

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

Brentwood Recreation Center
Room 103

August 22, 2011
6:00 pm

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. 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 and others present: City Attorney Albrecht, City Clerk/Administrator Akande.

Absent: None.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING OF AUGUST 22, 2011

Motion was made by Alderwoman Krewson, second by Alderwoman Clements to approve and adopt the Agenda of the Special Board of Aldermen meeting of August 22, 2011 as amended. All in favor none opposed.

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

Karen Smith, resident at 8930 Harrison Avenue came before the Board and stated that she is very supportive of the proposed Bill No. 5620 introduced to change the terms of offices from four years to two years. Other cities have a recall provision but Brentwood do not.

Alderwoman Clements stated that she would consider supporting a recall option later.

INTRODUCTIONS, READINGS, AND PASSAGE OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

First and Second Readings of Bill

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Marshall to give Bills No. 5620 first and second readings. All in favor none opposed.

Bill No. 5620 – Professional Services Agreement

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5620, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MCMAHON BERGER, PC, TO PROVIDE LABOR RELATIONS SERVICES; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, its first and second readings.

Alderman Kramer read a synopsis of Bill No. 5620 as a Bill that authorizes the Mayor of the City of Brentwood to execute a professional services agreement with McMahon, Berger, PC to provide labor relations services.

Alderman Leahy asked what was the purpose of Bill No. 5620.

Mayor Kelly responded that the purpose was to agree on a second opinion for the service.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Marshall to approve and adopt Bill No. 5620. 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, no.

The Mayor thereupon declared Bill No. 5620 duly passed and signed same into approval thereof. Said Bill was given Ordinance No. 4301.

Bill No. 5621 – Elected Officials Terms

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy, second by Alderman Wynn to give Bill No. 5621 first and second readings. All in favor none opposed.

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5621, AN ORDINANCE TO CALL AN ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI, PROPOSITION "A", TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, its first and second readings.

Alderman Kramer read a synopsis of Bill No. 5621 as an Ordinance to call an election to submit to the voters of the City of Brentwood, Missouri, proposition "A", to authorize the city to change the terms of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Leahy said this Bill would allow voters of Brentwood to reconsider their decision from a year ago, to return the length of term of office for all elected officials to two years. He truly believes that this board should be responsive enough to our community to allow them to reconsider how often we should come before them for review. If this bill is passed tonight, it could be submitted to the St. Louis County Election Board by August 30, voters could decide the outcome on the November 2011 ballot. The result of the election would be effective with the April 2012 election. He truly believes that the two-year term of office is in the best interest of this City.

Alderman Wynn stated that he was the only elected official who ran last year with an opponent. Citizens are interested in information. There was an overwhelming vote in 2010 to change the term for all elected officials to four-year terms. That has not changed. The bill on the agenda tonight will not make a difference. He said that you do not change the law for who is in the office. Change it for the office.

Alderwoman Clements stated that she would like them to put a recall vote on the ballot. It is unfair to those on the other side of the table. She, like Alderman Wynn, also opposes the current state statute, as it does not offer a recall option.

Alderman Kramer stated that last August, he was a champion in favor of all elected officials having a leveled playing field when it came to the elections. Alderman Leahy has a timetable he wants to adhere to. What folks are looking for is action, clarity, financial and fiscal responsibility, personnel policies and procedural processes. Perhaps, the Board can entertain this later. It is excessively premature to consider this bill. He will not run for an office that has a two-year term. Those who have interest in serving the public will not pursue elected offices because of the monetary issue that may be attached to it. More people will not run for this same reason. Many people he has spoken to are opposed to this as well.

Alderwoman Krewson stated that initially she supported Alderman Leahy's bill. She now believes four years is not as disruptive as two years. She talked to Alderman Kramer and the four-year term is good. There was overwhelming support by the people for this vote.

City Attorney Albrecht stated that he would like to request an opinion from the attorney general on voter's ability to change the aldermen's term of office from four back to two years. The statute clearly says the term of office for the mayoral office may be changed from two, three, or four, but uncertain on board of aldermen.

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy, second by Alderman Wynn to approve and adopt Bill No. 5621. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, no; Alderman Marshall, no; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, no; Alderman Kramer, no; Alderman Robertson, no; Alderman Wynn, no; Alderman Harper, yes.

Bill No. 5621 failed.

The meeting was recessed at 6:16 pm for an executive session/personnel matter.

Executive Session/Personnel Matter

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Leahy to enter into an executive session on personnel matters at 6:25 pm. All in favor none opposed.

After discussion, motion was made by Alderwoman Krewson, second by Alderman Robertson to return to open session at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Alderman Kramer, second by Alderman Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. All in favor none opposed.

Pat Kelly, Mayor

Attest:

Bola Akande
City Clerk/Administrator