

**CITY OF BRENTWOOD
REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MINUTES**

**City Hall
Council Chambers**

**November 21, 2011
7:00 pm**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Alderwoman Clements, Alderman Marshall, Alderman Leahy, Alderwoman Krewson, Alderman Kramer, Alderman Robertson, Alderman Wynn and Alderman Harper.

Staff Present: City Clerk/Administrator Akande, Director of Planning and Development/Asst. City Administrator Rottjakob, City Attorney Albrecht and Executive Secretary Williams.

Absent: None.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2011 BOA MEETING AGENDA

Motion was made by Alderman Wynn, second by Alderman Marshall to approve the Agenda of the Regular BOA Meeting of November 21, 2011 as submitted. All in favor none opposed.

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy, second by Alderwoman Clements to remove Bills No. 5637 and 5638 from hold. All in favor none opposed.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2011 BOA MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy, second by Alderwoman Krewson to approve the Minutes of the Regular BOA Meeting of November 7, 2011 as submitted. All in favor none opposed.

BIDS

Community Center Stacking Chairs

City Administrator Akande reported that the City received three bids to purchase 140 stacking chairs as follows:

Office Essentials Incorporated	\$207.00 per carton (4 chairs per carton)
Buyonlinenow.com	\$209.27
Office Depot	\$485.10

The Public Works Committee and staff recommended that the lowest bid be accepted from Office Essentials Incorporated. Motion was made by Alderman Robertson, second by Alderman

Leahy to accept the lowest bid from Office Essentials Incorporated for purchase of 140 stacking chairs for the Brentwood Recreation Center. All in favor none opposed.

HEARING OF ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST UPON REQUEST OF ANY PERSON PRESENT

Tony Bowman, resident at 8901 Bridgeport Avenue came before the Board in support of the permanent stop sign at High School Drive and Bridgeport Avenue. She stated that she would like to see the turnable school stop removed because it is confusing to pedestrians and motorists. Motorists stop when the sign is turned around and they do not need to stop. She has also seen people pull out from Bridgeport assuming that somebody will stop and at the time, they do not have to stop. She expressed concern about taking the school stop away and not replacing it with a permanent stop sign. There is also a problem with turning onto High School Drive from westbound Bridgeport because of the wideness of the street. She also pointed out that because of the wideness of the street, vehicles will make the distance quicker than a pedestrian can cross the street. Ms. Bowman submitted a petition with 25 signatures that she obtained from residents in the neighborhood who would like the turnable school stop removed and replaced with a permanent stop sign. She suggested installing sidewalks on the east side of the street.

Robert Addis, resident at 9015 Bridgeport Avenue came before the Board and stated that he signed the petition. The intersection is very dangerous. He has been told that the fact that it is a dead end street and does not continue past High School Drive, a stop sign is not needed. Mr. Addis asked about Annalee and Litzsinger and stated that he does not think there is any less traffic on Litzsinger Avenue than there is on High School Drive.

Maureen Saunders, resident at 2326 Parkridge Avenue came before the Board and asked about the Meridian's settlement agreement, and was the settlement ordered closed by the courts after a written finding that the adverse impact to the plaintiff's actions clearly outweighed the public policy consideration. It also states that the amount of monies paid by or on behalf of the public governmental body should be disclosed regardless of whether the settlement is closed or not. She asked if the City paid anything in the Meridian settlement. Ms. Saunders mentioned a 2008 balance sheet for the Brentwood library and stated that she will give it to the Mayor. On balance sheet, it appears that the City owes the library money. She has requested the DVD interviews, which she understands that the Board will view tonight of the police investigation of Mr. Seemayer's case. She stated that the Board would meet on Tuesday to go through the transactions from Mr. Seemayer's computer and that City Attorney Albrecht is supposed to be at that meeting too. She attended the Ways and Means Committee meeting for the budget presentation and pushed for staggering the readings over two meetings for all bills. The Committee members did not agree with her, but she will continue to push for it. Staggering the readings gives the public a chance to comment or ask questions. The Board could place bills on hold if one of them is not in attendance or they want more information, giving themselves the courtesy. She is looking for that courtesy to be extended to the public as well.

Karen Smith, resident at 8930 Harrison Avenue came before the Board and stated that to follow up on some ongoing discussions relating to the misallocation of funds in the Meridian project, she looked over a very large document, which clearly states that the problem started in 2004. At the time the bonds were issued in 2007, it was known that funds were not being appropriately allocated to the appropriate accounts. Brentwood, as well as the lawyers, and bond counsel, knew about the problem. Mr. Seemayer and other City officials informed everyone that it would be corrected. She asked about the dollar amount. The documents stated that there was \$450,000 that was missing but that was only from 2004 to 2007. She would like to know how much money was actually misallocated over that time. There is also the \$150,000 in letter of credit fees that were not paid. The documents stated that the developer created some of the problems like failing to get the TDD and the leases, failed to lease out the space at 65% retail by a given date, they leased some of the space to non-taxing generating entities and they failed to provide some of the reporting. There are depositions from City employees, as well as an expert, that the City had the ability to correctly allocate the sales tax. There was also a seventh redevelopment agreement and indenture, and those documents changed the flow of funds, so that Brentwood and the bank were paid first, before the principal and interest on the loans. This placed the payment of the bonds at risk. The Board approved these documents, along with the bank. In the case file, there are also documents noting that Compass Bank declined to extend the lease up period, which was not supposed to be unreasonably withheld. The City declined to extend that lease up period and the reason given was the fees. Another TDD was having problems as well. She questioned whether dollars could have somehow been misallocated from all of the TDDs, from the beginning. She is hoping that when the State audit is done, they will be able to look at some of this in detail. Her bottom line is that some new documents are going to be signed shortly and this Board need to understand what they are signing. They need to know how it will work, what are their risks, and the risks for the overall project. At the last meeting, it was mentioned that all of these things are very complicated arrangements. It is the Board's obligation to understand what is in those documents and know what is going on. Ms. Smith mentioned that Alderman Robertson said last time that he does not like to ask questioned and Alderman Kramer said he likes to defer to the Mayor. She questioned whether they are doing their jobs when they do that and whether they have a qualified Board that is approving things they do not understand. If they understand, she questioned why they have approved some of the things they have. The City of St. George recently voted to dissolve and come under St. Louis County. She hopes that Brentwood does not have to do that. One of the reasons the City of St. George did that was in there small community, they did not have enough individuals with the right skill sets and qualifications to properly run their city. She thinks what has happened in Brentwood over the last couple of years, points to them also being on the borderline. If this Board is the best that Brentwood can do, she questions whether they are not going to be in the same situation as St. George.

Robert Mahan, resident at 8933 Bridgeport Avenue came before the Board in support of the permanent stop sign on High School Drive at Bridgeport Avenue. He stated that the typography of the road is such that when you are on the hill, you cannot see southbound traffic. If makes it

extremely dangerous when the school stop is turned to make a left or a right turn onto High School Drive. It is dangerous for pedestrians and it is a public safety issue.

Carl Horstman, resident at 8921 Bridgeport Avenue came before the Board in support of the permanent stop sign at High School Drive and Bridgeport Avenue. He stated that there are in excess of twenty, three-way stop signs in Brentwood. If those signs are removed, it will increase the traffic's speed in areas with schools.

Mayor Kelly stated that he would be more than happy to sit down with Ms. Smith and give her all the information on the TDDs. With respect to the Meridian, there were issues with the TDD prior to 2007 before the new bonds were issues. They thought it was corrected. At that time, the City did not get monthly statements from the State that spelled out the individual retailer's contributions. Thinking that the retailers were using the appropriate sales tax returns, they thought that was corrected. The amounts were repaid. They were much smaller in that period prior to the second issuance of the bonds in 2007. The \$460,000 was from 2007 until the City made the payment in 2009, to make the TIF payment whole. The TDD is separate from the TIF. The City does not have TDDs, which are separate corporations set up by the developers to do public improvements within their projects. Once it is established, the TDD is separate from the TIF and the City does not sit on those TDD boards. Regarding the settlement agreement for the Meridian, the agreement is not a closed record. The developer has asked them not to publicly comment on the agreement, which is what they are held by. The settlement has been released and is in the courts. What the City ultimately agreed to as far as additional contributions to make the project work was something they agreed to before the lawsuit was even filed. The City agreed to contribute half of the City's bottom half of the revenues in order to make the project viable and make it work. He would be happy to sit down and go over some of the reasons why they thought that was important from the City's standpoint. The troubles that the developer went through had to do with the economic times, the highway, Metrolink, which contributed to the delay of the project. The reason the TIF is not working is by the time they got on board and started collecting the revenues the clock was ticking on the 23 year TIF, which started in 1999. When they got to the second phase, instead of being four years into the project, they were almost nine years into the project. As far as the analysis of releasing the records with respect to Mr. Seemayer's computer and emails, the attorneys and City Administrator Akande are handling that. The thing that they have to make sure of when releasing the emails is that anything that is attorney client privilege is taken out, but everything else would be public record. The Mayor pointed out that the City has not had any amendments to any redevelopment agreements that was not approved and signed by the developers as well. With respect to the TIF, he does not know that the City gets any fees. With respect to the TDDs, the City receives a small fee for the collection of the TDDs and the administration of some of the paperwork.

In response to Karen Smith's comment about him saying that he does not like to ask questions, Alderman Robertson stated that he did not say that and it is not his policy. He does not like to talk a lot in the meetings because maybe he is not as comfortable with it as some people are

and does not want to fill the air with his voice all the time. He does ask questions when he has any. He feels like he is qualified as much as anybody to deal with the issues at the advice of the experts, like the bond counsel and people who really know how this stuff works.

Alderman Wynn stated that he has been on the Board longer than anybody has, and does not know whether he has done a great job, only time will tell. He does know that he has done the best he could. He has served Brentwood for 33 years, teaching school, and it is his 21st year on the Board. He has made mistakes and does not know everything, but has served because he loves this city and he will always love it. He will always love the kids he has taught and they have grown up to be good adults. He has done nothing to hang his head.

Mayor Kelly responding to the comparison made earlier to the City of St. George, stated that the City of Brentwood is in a good financial state and the future is very bright. The things that they were able to do since the mid 1990's, has solidified Brentwood going forward for a number of years to come. Two years ago at this time, the City only had about \$700,000 in reserves. The City has over \$2 million in reserves today and hopes to add to that over the next few years now that some of the projects are coming offline. Brentwood as a whole has benefited with many new houses being built. The city is very vibrant. Through the efforts of this Board and prior Boards, Brentwood has been put in a great position for the future. Evidently and obviously, Brentwood has had a few problems but will get through them and continue to be one of the best communities to live in St. Louis County.

Alderman Kramer stated that Karen Smith brought up the point about him deferring to the Mayor and he thinks that the Mayor himself could attest to the fact that it is not that often. He respects the office of the mayor and respect the man elected as Mayor. There are a number of times when they agree and when they do not agree. He does not usually make any bones about voicing his opinion. He and the Mayor have many conversations about many different topics. When it comes to getting legal advice in a closed session, about a very serious legal matter, he thinks it is an ideal situation when all of the elected officials speak through the Mayor. They get some very serious advice and he does not think that any of them really differ on the advice that they receive. There are times when he thinks it is appropriate for the Mayor to speak up for the Board when it comes to things like that and he has no problem with it. It does not happen all the time when he defers to the Mayor.

INTRODUCTIONS, READINGS, AND PASSAGE OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

First and Second Readings of Bills

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy, second by Alderwoman Clements to give Bills No. 5637, 5638, 5639, 5640 and 5641 first and second readings. All in favor none opposed.

Alderman Kramer stated that there are two bills regarding the stop sign issue, and there is a third option that he asked to be brought to the Board's attention, which did not become a bill.

The synopsis of the third option is that the word “stop” that is painted on the pavement would be removed and the ordinance as it is currently written would be enforced on a part time basis when school is not in session and during the summertime. During the summertime, when the school stop is not being enforced, he does not recall getting any complaints about the fact that there was no stop sign in place at that time. Originally, he thinks it was former Alderwoman Cross who brought it forward to be in its current status, which was on a part time basis. He got the impression that it was more for the school and less for the residents on Bridgeport Avenue. Perhaps it was 50/50 each but not just for the residents on Bridgeport Avenue. During the public safety conversation, Alderman Harper brought up the valid topic of the semi-circular drive for the school and that the buses that could or would park inside that circle drive don't always do that and instead park on the street. There is limited sight distance in that area. He is seriously considering all of the comments heard tonight but wanted to speak up about the third option. He is very mindful of the fact that in the summertime when there is no stop sign there traffic moves well and he has not heard any resident complain in the summertime.

Alderman Marshall stated that in regards to Alderman Kramer's comments about summertime traffic, there is not as much traffic in the summertime as there is during the school year. He does not think that is an issue. Residents still want to get in and out of there. During the school year, it is hard. He was in the area last week and one of the complaints that he had was when he was coming up on the stop sign he couldn't see it because of the parked cars. If anything, the stop sign should be more prominent.

Alderwoman Clements mentioned that she has gotten complaints from residents during the summer about the traffic on High School Drive. With the hills, it becomes a bit of a speedway in that area. Safety is the most important thing and she would like to see it become a permanent stop sign. Turning it in the afternoon is one thing, but many extra-curricular activities are held during the school year, and there is a lot of traffic other than just during school times.

Alderwoman Krewson stated that they should honor the wishes of the immediate neighbors who signed the petition.

Bill No. 5637 Amended – Through Streets and School Stops

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5637, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI BY ADDING TWO NEW PARAGRAPHS TO SECTION 14-1030, SCHEDULE DD AS IT RELATES TO THROUGH STREETS, DELETING A PARAGRAPH IN SECTION 14-1030, SCHEDULE DD AS IT RELATES TO THROUGH STREETS, AND BY DELETING A PARAGRAPH IN SECTION 14-1031, SCHEDULE EE AS IT RELATES TO SCHOOL STOPS; PROVIDING FOR THE CURRENT MAINTENANCE OF THIS CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND, PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, its first and second readings.

Alderman Kramer read a synopsis of Bill No. 5637 as a Bill that amends Chapter 14 by deleting a paragraph in Section 1031 to remove the turnable school stop at Bridgeport and High School Drive in front of the high school. If this Bill is approved, there will be no stopping in front of the high school.

Alderman Robertson explained that in relation to the stop sign at sign at High School Drive and Bridgeport or any other stop sign like it, they should all be studied for removal because they are not set for traffic in the varying reasons. Stop signs are not speed limit signs. Enforcement is how you deal with it. It is wrong to address it with stop signs, so he will vote to remove it and going forward will be consistent with that.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderwoman Krewson to approve and adopt Bill No. 5637. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, no; Alderman Marshall, no; Alderman Leahy, no; Alderwoman Krewson, no; Alderman Kramer, no; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, no; Alderman Harper, yes.

Bill No. 5637 failed.

Bill No. 5638 – Through Streets and School Stops

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5638, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI BY ADDING A NEW PARAGRAPH TO SECTION 14-1030, SCHEDULE DD AS IT RELATES TO THROUGH STREETS, AND BY DELETING A PARAGRAPH IN SECTION 14-1031, SCHEDULE EE IN ITS ENTIRETY AS IT RELATES TO SCHOOL STOPS; PROVIDING FOR THE CURRENT MAINTENANCE OF THIS CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND, PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, its first and second reading.

Alderman Kramer read a synopsis of Bill No. 5638 as a Bill that amends Chapter 14 by adding a paragraph to Section 1030 to install a permanent stop sign on High School Drive at its intersection with Bridgeport. This Bill is also deleting a paragraph in Section 1031 to remove the turnable school stop that is currently in place. If this Bill is approved, the turnable school stop that is currently in front of the high school will be replaced with a permanent stop sign.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderwoman Krewson to approve and adopt Bill No. 5638. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Marshall, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, no; Alderman Robertson, no; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, no.

The Mayor thereupon declared Bill No. 5638 duly passed and signed same into approval thereof. Said Bill was given Ordinance No. 4314.

Mayor Kelly requested that Public Works repaint the “stop” painted on the street.

Alderman Kramer stated that now that it is going to be permanent, Alderman Marshall made a valid point regarding the stop sign in terms of the height of the sign. He believes Crawford Bunte Brammeier studied the stop sign. He does not know if they made a recommendation as to the height of the stop sign, but he would like to see a study. A stop sign should be visible from all points.

Alderman Kramer asked City Administrator Akande if she could follow up with the school district to see if the buses could start parking in the circular drive.

Bill No. 5639 – Site Development Plan – Five Below

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5639, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING APPROVAL OF A SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AMENDING THE SHOPPING CENTER'S SIGNAGE PLAN FOR FIVE BELOW LOCATED AT 83 BRENTWOOD PROMENADE COURT WHICH PERMITS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 25, DIVISION 9 OF THE BRENTWOOD CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES MODIFICATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT SITE; PROVIDING THE CONDITIONS TO SUCH DEVELOPMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, its first and second readings.

Alderman Kramer read a synopsis of Bill No. 5639 as a Bill that was placed on hold at the October 17 BOA meeting, then the petitioner asked that the bill be removed from the agenda at the November 7 BOA meeting pending resubmitting a new application to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Tonight, the petitioner, Five Below is ready to have the Board of Aldermen reconsider this item. Five Below, a new retail tenant in Brentwood Promenade shopping center, is requesting approval for three (3) wall signs and related façade improvements for the end cap tenant space adjacent to Microcenter. The signage plan includes some façade improvements to increase visibility of the store, which is located in the back of the center. The retailer will not have signage on the existing shopping center pylon signs, so is trying to maximize visibility while being consistent with the P&Z recommendation that the size of the sign lettering be the same as Microcenter's.

Director of Planning and Development Rottjakob came before the Board and stated that Five Below is typically located in upscale shopping centers.

Alderman Wynn asked about the number of Five Below stores.

Director of Planning and Development Rottjakob responded that the Brentwood location would be the first one in the St. Louis market, but there are quite a few locations in the eastern part of the country.

Alderman Leahy asked if the Sansone Group has given their approval of the sign or is the City the first party to approve it.

Mrs. Rottjakob responded that the owner of the shopping center is Developers Diversified Realty and the Sansone Group manages the property. It is her understanding that all the approvals for the signage are currently in place except for the sign on the west elevation, where they consider the back of the store. Microcenter needs to approve the Five Below signage. Five below is proposing to locate their signage where Microcenter's is currently located.

Alderwoman Clements asked about the double doors on the west side of the building.

Mrs. Rottjakob stated that they each have an entrance. One is for the Five Below space and one is for Microcenter.

Motion was made by Alderman Marshall, second by Alderman Wynn to approve and adopt Bill No. 5639. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Marshall, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

The Mayor thereupon declared Bill No. 5639 duly passed and signed same into approval. Said Bill was given Ordinance No. 4315.

Bill No. 5640 – Site Development Plan – Mary Magdalen Church

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5640, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING APPROVAL OF A SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR A SIGNAGE PLAN TO RELOCATE THE EXISTING "RESPECT LIFE" GROUND SIGN FOR MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH LOCATED AT 2618 SOUTH BRENTWOOD BOULEVARD; PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND ESTABLISHING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, its first and second readings.

Alderman Kramer read a synopsis of Bill No. 5640 as a Bill that grants approval of a site development plan for a signage plan to relocate the existing "respect life" ground sign for Mary Magdalen Church located at 2618 South Brentwood Boulevard. The P& Z Commission recommends approval.

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy, second by Alderwoman Clements to approve and adopt Bill No. 5640. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Marshall, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

The Mayor thereupon declared Bill No. 5640 duly passed and signed same into approval thereof. Said Bill was given Ordinance No. 4316.

Bill No. 5641 – Lease Agreement with Southern Sno

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5641, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI, WITH RAYMOND A. DAVIS AND KAREN S. DAVIS D/B/A SOUTHERN SNO, OF 8817 POWELL AVENUE, BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI 63144 FOR RENTING A PORTION OF LAND IN MEMORIAL PARK; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, its first and second readings.

Alderman Kramer read a synopsis of Bill No. 5641 as a Bill that authorizes the Mayor to execute a three-year lease agreement on behalf of the City of Brentwood with Raymond A. Davis and Karen S. Davis D/B/A Southern Snow, 8817 Powell Avenue for renting a portion of land in Memorial Park. The current agreement expired on November 1, 2011. This vendor, who sells food during the lunch hour, has been "very well received by patrons at the park." The City receives an annual payment of \$750, which comes out to \$125 a month. The vendor pays for the utility usage at the site. The Public Works Committee recommends the City grant the extension.

Alderman Marshall asked if the agreement protects the City from liability if anything should happen.

City Attorney Albrecht responded yes.

Motion was made by Alderman Marshall, second by Alderman Leahy to approve and adopt Bill No. 5641. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Marshall, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

The Mayor thereupon declared Bill No. 5641 duly passed and signed same into approval thereof. Said Bill was given Ordinance No. 4317.

ACCOUNTS AGAINST THE CITY

Motion was made by Alderman Marshall, second by Alderwoman Clements to approve the warrant list dated 11/21/11.

Alderwoman Krewson asked about the expenditure for GBA Architects Engineer and what departments the plans are for.

City Administrator Akande responded that they are not for a department. This is for the Rose Avenue project.

Alderman Kramer complimented City Administrator Akande on the detailed warrant list. He asked if any of the invoices for Crawford Bunte Brammeier are reimbursable.

City Administrator Akande responded no.

All in favor none opposed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mayor's Report

Executive Session/Legal and Personnel Matters

Mayor Kelly announced that an executive session for legal and personnel matters would be held following the meeting.

Public Safety Committee – No further report

Public Works Committee – No further report

Director of Planning and Development – No report

Ways and Means Committee – No further report

City Attorney – No report

City Clerk/Administrator – No report

Excise Commissioner – No report

Library – No report

Municipal League – No report

Communication – No report

Historical Society – No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Marshall asked for an update on the Helen Avenue sewer project.

Mrs. Rottjakob came before the Board and gave an update on the Helen Avenue sewer project mentioning that the road had been closed recently to try to get through to the water main to relocate it. They started the elevation at the storage facility, which is already set, and the water main had to be relocated to install the new sewer lines. It is her understand that is nearly complete. They are also going to work up Helen Avenue to try to connect to where the

project has left off, at the top of the hill on Helen Avenue, while they are finishing work on Manchester Road.

Alderman Marshall asked about the water gauge at the Litzsinger Bridge.

Mrs. Rottjakob reported that the water gauge has been replaced with a new one.

Alderman Kramer gave an update in regards to the repair and repaving of Brentwood Boulevard stating that they have been diligently pursuing the folks at St. Louis County to live up to what they believe was their original promise and agreement of the 1.9-mile stretch of Brentwood Blvd. At the very least, there was a verbal agreement with St. Louis County for St. Louis County and MoDOT to use Brentwood Blvd., as a detour during the I-64 project. Upon completions of that project, Brentwood expected to have the road, at the very least, returned to its original state. Other roads that carry significantly less traffic, for example Clayton Road from Brentwood Boulevard to Highway 64/40, was redone and is in brand new condition. He had spoken to Councilman Dolan who represents the district for St. Louis County and he has forwarded some information, which he has provided to the Mayor regarding St. Louis County's road department and Dr. Cheryl Hughes response regarding the request. Upon receiving her response, he further inquired and asked for some rationale regarding their project list. The City received a project list for 2012, 2013, and 2014 and staff was notified that Brentwood Boulevard is not going to be considered until 2015 and that Brentwood Boulevard was not rated to be a road in need of repair. Upon receiving the list, he took a trip out to one of the first roads scheduled for next year, which is Chambers Road between West Florissant and Florissant Roads, which is about 1.9 miles stretch as well. He discovered that the road actually leading to Chambers Road, which is West Florissant from Highway 270, is significantly worse than Chambers Road and Brentwood Boulevard is at least, if not more in need of repair than Chambers Road and carries at least twice the traffic. The rating system that St. Louis County uses takes into account only the shape of the road and the current state of the road and does not take into account the importance, the load of traffic or the location of the road. Brentwood Boulevard being important enough to be used as a detour for the new I-64 and carrying approximately 50,000 vehicles on a peak week would be significantly more important than Chambers Road, he would estimate. They are asking Councilman Dolan to intercede if he can. Fortunately, Mayor Kelly has also been in conversations with some of the folks in St. Louis County to see if they can get it done before 2015.

Mayor Kelly added that St. Louis County might have some additional funds available for the project. If the funds qualify for that project, they would be in support of them using those funds for Brentwood Blvd. The roadway is in poor condition and will be terrible after this winter. They are doing everything they can to see if they could get them to do something to Brentwood Boulevard prior to 2015.

Alderman Wynn mentioned that the holiday lights are up on Strassner Drive and thanked the Public Works Department for a job well done.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Leahy announced the Ward 3 meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 pm in the council chambers.

Alderman Leahy reported that the Boy Scouts of America did their scouting for food last Saturday. The City of Brentwood and the fire station collected 259 boxes of food. For the first time in 28 years, the Greater St. Louis Area Council reported that they were down about 300,000 cans for the St. Louis area pantries. They collected 1.8 million versus 2.1 million last year. They are very grateful, not only to the citizens who participated, but also to the City for making the facilities available to them.

The Annual Holiday Open House will be held on December 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

Executive Session – Legal and Personnel Matters

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy, second by Alderman Wynn to go into executive session, legal and personnel matters at 8:15 pm. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Marshall, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

After discussion, motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Marshall to exit the executive session at 10:09 pm. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Marshall, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

Motion was made by Alderman Wynn, second by Alderman Robertson to return to open session at 10:10 pm. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Marshall, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 pm. All in favor none opposed.

Pat Kelly, Mayor

Attest:

Bola Akande, City Clerk/Administrator