

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

City Hall
Council Chambers

December 4, 2006
7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Kelly, Alderwoman Clements, Alderman Marshall, Alderman Leahy, Alderman Kramer, Alderman Robertson, Alderman Wynn and Alderman Cross.

City Attorney Albrecht, City Clerk/Administrator Seemayer, Director of Planning and Development/Asst. City Administrator Denton and Executive Secretary Williams.

ABSENT: Alderwoman Krewson and City Treasurer Reynders.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2006

Motion was made by Alderman Cross, second by Alderman Wynn to approve and adopt the Agenda of the Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting of December 4, 2006. All in favor none opposed.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2006

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Leahy to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting of November 20, 2006 as submitted. All in favor none opposed.

BIDS – None

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

Lance LeComb - Head of Public Affairs for MSD/2350 Market Street/63103 came before the Board and stated that MSD is the sewer provider for Brentwood, St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis. Over the last couple of years MSD has enhanced their outreach and communication with customers. Their viewpoint is that they are a governmental monopoly. There is no competition for them or any other choice for the consumer. The one area in which they could differentiate themselves is to try to improve customers' service, take it to the next level and serve the customer in a more efficient and effective

manner. In conjunction with those efforts MSD has started a series of open houses, public town hall meetings where people could attend at their leisure to ask questions and learn more about the district. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Westfield Shopping Town Crestwood Plaza.

Alderman Cross asked if the sessions would replace the open line meetings that MSD plan to have with residents that are affected by projects.

Mr. LeComb responded that they would continue the open line meetings.

Alderman Kramer asked if the information from the topics addressed at the sessions will be posted on the website.

Mr. LeComb stated that the range of topics addressed at any MSD session could be very broad. There is information on their website pertaining to what MSD does and their current activities. If they identify a specific topic that comes up at a frequent meeting they will post that information on the website if it is not already on there.

Public Hearing – 2007 Budget

Mayor Kelly announced a Public Hearing for the 2007 Budget would now be heard at 7:15 p.m.

City Administrator Seemayer stated that the proposed budget for fiscal year 2007 is before the Board. The City operates out of the accounting fund, capital improvement fund, parks and storm water fund and the sewer lateral fund. These four funds are expected to total next year just under \$12.8 million. Things are looking stable for the City in terms of the forecast being met. Revenues are exceeded slightly and the expenses are slightly under.

Mayor Kelly asked if there were any comments from the audience. Hearing none, Mayor Kelly announced the Public Hearing for the 2007 Budget closed at 7:18 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS, READINGS, AND PASSAGE OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. 5359 – 2007 Budget

Motion was made by Alderman Cross, second by Alderman Wynn to give Bill No. 5359 first and second readings. All in favor none opposed.

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5359, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2007; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, its first and second readings.

Alderman Marshall stated that the budget was reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee. He thanked City Administrator Seemayer and Finance Officer Zimmer for their work on the budget.

Alderman Kramer asked about the TIF payments on the November 20th warrant list and if they were extra payments made to those taxing districts.

City Administrator Seemayer stated that they were solely from the Brentwood Square TIF. That project has a repayment mechanism for the TIF bonds where a specific amount is to be repaid each year for a fifteen-year period. At any time if what is collected from the sales and property taxes exceeds the amount necessary to make the repayment, it is then distributed to the taxing districts.

Mayor Kelly stated that normally they would receive those taxes through the collection process, which would be St. Louis County, but in this project the check was written to the City of Brentwood and then the City of Brentwood distributed the funds to the taxing districts.

Motion was made by Alderman Marshall, second by Alderman Robertson to approve and adopt Bill No. 5359. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Marshall, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Cross, yes.

The Mayor thereupon declared Bill No. 5359 duly passed and signed same into approval thereof. Said Bill was given Ordinance No. 4050.

ACCOUNTS AGAINST THE CITY

Motion was made by Alderman Marshall, second by Alderwoman Clements to accept the warrant list dated 12/4/06 as submitted. All in favor none opposed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mayor's Report

Meeting

Mayor Kelly stated that the December 18th Board of Aldermen meeting will be cancelled and a Special Board of Aldermen meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Open House

Mayor Kelly reminded everyone of the Annual Holiday Open House to be held on Monday, December 11th at the Recreation Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Public Safety Committee

Alderswoman Clements thanked the Public Works Department for the outstanding job they did on the streets during the ice/snow storm.

Mayor Kelly stated that between late Thursday night and Sunday morning the fire department had 85 storm related calls, not including regular calls. He thanked Brentwood Forest for opening up their clubhouse as a warming center. The City was unable to open the Recreation Center because the electricity was out. The fire department transported a number of residents to the Brentwood Forest Clubhouse while their electricity was out and transported them back home after the electricity came back on. The police department did an outstanding job as well.

Mayor Kelly stated that there are a number of grants available under Homeland Security that are specifically designed for those types of services like purchasing a generator for cooling or heating a facility during a natural disaster. He would like staff to look into applying for those grants.

Public Works Committee

Alderman Cross stated that the Public Works Department did an outstanding job with the streets during the ice/snow storm. She received several calls from residents thanking the Public Works Department for doing a fine job.

Director of Planning and Development – No report

Ways and Means Committee – No report

City Attorney – No report

City Clerk/Administrator – No report

Excise Commissioner – No report

Library – No report

Municipal League – No report

Communication

Alderman Marshall stated that several changes would be made to the web page and BTV-10.

Alderman Wynn stated that it has been about ten years since they started the first program on the cable channel. He thanked Kevin McCarthy/Director of Communications for his work with BTV-10.

Kevin McCarthy came before the Board and stated that they have developed a great deal of conversation with Charter Communications. They are acknowledging program problems. It is completely an issue between our output and their return to Brentwood. Initially they were saying that it would be resolved no later than February. They have replaced some equipment in the studio, which improved video signal. The audio system is still suffering. He has informed someone at Charter Communications that it was unacceptable carriage and the franchise agreement requires the City get proper carriage. He will be notified to see if they could expedite transferring it from an analogue line to a digital and/or fiber optic line sooner than February.

Historical Society

Alderwoman Clements stated that she received a newsletter "Between Friends" from the St. Louis Zoo and was pleasantly surprised to find an article on Mrs. Betty York of Brentwood who shared some experiences she had as a child at the St. Louis Zoo. Sadly, Mrs. York passed away a couple of days ago. She is recognized in the newsletter "Between Friends" for making a \$100,000 gift to the St. Louis Zoo. Another Brentwood resident, Bob Addis is also recognized in the newsletter for contributing a gift of \$50,000 to the St. Louis Zoo.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Leahy announced a Ward 3 meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Cross to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. All in favor none opposed.

Pat Kelly, Mayor

Attest:

Chris Seemayer, City Clerk