Webster Groves.

The second is CELEBRATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL & CITY STAFF. The School Board does this at EVERY meeting. Don't get me wrong. You routinely recognize the performance of your different city departments, boards and commissions in your work sessions, like Marie did tonight with Public Works, and make occasional proclamations during regular meetings of special individual or group accomplishments, recognitions and retirements.

What I'm talking about is **standardizing** such celebrations at the beginning of **EVERY** regular meeting. No ceremony, no proclamations, and no photo-ops. Just a shout-out. And in choosing your celebrants, you may wish to take a page from **Sports Illustrated's great regular feature called "Faces In The Crowd"** and celebrate our **unsung heroes & ordinary residents who do extraordinary things every day for the good of the community.**

For example, you could give a well-deserved shout-out and celebration to all our friends – like Ali, Essa, Carrie & Ashley – at Webster's beloved hole in the wall greasy spoon called the **Boardwalk Café**. No, they aren't rich or expensive, like Olive & Oak or Frisco, but they work their butts off every day to serve the best breakfast in town at prices you can afford in the best damn diner in town where everybody knows your name. It would really mean a lot to them.

And, as an added bonus, Jenny, could even include an additional mention on the city's web site and/or the Friday Page. In short, doesn't take much effort to do and the celebrated people don't even have to be there. But it can go a long way in making your residents feel valued and that they matter, plus you get to start every meeting on a positive & uplifting note.

Thank YOU!