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## **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on February 2, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri. Present were Mayor Griffin, Council Members Duwe, Gibbons, Luetzow, Sears, Ward and Zimmer. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer David Weidler, City Clerk Laurie Asche, Deputy City Clerk Bridget Waters, Director of Public Services Bill Bensing, City Engineer Chris Krueger, Planning & Development Services Director Jonathan Raiche, Communications Manager Katherine Hessel, and City Attorney John Hessel.

### **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 19, 2023 WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Motion was made by Council Member Ward and seconded by Council Member Duwe to approve the January 19, 2023 Work Session minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **BARB BYERLY MEMORIAL TREE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mayor Griffin informed the Council that the Chamber of Commerce is seeking to raise funds for the planting of a memorial tree at the entrance of the Community Center under the canopy, after renovation of the building, in honor of Barb Byerly.

Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Duwe to authorize the establishment of a Treebute for Barb Byerly at the new entrance at the Community Center. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Chamber of Commerce will work with the City Forester and Horticulturist moving forward regarding type of tree and location.

### **TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MODEL**

Director of Public Services Bill Bensing presented information pertaining to Transportation Development District (TDD). Some of the information presented and discussed is as follows:

In 2015, the City commissioned the Lochmueller Group to evaluate the condition of all City maintained street and establish a pavement condition score known as the Pavement Condition Index (PCI). The conclusion of the pavement a City-wide pavement assessment, the City's overall average PCI was 64. This past fall, Engineering again preformed a City-wide pavement assessment using AI technology through a program known as GoodRoads. The AI results, the City's current average PCI is 81.

Using GoodRoads, Engineering was able to project the City's average PCI based on various funding levels over the next 15 years. Without increasing funding levels, the City's PCI will begin to decline and continue to decline for the next 15 years.

A minimum annual funding level of \$3.8 million would be required to obtain a consistent increase in the City's PCI, resulting in an estimated PCI of 89 over the next 15 years. It should be noted that \$3.8 million does not include funds needed to meet the cost share obligations for Federal grant awards and the \$1.8 million annually allocated currently to the street preservation program.

Director Bensing also provided estimated costs to Rebuild all Streets below 90 PCI which is \$161,685,333.00 and an estimated cost to Rebuild all Streets which is \$267,789,265.00

These cost estimates do not include pavement preservation funds needed to maintain and preserve street pavements that would extend their service life.

A discussion took place. Concern was raised regarding regressive sales tax. A recommendation was made to exempt the sales of groceries. Needs and goals need to be determined to assist with education and messaging to the public.

It was the consensus of the Council to have this item placed on the April 2024 general municipal election ballot. This topic will be placed on a future work session agenda for further discussion.

#### **MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING**

Motion was made by Council Member Ward and seconded by Council Member Duwe to close the meeting pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.021 (1 – Legal).

Roll Call:

Mayor Griffin	“Yes”
Council Member Duwe	“Yes”
Council Member Gibbons	“Yes”
Council Member Luetzow	“Yes”
Council Member Sears	“Yes”
Council Member Ward	“Yes”
Council Member Zimmer	“Yes”

The meeting was closed.

#### **MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING**

Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Duwe to open the meeting.

Roll Call:

Mayor Griffin	“Yes”
Council Member Duwe	“Yes”
Council Member Gibbons	“Yes”
Council Member Luetzow	“Yes”
Council Member Sears	“Yes”
Council Member Ward	“Yes”
Council Member Zimmer	“Yes”

The meeting was opened.

There being no further matters to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned.

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Laurie Asche  
City Clerk