

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

City Hall
Council Chambers

March 2, 2009
7:00 p.m.

The Mayor led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Mayor Kelly, Alderwoman Clements, Alderman Kramer, Alderman Robertson, Alderman Wynn, Alderman Harper.

City Attorney Albrecht, City Clerk/Administrator Seemayer, Director of Planning and Development/Asst. City Administrator Dailey, Executive Secretary Williams, Fire Chief Niemeyer and Asst. Fire Chief Kurtz.

ABSENT: Alderman Marshall, Alderman Leahy and Alderwoman Krewson.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2009

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Robertson to approve the Agenda of the Regular Board of Aldermen meeting of March 2, 2009 as presented. All in favor none opposed.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2009

Motion was made by Alderman Robertson, second by Alderman Wynn to approve and adopt the Minutes of the Regular Board of Aldermen meeting of February 2, 2009 as presented. All in favor none opposed.

BIDS – Digital Portable Radios

City Administrator Seemayer stated that bids were opened for digital portable radios for the fire department on Tuesday, February 3 and the results are as follows per unit, per radio:

Motorola Inc.	\$ 742.75	
Warner Communications	\$1,190.00	Alternate Bid \$1,880.00

City Administrator Seemayer stated that part of the cost for the radios would be paid by a grant. The bids were reviewed for accuracy and to make certain the specifications were met. The low bid meets those specifications. Because there was a timeframe of 30 days to acquire the radios at the price quoted, they would like to proceed with the purchasing of the radios. It was a budgeted

item and the bids came in well under the budgeted amount. The City's cost for the radios is less than \$1,200 of the total cost of about \$18,000 to \$19,000.

Mayor Kelly thanked Ron Cottrell for taking the initiative in getting the grant started.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Harper to accept the Motorola bid and proceed with the purchasing of the radios for the fire department. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

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

Frank Leahy – 8722 Eulalie came before the Board and stated that he has some concerns about the new fire station. He is disappointed that they did not know about it. He had no idea and he reads the Brentwood Bulletin and things of that nature. His concern is that the fire department is in a commercial area right now and they consider Eulalie a residential area. He and his neighbors are wondering how this will affect their property values. Are people going to buy houses that are in close proximity to the fire station, with diesel engines running all the time, sirens and people coming and going, etc? Has anyone given that any consideration? Traffic has increased on Eulalie since the closing of I-64/40. They are wondering how it will affect traffic as well. You have vehicles coming and going on a constant basis from the firehouse. They would like to see things go back to the preconstruction level. There are many pedestrians on that street. His son walks to school every day. What type of safety measure will be taken? Will there be special signals to make sure that everybody gets safely across that street. A survey was sent out about the new recreation center. He is disappointed that no letter was sent out to that general vicinity about the new fire station.

Jill Manestar - 8726 Eulalie came before the Board and stated that they have had some of the same concerns. She has nothing against our firefighters getting a new home. She thinks it is very important that they are comfortable because they spend a lot of time there and should have a nice comfortable place to stay. She has lived in Brentwood for forty-two years and attended Brentwood schools. They have also raised their family in Brentwood and their children attended Brentwood schools. She is concerned about the public awareness of the new fire station. It would have been considerate of the City, in making this decision, to let the residents in that area know that it could be coming and find out if they had any input. She is concerned about the releasing of the vehicles onto the street. There is a lot of pedestrian traffic. People use this street a lot, including blind people. She found out about the new firehouse accidentally about three weeks ago. Her ideal situation would have been a police and fire department over by community center. That would have been great. Many people in Brentwood are disappointed that the police department is so far out of touch. They like public access to the emergency building and that would have been great.

Sharon Tutko - 8731 Eulalie came before the Board and stated that the notification and considerateness did not seem like it was on the forefront. She is curious about logistics. When the siren goes off now traffic stops on Brentwood and the lights are synchronized. She asked

what is going to happen in the mornings when there are five cars backed up on Eulalie and the sirens go off.

In response to the residents' concerns, Mayor Kelly said that he would take the blame for not notifying the residents in the general neighborhood about the construction of the fire station. It is something that they have been talking about for a while. He apologized. The reality of it is that the fire department is only moving a couple hundred feet. The patterns and the traffic for the emergency vehicles will not change from what they presently use. The only time they would use Eulalie for the ambulance or fire truck would be in a situation that they used it in the past such as to get to Mark Twain or one of the houses in that area, etc. They will have control of the signals as they do now at Brentwood Boulevard. The goal is that when the siren comes in all the lights will turn red on Brentwood Boulevard except for the westbound Eulalie traffic, so that vehicles could move out of the way of the fire trucks and proceed. As far as the parking for the firefighters, they will still use the same parking lot that they use today. The building will encompass most of the site. Visitors will be using that parking lot as well. They will no longer be using a house siren. Right now whenever a call comes in and the ambulance and fire truck go out there is a siren that sounds on Brentwood Boulevard. It will benefit the neighbors that surround the area. The reason they will not need it is because they will not be on Brentwood Boulevard. Safety is a primary concern of both the police and fire departments. One of the primary concerns of putting an addition on the north end of the building of city hall, which they had considered a few years ago, was the fire trucks would still have to back in off Brentwood Boulevard. That was becoming an increasingly dangerous situation for our firefighters on a daily basis, with the amount of calls that they have and having to stop traffic. The new firehouse will be an asset to the neighborhood. It will be a new building and a place where many of the kids will be able to stop by and see the firefighters. He appreciates the concerns of the notification issue. He took for-granted that people were aware of what they were discussing.

Mayor Kelly stated that one of the other primary considerations was that they wanted to be able to keep the fire department centrally located within the community because the response time for the fire department is very crucial to sick people. One of the considerations for the police department at that time was that the police personnel are not like the fire personnel. They did also try to purchase adjoining property around city hall for a number of years to build the new police department. The police personnel are not in a station waiting for calls. The officers are out on the street and they are dispatched to the scenes from the street, so being centrally located was not as much as an issue for the police department as it is a major concern for the fire department.

Presentation of Plans for New Firehouse

Bob Kurtz – Assistant Fire Chief came before the Board and stated that part of the first level is office space. A Classroom, kitchen, dayroom and bunkroom will be located on the second floor. It is a four bay engine house similar to what they have now, but a little bit bigger. The ramp in front of the station will be approximately 80 feet wide. Right now, it is about two sections of 20 feet, and about 46 feet deep. The fire truck is about 35 feet long. When they pull back into the firehouse, they will pull onto the ramp and then back into the engine bay area. On the other hand, when they leave the trucks out on the ramp there will be a five-foot sidewalk in front that

people can use, so they will no longer block the sidewalk as they do on Brentwood Boulevard. It is a concern of theirs that when they are out on the ramp washing the trucks and people walk by they are very close to Brentwood Boulevard, so that eliminates that problem altogether. The architects have tried to mirror the architectural design of city hall, which is what they have done with the fire department. The brick, roof and windows will match the existing city hall and the feature at the front door is similar to city hall and the library entrance. There will be a flagpole on one side of the building also. There is a clock at the top of the hose tower. When they wash the fire hoses after a fire, they hang them up to dry. They will continue to do that in the new place. The building construction will be made of steel and brick and it could last over 100 years. It will be a high-energy efficient building. There will not be any outside noise. It will be a compressor similar to what you would have in a house. When they go on calls, the only time they would turn right and head east on Eulalie is if they were going to that area. There will be no house siren. They will control the traffic light. It will go red. They will have a green light so the traffic that is stopped at the intersection will be able to proceed through and get out of the way of the fire trucks. Currently, when they come back into the station, they would have to control that traffic light also. They will not be doing that anymore when they return. People get aggravated when they return to the firehouse and have to turn the signals red.

Alderman Robertson stated that in regards to the sidewalk on the west side would there be a pedestrian sign that will stop people.

Asst. Fire Chief Kurtz stated that they are not sure, but they have talked about having some type of traffic light in front of the firehouse that would turn red to stop traffic. They have not gotten to the point of making decisions yet. It would be a single red light. They have also talked about putting a stop sign there.

Alderman Kramer stated that there was a question that came up for the trucks that are headed out of the garage west on Eulalie towards Brentwood Boulevard and then headed north on Brentwood Boulevard. It is a tight right turn. Can that turn be negotiated without getting into the southbound traffic?

Asst. Chief Kurtz responded that they do that now. It is wide enough. One thing they have talked about that is a concern is they do not want people making a right turn on red onto eastbound Eulalie. There is a "no right turn on red" sign out there now to go north on Brentwood Boulevard and nobody obeys it. Whenever they go on a call, a police officer is assigned to that call. They have talked about, for the current station, having the officer follow them back to the station and assist them in getting back into the garage. Once they come into Eulalie that would not be an issue.

Alderman Kramer stated that he knows that they are still waiting to hear whether the City will get federal funds, but what is the construction time.

Asst. Chief Kurtz responded that it is about a year. He met with the abatement people today on the temple and there is asbestos in that building. They are not able to do anything until that building is vacated. The project will take about a year from the time they would abate the building, tear it down and start construction.

Alderman Kramer asked about the relocation of the communications equipment that is currently in the temple.

City Administrator Seemayer responded that it would be located in the public works department. Although the system that it operates out of would be in this building.

Asst. Chief Kurtz stated that there would be fitness, laundry, shop steward, riser and mechanical rooms on the lower level. There will be a storage area. This building will be fully protected with a fire alarm and fire sprinkler system. The depth of the building is about 55 feet on the inside with four bays. They currently store about ten breathing air bottles. As they run empty, they have to take them out and have them filled. They will be buying a compressor that eliminates that. They will fill their bottles, as they need to. There will be a foyer, entranceway, reception area, staircase, elevator, file storage room, chief's office, asst. chief's office, plan review room and the shift commander's office.

Alderman Kramer asked if they are fortunate enough to get a ladder truck for taller buildings would that fit into that building as well.

Asst. Chief Kurtz responded yes.

Asst. Chief Kurtz stated that the second floor is above the apparatus space. There will be individual bunkrooms with three beds per room. There are three shifts on each fire department. Right now, they all sleep in one big room. In the new building, there will be one person in a room at night. It gives them the ability to hire a female firefighter. There will be four bathrooms. Each bathroom will have a sink, toilet and a shower. Right now, they have one bathroom with no doors and two showers that eight people share. There will be a kitchen area, patio area, dayroom, and the classroom. There are bathrooms off that corridor also.

Alderman Robertson stated that one of the reasons they are building a new building is not just for the comfort and usability of the space. It is also in case of an earthquake or such; the firehouse will not collapse on all of the trucks.

Asst. Chief Kurtz stated that was the issue of adding on to the existing building. Their space could have been seismic for sound but being attached to city hall the chances of that was not very good. The new building will stand-alone and will meet all the seismic standards for zone three. The building will have a generator that will power the whole building that will sit on the southwest corner of the building. It will have sound abatement devices on it so that you will not hear it running.

Mayor Kelly stated that is another benefit in a true emergency it gives the City another building that has its own backup generator. If they needed it for housing or to help in certain situations, they would have it. The last time the city had a power outage was in the summer, ironically, the ice rink did not go out and they were able to use that facility for a shelter. City hall has a backup generator but it only backs up part of the building. In a true emergency, the generator will be a great asset to the community.

Asst. Chief Kurtz stated that all the communications and the computer systems that they use would all still connect to city hall, the library and police department. In the event that something happens at city hall the classroom area could be converted to a working area.

Alderman Wynn stated that someone mentioned the pedestrians. He thinks that will be an ongoing thing because you have people walking, including blind people and children.

Asst. Chief Kurtz stated that the approximate square footage is around 19,000 square feet, which includes the lower level.

City Administrator Seemayer stated that they also could not get the updated ambulance because it will not fit in the current space. They will be able to accommodate that in the new building.

Asst. Chief Kurtz stated that the engine room is big enough so that it will hold all of the fire and EMS equipment and two staff vehicles. He has received the first set of drawings that he has to review. They have met with the electrical, mechanical and civil engineers and have given them all the information. They hope to have the fire station out to bid by the end of March.

Alderman Kramer asked about the potential cost and possible funding mechanisms.

Asst. Chief Kurtz stated that right now they are somewhere between \$3.8 million and \$4 million. They have looked at a couple of things to lower that price. They originally had a concrete tiled roof on the building. They have since decided to go back with matching what is on city hall, which is architectural asphalt, shingle type roof. They will continue to take their trash over to the city hall parking lot dumpster. They will have a diesel-powered generator, which lowered the price.

Mayor Kelly stated that given the overall economics, he is hoping the bids will come in lower. Kirkwood library bids came in significantly lower than what they were anticipating. As far as the funding mechanism, they are planning on issuing certificate of participation bonds and paying for it out of general revenue. The idea is that they will not be increasing any taxes to the residents. They have also submitted a grant application to the federal government under the stimulus act and are looking for the requested \$4.2 million. They are still waiting to see if they will receive it. The goal is that they will proceed whether they are able to receive those funds or not.

Bob Niemeyer/Fire Chief – 2201 St. Clair came before the Board and thanked Asst. Chief Kurtz for working on the new firehouse, along with the firefighters' input. With Bob's experience in the building commissioner's and the fire marshal's office, he has been a great asset. He has been with the City for 47 years and has been the chief 27 years. One of the big things to remember is that WPA constructed part of this building and then it was completed. In 1935, everybody moved in as a paid fire department. In 1951 when Ray Parker was mayor, a second phase addition was added. The third phase was in 1974. The newest part of the firehouse, which is the north wing, was built in 1974. The problem that they were encountering is not only the sewer systems but also the plumbing, electric, asbestos and things like that which was a nightmare. It

would have cost the City more to do what they originally planned than it is to build this firehouse. This firehouse will be a permanent structure and will meet all the federal guidelines. It will also make it possible for them to hire female firefighters. They will also make it seismatically sound. He and the firefighters are looking forward to it. He thinks many citizens are also looking forward to it. It will make a great difference once it is completed as far as enhancing their public relations program. He thanked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for their support.

Alderman Kramer stated that in the Public Safety Committee meetings they have talked about the ISO ratings. Is there anything inherent in the new structure that would enhance that?

Fire Chief Niemeyer stated that it definitely would. The ISO determines what insurance premiums you pay, whether it is a commercial building, a residential house or apartment complex. They rate the fire department on manpower, equipment, etc. The equipment is the structure you live in, the dwelling you occupy. They rate your communications, water supply and on training. In order to maintain a level that does not increase insurance premiums whether it be commercial or industrial you have to maintain where you are or advance forward. To go from a four to the three in Brentwood, which they are a four, it would cost the City probably more money than it would be worth in the insurance premiums. In the future if you wish to approach class three you would have a much better chance of obtaining it down the road. To get a class three in this town you would need to get a ladder truck. It is something to look forward to for the future. One of the nice things is you could get a ladder/pumper combination which can serve two purposes at once and you get almost as many points for the ladder/pumper combination as you do for the ladder.

Alderman Wynn asked how many stories would a ladder reach.

Fire Chief Niemeyer stated that you could go 100 feet but you are probably only going to go about eight floors/80 feet because you cannot go straight up. If it were a 75-foot ladder, you would probably make about five or six floors. It has to sway no matter if it is a bucket or a ladder and it has to be slanted.

Alderman Wynn asked if any of the other surrounding fire departments have the 100 foot ladder.

Fire Chief Niemeyer stated that Clayton is going to have a new 100-foot ladder and they will keep their reserve ladder. Webster has a 75-foot stick. Most fires are put out from the inside anyway, about 95%. The other five percent are ladder related. Many rescues are made with the ladders. They rely on mutual aid and as a result, they have not had to purchase one. The day will come when they might have to. The good news is that mutual aid doesn't cost the municipality anymore than it would normally because they don't charge people that help them and the people that they help they don't charge. It is really a good deal.

Alderwoman Clements asked Chief Niemeyer to tell everybody what ISO stands for.

Chief Niemeyer stated that ISO is the Insurance Services Offices of MO. It is governed out of New York City. Chicago is the subsidiary of it. They have field agents in St. Louis. However,

they have dropped the MO and just made it ISO. They are also regulated on the building and fire codes. You have to keep the proper updated codes in order to achieve your level.

INTRODUCTIONS, READINGS, AND PASSAGE OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Kramer to remove Bill No. 5477 from hold. All in favor none opposed.

1st and 2nd Readings of Bills

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Kramer to give Bills No. 5477, 5483 and 5484 first and second readings. All in favor none opposed.

Bill No. 5477 – Unison Easement and Assignment Agreement

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5477, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EASEMENT AND ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT WITH UNISON SITE MANAGEMENT AND GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR THE MAYOR OR CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, its first and second readings.

Alderman Kramer read a synopsis of Bill No. 5477 as a Bill that approves a lease assignment and easement approval for Unison Group. This company is proposing to buy the existing cell tower lease between the City and A T & T for \$125,000. The City originally approved the deal with Unison but a second agreement assigning the A T & T lease and necessary easements is required. THIS BILL WAS PLACED ON HOLD AT THE DECEMBER 15TH, 2008 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING. Several revisions were made to the original agreement under the direction of the City Attorney. A “Red Lined” copy of the changes are attached to the original Bill.

Motion was made by Alderman Kramer, second by Alderman Wynn to approve and adopt Bill No. 5477. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

The Mayor thereupon declared Bill No. 5477 duly passed and signed same into approval thereof. Said Bill was given Ordinance No. 4167.

Bill No. 5483 – Subdivision of 8917 Bridgeport Avenue

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5483, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT SUBDIVISION OF A PARCEL LOCATED AT 8917 BRIDGEPORT AVE. INTO TWO (2) LOTS AND ESTABLISHING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, its first and second readings.

Alderman Kramer read a synopsis of Bill No. 5483 as a Bill that would subdivide one residential lot located at 8917 Bridgeport into two residential lots. The zoning would remain as “B”

Residential. This request for subdivision was reviewed and approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Alderman Kramer stated that he believes an existing home will stay and they will eventually see a new home constructed on the empty lot next to it once the subdivision is complete.

Mayor Kelly stated that is correct.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Robertson to approve and adopt Bill No. 5483. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

The Mayor thereupon declared Bill No. 5483 duly passed and signed same into approval thereof. Said Bill was given Ordinance No. 4168.

Bill No. 5484 – Site Development Plan/Walgreens

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5484, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING APPROVAL OF A SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO WALGREENS TO CONSTRUCT A 768 SQUARE FOOT ACCESSORY STORAGE BUILDING AT PROPERTY NUMBERED 2420 ANNALEE (2401 S. BRENTWOOD BOULEVARD) WHICH PERMITS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE BRENTWOOD CITY CODE 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. 5484, as a Bill that would approve a site development plan for Walgreens, located at 2420 Annalee (2401 South Brentwood Blvd.) The site plan would allow for the construction of a 768 sq. ft. accessory storage building. The accessory building would match the exterior finish of the Walgreens store. This site plan was reviewed and approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Alderwoman Clements suggested that clarification be made of why the address is Annalee. It gives the impression that it is on Annalee Avenue and it is not.

Asst. City Administrator Dailey stated that the parcel in which the 768 square foot addition is located or the accessory structure is addressed at 2420 Annalee. The owner never combined the parcels and does not have an interest in combining them, so just to make sure that everything is in order, they have included the 2420 Annalee address in the bill.

Ms. Dailey stated that this did not come up during the Planning and Zoning Commission's review but because it has been sort of a long ongoing enforcement effort to try to correct the outdoor storage trailers and replace them with a permanent structure, she suggested that the Board may wish to include as a condition of approval that "the construction shall be completed within six months of the adoption date of the ordinance". She has spoken with Walgreens and their contractor and they are amenable to this. It will provide the City with a little extra security. There is a letter from the owner Sansone Group indicating that they are supportive of the project.

Alderman Wynn asked about the need for the accessory structure as it relates to the economy.

Bob Royce/Senior Project Architect – Walgreens came before the Board and stated with respect to the need for that ancillary structure, all of his stock rooms are stretched, so they could very much use it. Part of the presentation to the Planning and Zoning Commission was the fact that they occupied some of the stock room space with a take care clinic. Growing functions within the store have taken over storage space.

Motion was made by Alderman Wynn, second by Alderman Kramer to amend Bill No. 5484 by adding to Section 2, a new subsection (b) to read “All construction to be completed within six months of the signing of this bill”. All in favor none opposed.

Motion was made by Alderman Kramer, second by Alderwoman Clements to approve and adopt Bill No. 5484 amended. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

The Mayor thereupon declared Bill No. 5484 duly passed and signed same into approval thereof. Said Bill was given Ordinance No. 4169.

Resolution No. 953 – City Vehicle Policy

Mayor Kelly requested that Resolution No. 953 remain on hold.

ACCOUNTS AGAINST THE CITY

Alderman Kramer stated that he knows what the first item on the warrant is and he asked for explanation of the other three items.

City Administrator Seemayer stated that Bobroff Hesse Lindmark & Martone is the labor attorney. The expenditure involved the ongoing negotiations with the fire department’s union and an EEOC claim of an employment issue. The EEOC’s claim has now ended in the City’s favor. An applicant for a job who was not selected filed a claim because they were not selected. The ITI is a software contract for the police station, which is used for the CAD system and the computers in the cars. It is an annual contract amount. The last expenditure is for Acumen Consulting. A new server was installed because of some issues the City was having with getting access from outside of city hall to the email system.

Alderman Harper asked how long has the City been in negotiations with the labor union.

City Administrator Seemayer responded at least a couple of years. They were seeking a memorandum of understanding or a contract. They have put together a booklet of a list of things they would like to see adopted and have gone through it with the Fire Chief, Asst. Fire Chief, and representatives from the union and Mr. Hesse who is representing the City. They are finished with it. It is just a matter of when they will go to the Public Safety Committee to see if they want to adopt a contract or a memorandum of understanding.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Wynn to approve the warrant list dated 3/2/09. All in favor none.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kelly requested that the Board entertain cancelling the March 16 BOA meeting. If the Board would like to have the meeting, that is fine but he will be out of town. He stated that a special meeting could be held on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. if the Board is agreeable.

Mayor Kelly stated that he talked to Alderwoman Krewson who is recuperating from her surgery and she said that she would prefer the March 24 meeting because she knows she will be feeling better by that point.

Alderman Harper stated that he would not be available on March 24.

Motion was made by Alderman Wynn, second by Alderwoman Clements to cancel the March 16 BOA meeting and schedule a special BOA meeting for Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

Mayor Kelly stated with the downturn in the economy, the Highway 64/40 project and some of the other issues going on within our community, he would like recommend that they start to investigate hiring on a fast track a P.R. firm to help promote some of the businesses and shopping areas within the community. It would be great to have some radio adds or a couple of special events this summer in our shopping areas to let people know that they are here, open, and doing business. They would have to have some funding for that but he would like to start moving in that direction to get some idea of what that would cost and bring it back to the Board if they think it is something they should undertake.

Alderman Kramer asked if there has been any conversation with the Chamber of Commerce about the topic.

Mayor Kelly responded that will be a part of it. They have also considered talking to the neighboring communities like Richmond Heights and Maplewood.

Alderwoman Clements asked if the Mid Metro Four has helped any.

Mayor Kelly stated that it has but they have been limited in their scope because of their budget.

Asst. City Administrator Dailey stated that when she had talked to businesses, especially at the end of last year when they started giving them the materials for the Mid Metro Four for the 2009 portion of the Highway 64 project, many of them were doing their best and are putting specials on the Mid Metro Four website, but given the limited budget and the high cost of advertising a

lot of businesses felt that they have tried but it hasn't been enough. She has heard from people who have gone to some of the businesses where they have Mid Metro Four specials advertised and sometimes their employees may not be aware of the specials. They feel that this extra push to target the marketing of our businesses would be something that is very much needed and hopefully will benefit some of the small businesses that have had a difficult time combating the economy. They feel like it is not just the economy, but also the Highway 64/40 project and the perception that it is difficult to get to Brentwood.

Alderwoman Clements asked if it would be done on a permanent basis.

Mayor Kelly stated that not unless it is something they want to continue later. It is really to get the City through the Highway 64/40 project and over the economic hump.

Mayor Kelly stated that they got three other projects submitted under the stimulus package, although in the end, only one has been selected and it is a provisional project at this point. It is the improvement on Rose Avenue for pedestrian access into the Promenade. It is about a \$90,000 project. The reason it is provisional is that East/West Gateway has allocated all of the roadway funds for this area to St. Louis County for the completion of 141, Highway 64 north to the expressway in Maryland Heights. They have to demonstrate that they can complete that project in a year. If they cannot demonstrate that within the next 30 days then they are going to go back to this list of provisional projects, which Brentwood is about #7 on the list and they would be allotting portions of the \$20 million. They had also submitted for the enhancement project in front of city hall and Walgreens as well as an overlay of McKnight Road and new sidewalks from Brentwood Boulevard to McKnight. Those are the two higher priced projects, so they took the least expensive one. Because Ms. Dailey had done all the footwork and gotten those applications done they have submitted all three of them under the regular transportation improvement projects grants through East/West Gateway which would be on a partial match type project if they are award those contracts.

Mayor Kelly asked Ms. Dailey if they have any indication of notification of awarding those grants under the regular TIP process.

Ms. Dailey responded she thinks it is by May.

Public Safety Committee – No report

Public Works Committee – No report

Director of Planning and Development – No report

Ways and Means Committee – No report

City Attorney – No report

City Clerk/Administrator

City Administrator Seemayer stated that the City has secured 250 additional 64-gallon recycling carts through St. Louis County, which was put together by the Municipal League. He has spoken with St. Louis County Department of Health today. They are waiting for a signed document from the St. Louis County Municipal League, and then the City will be able to pick carts up. Anybody can call city hall, put their name on the list and as soon as they come in, they will be delivered to their door.

Excise Commissioner – No report

Library

Alderman Wynn stated that it is astounding how people in Brentwood dedicate themselves and give of their time for no compensation such as people on the Library Board and other boards. They do a great job in the library and he just wanted to thank them.

Municipal League – No report

Communication

Director of Communication McCarthy came before the Board and stated that he wanted to bring to the Board's attention that they have a new camera in the facility from InCityNews.com. They are going to be videotaping our BOA meetings starting tonight. As you can see from the report, along with a letter to Mr. Seemayer, this is a for-profit group that has begun taking our local government meetings throughout the area with the hope of funding such activity by soliciting city merchants for sponsorship. He has reviewed the recordings of the other cities' meetings and he found them to be of marginal quality at best. They have offered them copies of the City's tapings to maintain the quality and appearance of BTV-10 and the meetings but according to Mr. Seemayer who asked that they contact him; they told him that they had refused that offer. BTV-10 has provided this service for more than a decade at no cost to the residents, businesses, etc., and continues to do so locally on Charter TV within the Brentwood area, regionally throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan area, AT&T Uverse and worldwide on the Internet through our City website. InCityNews.com like anyone else is free to videotape our meetings as long as they do not disrupt the meeting and he does not anticipate that to be the case. However, he also thinks that while it is not our position to dictate the advertising purchases of our city's merchants he thinks they should make it very clear to our merchants and residents that this taping is not being done under the auspices of or in conjunction with the City of Brentwood. It is a very nice website in the fact that they have links to all the cities throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan area including Brentwood. In regards to the P.R. firm, he would like to reiterate that prior to the agreements with Mid Metro Four he was working on that project and they paralleled virtually everything that he suggested. If the Board so desires the City has the capabilities of producing radio and television commercials in house at no cost.

Historical Society

Alderman Kramer asked if there is an update as to when the Historical Society will be moving into the new building.

Alderman Wynn responded that they are in the new building, but that they are doing some things to clean up and make it what they want it to be before they open.

Recreation Center Committee – No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Kramer asked if there were any further updates regarding Micro Center, etc.

Mayor Kelly responded no. They are still talking. Target has started their addition, so they hope to get that completed before the end of July. Pace Properties is optimistic that they have a couple of potential tenants for the Circuit City site once they vacate. They are excited they have two developers interested in the site at Eager and Brentwood Boulevard in these economic times and both are quality developers.

Alderman Harper stated that since the resolution for the City Vehicle Policy will continue on hold and he will not be at the next meeting, he would hope that it could be postponed at a meeting that he is able to attend.

Mayor Kelly responded that is fine.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. All in favor none opposed.

Pat Kelly, Mayor

Attest:

Chris Seemayer, City Clerk

