

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

February 7, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.  
Office of the City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, met in regular meeting in the Council Chamber at City Hall, on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor McMurray. Notice of said meeting had been established as every other Monday at 5:30 p.m. Further notice was provided by posting the regular meeting date and time in the City Clerk's office at City Hall, and by written notice (together with a tentative agenda) three days in advance in the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)
Members present:	Mayor Bill McMurray	(143-02)
	Councilmember Brenda Blessing	(138-07)
	Councilmember Madison Davis	(138-07)
	Councilmember PJ Kovac	(122-23)
	Councilmember Russell Moore	(142-03)
	Councilmember Brian Myers	(132-13)
	Councilmember Marty Novak	(140-05)
	Councilmember Kent O'Dell	(131-14)
Members absent:	Councilmember Gary Roach	(124-21)

Total membership--9. Five members constitute a quorum.

Also present were City Manager Bryan Carter, City Attorney Lisa Robertson, Police Chief Chris Connally, Finance Director Laurie Tietjen, Fire Chief Kenny Cordonnier, Asst. Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Director Jeff Atkins, Health Director Debra Bradley, Planning & Community Development Director Clint Thompson, Public Works & Transportation Director Andrew Clements, Human Resources Director Amy Cohorst, Emergency Manager Bill Lamar, Asst. to City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager Mary Robertson, Multimedia Planner Ed Schilling and City Clerk Paula Heyde.

Under the Council voting rotation system, Councilmember Novak voted first.

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MINUTES:

46826 By general consent, the minutes of the regular meeting held January 24, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., were approved as transcribed in the office of the City Clerk.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

46827 Proclamation - Scouts-BSA Anniversary Week

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ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

46828 It was moved by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Councilmember Novak that the Agenda be accepted as published. Motion carried. Ayes, Novak, O'Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Roach--1.

CONSENT AGENDA:

46829 It was moved by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Councilmember Novak that Agenda Numbers 46830 through 46840 be passed by Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes, Novak, O'Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Roach--1.

Nominations and Appointments:

46830 Filed 1/24/22: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing Tom Richmond, 3210 Harbor View Drive, as a member of the Planning Commission for a term expiring July 17, 2022; he is filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Lauren Catron.

46831 Filed 1/25/22: The nomination by Mayor McMurray was approved, appointing Brett Hausman, 2702 Lovers Lane, as a member of the Planning Commission for a term expiring August 5, 2023; he is filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Joshua Knight.

Bills for Passage:

46832 (G.O. 3019) A Bill (#1439-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis amending Section 28-1592 of Chapter 28 "Traffic and Vehicles" of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Parking time limits on certain streets" to provide for two-hour parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. along the west side of Third Street from Faraon Street to Jules Street, having been read the first time on January 24, 2022, was read the second time and passed.

46833 (S.O. 10048) A Bill (#1435-18) sponsored by Councilmember Novak authorizing execution of a Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Enzo Properties, LLC, (Buyer), to sell real estate located at 2312 Lafayette Street for the amount of \$40,000.00 and other good and valuable consideration, having been read the first time on January 24, 2022, was read the second time and passed.

46834 (S.O. 10049) A Bill (#1437-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell authorizing an amendment to the Vacant Structure Stabilization Program budget in the General Fund in the amount of \$19,438.00 to roll forward available fund balance to the current fiscal year, having been read the first time on January 24, 2022, was read the second time and passed.

46835 (S.O. 10050) A Bill (#1441-18) sponsored by Councilmember Myers adopting a revised Write-Off and Collections Policy for the City of St. Joseph, Missouri to replace the policy adopted by Special Ordinance Number 9367, having been read the first time on January 24, 2022, was read the second time and passed.

46836 (S.O. 10051) A Bill (#1442-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray authorizing an amendment to the City Clerk's budget in the General Fund in the amount of \$25,000.00 to provide funds for the primary and general elections and advertising expenses, having been read the first time on January 24, 2022, was read the second time and passed.

46837 (S.O. 10052) A Bill (#1443-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing an amendment to the General Fund, Parks Designated Funds Program budget, and acceptance of a donation from the William D. Morgan Charitable Foundation both in the amount of \$25,000.00 to be used for youth sports facilities, having been read the first time on January 24, 2022, was read the second time and passed.

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CONSENT AGENDA: Bills for Passage: (Cont'd)

- 46838 (S.O. 10053) A Bill (#1444-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing an amendment to the General Fund, Parks Designated Funds Program budget to return unspent funds in the amount of \$18,288.33 from the \$40,000.00 donation made by Midland Empire Sports Association for improvements to the Drake/South Park Complex, having been read the first time on January 24, 2022, was read the second time and passed.

Resolutions for Adoption:

- 46839 (Resolution No. 46839 – 4881) A Resolution (#1469-18) authorizing the execution of a Lump Sum Contract with JLK Construction, LLC, for the Bonds for Bridges Huntoon Road Project in the amount of \$785,000.00, was read and adopted.
- 46840 (Resolution No. 46840 – 4882) A Resolution (#1471-18) authorizing the execution of an agreement with Masek Golf Car Company and Kansas State Bank for the lease of fifteen (15) golf cars in the amount of \$10,350.00 per year for four (4) years, for use at Fairview Golf Course, was read and adopted.

\*\*\*\*\* END OF CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\*\*\*

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

None.

BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

- 46841 (G.O. 3020) A Bill (#1436-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore amending Chapter 2 “Administrative Code” Article IV “Departments” of the Code of Ordinances to change the name of the Department of Administrative Services to Department of Finance and update the functions of the Finance and Human Resources Departments, having been read the first time on January 24, 2022, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, Novak, O’Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Roach--1.
- 46842 A Bill (#1440-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis amending Section 28-1588 of the Code of Ordinances entitled “One-way streets” to provide for one-way traffic on State Street, from Ashland Avenue to 26th Street, having been read the first time on January 24, 2022, was read the second time and failed to pass. Nays, Novak, O’Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Roach--1.
- 46843 (S.O. 10054) A Bill (#1448-18) sponsored by Councilmember Novak authorizing an amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Fund to budget Home-American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds received from HUD in the amount of \$66,896.00 and execution of an agreement with HomeBase, the Center for Common Concern, Inc. to serve as planning and allocation consultant for HOME-ARP funds for the City of St. Joseph in the amount of \$18,000.00, having been read the first time on January 24, 2022, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, Novak, O’Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Roach--1.
- 46844 (S.O. 10055) A Bill (#1451-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 2 with Ideker, Inc., for additional work on the River Bluff Bike Trail Project and an amendment to the 2011 Transient Guest Tax Fund budget all in an amount of \$777,477.00, having been read the first time on January 24, 2022, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, Novak, O’Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Roach--1.

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- 46845 (S.O. 10056) A Bill (#1452-18) sponsored by Councilmember Myers authorizing an amendment to the budget to transfer the amount of \$23,935.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund to the General Fund Public Information and Communication Program and execution of a Master Services Agreement with CivicPlus for services to enable both hybrid and remote meeting capabilities ensuring the continuity of public meetings during the COVID Pandemic, having been read the first time on January 24, 2022, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, Novak, O'Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Roach--1.
- 46846 (S.O. 10057) A Bill (#1453-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the budget to transfer the amount of \$228,727.27 from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund to the General Fund Fire Department Program to be used for Fire Department communication equipment and authorizing the purchase of encryption software from Midwest Mobile Radio in the amount of \$10,295.09, having been read the first time on January 24, 2022, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, Novak, O'Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Roach--1.
- 46847 It was moved by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Councilmember Myers that Bill #1454-18 be amended before consideration for passage by attaching the "Second Amended Long-term Ground Lease Agreement" to the ordinance. Motion carried. Ayes, Novak, O'Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Roach--1.
- 46848 (S.O. 10058) A Bill (#1454-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing the execution of a Second Amended Long-Term Ground Lease Agreement with Missouri Western State University for the lease of property through December 31, 2118, to provide for construction and operation of a rappelling tower on the leased property, having been read the first time on January 24, 2022, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, Novak, O'Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Roach--1.

EMERGENCY BILL FOR PASSAGE:

- 46849 (S.O. 10059) An Emergency Bill (#1467-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Fire Department budget in the General Fund to accept an Emergency Management Performance Grant from the Missouri Department of Public Safety, State Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$50,000.00 and authorizing the purchase of one 3/4-ton crew cab truck from Anderson Auto Group for the Emergency Manager, was introduced, read and passed. Ayes, Novak, O'Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Roach--1.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

- 46850 (Resolution No. 46850 – 4883) A Resolution (#1461-18) authorizing execution of a Funding Agreement with MidCity Excellence in the amount of \$750,000.00 to provide assistance with costs associated with full-time, salaried staff, was read and adopted. Ayes, Novak, O'Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Roach--1.
- 46851 (Resolution No. 46851 – 4884) A Resolution (#1462-18) authorizing execution of a Funding Agreement with Community Action Partnership in the amount of \$800,000.00 to provide financial assistance for housing support services for unhoused persons, was read and adopted. Ayes, Novak, O'Dell, Blessing, Davis, Moore, Myers--6. Nay, Kovac--1. Abstention, McMurray--1. Absent, Roach--1.

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- 46852 (Resolution No. 46852 – 4885) A Resolution (#1463-18) authorizing execution of a Funding Agreement with Allied Arts Council in the amount of \$15,000.00 to provide financial assistance for arts education and continued programming, was read and adopted. Ayes, Novak, O'Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Roach--1.
- 46853 (Resolution No. 46853 – 4886) A Resolution (#1464-18) authorizing execution of a Funding Agreement with Bartlett Center in the amount of \$50,000.00 to provide relief from losses and extra expenses associated with the COVID pandemic, was read and adopted. Ayes, Novak, O'Dell, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Roach--1.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

- 46854 A Bill (#1455-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the final plat entitled "Auxier Development," a major subdivision consisting of two (2) lots proposed for the property located at 3906 Pickett Road, as requested by Jeremy Auxier, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46855 A Bill (#1456-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the final plat entitled "Cordonnier Addition," a major subdivision consisting of one (1) lot proposed for the property located at 421 Hickory Street, as requested by the City of St. Joseph, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46856 A Bill (#1457-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the final plat entitled "Clarios Plat 1," a major subdivision consisting of two (2) lots proposed for the property located at 4701 and 4722 Pear Street, as requested by Brett Hausman on behalf of Al J. Mueller Construction Company, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46857 A Bill (#1458-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the final plat entitled "Culver Addition," a major subdivision consisting of two (2) lots proposed for the property located at 2920 North Second Street, as requested by Connie Culver, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46858 A Bill (#1459-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the final plat entitled "Biozyme Inc, Plat 2," a major subdivision consisting of one (1) lot proposed for the property located at 1202 Bluff View Road, as requested by Robert Norton, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46859 A Bill (#1460-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the final plat entitled "Bluescope Buildings North America," a major subdivision consisting of one (1) lot proposed for the property located at 2314 Lower Lake Road, 5406 Industrial Road and Parcel 05-7.0-36-002-000-006.000, as requested by Mitch Sanders, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46860 A Bill (#1465-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing the acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the William D. Morgan Charitable Foundation and authorizing an amendment to the budget to allocate said donation and transfer the amount of \$14,400.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund to the General Fund Police Department Program for a total amount of \$29,400.00 to be used to provide funding for citizen reporting interface software and monthly service fees, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46861 A Bill (#1466-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Fire Department budget in the General Fund and the acceptance of a grant from the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Missouri Region H Homeland Security Office in the amount of \$26,200.00 and authorizing the purchase of one utility terrain vehicle for the Fire Department, was introduced and read the first time.

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- 46862 A Bill (#1468-18) sponsored by Councilmember Novak authorizing execution of a Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Melinda G. Martin and Cheri Wardschenk, (Buyer), to sell real estate located at 2203 South Eleventh Street for the amount of \$36,100.00 and other good and valuable consideration, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46863 A Bill (#1470-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac authorizing the issuance of Special Obligation Improvement Bonds (Parks System Project), Series 2022, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$6,750,000; prescribing the form and details of said bonds and the covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof; and authorizing certain actions and documents and prescribing other matters relating thereto, was introduced and read the first time.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Filed 1/21/22: Minutes of the Senior Citizen Foundation, Inc. Board meeting held November 16, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., at the Joyce Raye Patterson 50+ Activity Center, 100 South 10th Street.

Filed 1/24/22: Minutes of the Museum Oversight Board meeting held January 21, 2022, at 9:33 a.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 1/26/22: Minutes of the Library Board of Trustees meeting held January 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., at the East Hills Library, 502 N. Woodbine Road, via Zoom conferencing.

Filed 1/26/22: Minutes of the Library Board Personnel Committee meeting held January 19, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., at the East Hills Library, 502 N. Woodbine Road.

Filed 1/27/22: Minutes of the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting held January 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Filed 1/27/22: Minutes of the Social Welfare Board meeting held November 16, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., at Rogers' Pharmacy, 3705 N. Belt Highway.

Filed 1/31/22: Minutes of the Planning Commission Work Session held January 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 1/31/22: Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held January 27, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Filed 2/2/22: Minutes of the Landmark Commission meeting held January 4, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Filed 1/26/22: Minutes of the Council Work Session held January 24, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Filed 1/28/22: Memorandum in re: Acting City Manager (January 31 through February 2).

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DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Filed 1/19/22: Minutes of the Police Pension Board meeting held December 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 1/21/22: Email from Lauren Catron, 3403 Doniphan Avenue, in re: Resignation from the Planning Commission.

Filed 1/21/22: Email from Joshua Knight, 2602 Shadow Court, in re: Resignation from the Planning Commission.

Filed 1/24/22: Police Department 2021 Annual Crime Summary.

Filed 1/24/22: Encumbrances, \$5,000 - \$25,000 December 2021.

Filed 1/26/22: Minutes of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Audit Advisory Committee meeting held January 26, 2022, at 12:30 p.m., in the 4th Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 1/26/22: Memorandum from Laurie Tietjen, Finance Director, in re: December FY2022 Financial Report.

Filed 1/27/22: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Programming Committee meeting held January 4, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 1/28/22: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Black Archives Museum Committee meeting held January 4, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 1/28/22: Letter from Lisa Robertson, City Attorney, to Chelsea Howlett, Executive Director, Noyes Home for Children, in re: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding application for Ladies Union Benevolent Association/Noyes Home for Children.

Filed 1/31/22: Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Department Monthly Update, December 2021.

Filed 1/31/22: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Fundraising Committee meeting held January 13, 2022, at 4:10 p.m., at St. Joseph Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue, via Zoom conferencing.

Filed 2/1/22: Municipal Division Summary Reporting Form, January 2022.

Filed 2/1/22: Commendations regarding Police Department staff.

OTHER BUSINESS:

46864 City Manager's Report – City Manager Bryan Carter said Councilmembers Moore and O'Dell, Chief Connally, Chief Cordonnier, Mary Robertson, Abe Forney and he attended the Great Northwest Days in Jefferson City last week. COVID-19 update: The positivity rate has begun to fall again after going up for a few weeks. On January 24 it was at the highest it's ever been at 33.93%; currently it is 21.37%. The 14-day average number of new cases is 137.5; 10-day average is down to 120.7 and the 7-day average has dropped to 89.71. Vaccination rates for completed vaccinations is now at 36.7% and initiated vaccinations is at 39.3%

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OTHER BUSINESS: (Cont'd)

Councilmember Blessing spoke about the Horace Mann renovation ribbon cutting on January 27. She said it was a good experience and so exciting to see the kids having a good time and enjoying the renovated facility. Mr. Carter said that is the latest completed CIP Project and is another great example of what that tax allows the City to do.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kevin Siegmund, 4909 N. Creekwood Drive, gave a little history on former President Nixon's temporary removal of the US dollar from the gold standard on August 15, 1971, essentially removing all government spending constraints, and why this matters today.

Jim Weidinger, 4614 Iris Ave., encouraged people to vote tomorrow and urged the Councilmembers to continue their efforts. He asked about the procedure when a councilmember is absent.

NOTES:

Agenda No. 46841 - Jim Weidinger, 4614 Iris Avenue, asked why this change is being made.

Agenda No. 46843 - Kevin Siegmund, 4909 N. Creekwood Drive, asked what the consultant is going to do for \$18,000.

Agenda No. 46844 - Marci Bennett, Executive Director of the St. Joseph Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Chris Farney, 4606 Manor Dr., spoke in support of the bill.

Agenda No. 46845 - Kevin Siegmund, 4909 N. Creekwood Drive, asked questions about this expenditure.

Agenda No. 46846 - Kevin Siegmund, 4909 N. Creekwood Drive, asked questions about the use of ARPA funds for this expenditure.

Agenda No. 46850 - Kevin Siegmund, 4909 N. Creekwood Drive, asked if this is ARPA funds.

Agenda No. 46851 - Kevin Siegmund, 4909 N. Creekwood Drive, asked questions about this project.

Whitney Lanning, Executive Director of Community Action Partnership, answered questions about the project.

Agenda No. 46853 - Kevin Siegmund, 4909 N. Creekwood Drive, asked why this is necessary for a private business that has paying customers.

LaTonya Williams, Executive Director of Bartlett Center, answered Mr. Siegmund's questions.

ADJOURNMENT:

46865 By general consent, the Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.

