

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BRIDGETON CITY HALL
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD
JANUARY 20th, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

The regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Briggs on Wednesday, January 20th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Abram, Grimmer, Hein, Luke, Norris, Purcell, Saettele
Absent: Zimmer

Mayor Briggs noted a quorum present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Hein moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Councilmember Luke. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Purcell moved to table Bill 6260, second by Councilmember Grimmer. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE; Luke, NAY; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Saettele, NAY. Motion carried 5-2.

PUBLIC PORTION

Teresa Fisher, Bridgeton resident, spoke in opposition of Bill 6263, a bill establishing a special use permit for an adult day care at 12330 Natural Bridge Road. Ms. Fisher stated that she was concerned with the location of the proposed use within the strip center, high foot and vehicular traffic, vehicle loading and unloading, and smoking in the parking lot. Ms. Fisher stated that she did not believe the use to be compatible with other businesses within the center.

Drew Clary with Intelica CRE addressed the Council on behalf of the property owner of 12330 Natural Bridge. Mr. Clary stated that the owner is willing to make modifications as directed by the Council to make the site safer for the proposed use.

Councilmember Grimmer moved to suspend Council Rules to allow for questions of Mr. Clary, second by Councilmember Hein. Motion passed 6-1 (Hein, NAY).

Councilmember Grimmer asked if the adjacent tenants had been notified of the proposed use of the space. Mr. Clary stated that he did not believe they were notified, but added that it was not a requirement that they do so.

Councilmember Saettele asked if the property owners would designate a parking spot for handicap accessibility. Mr. Clary answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Clary stated that the tenants were offered and shown other alternatives, but the tenant selected the site in question.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Abram moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of January 20th, 2021 as presented, second by Councilmember Norris. Motion carried by voice vote.

PERMITS, WAIVERS AND APPEAL REQUESTS

Councilmember Saettele stated that Starbucks, to be located at 12419 St. Charles Rock Road, has submitted a request for a variance to Section 515.050, Manner of Display, regarding the number of allowed signs.

Councilmember Saettele moved to approve the sign variance for Starbucks located at 12419 St Charles Rock Rd, second by Councilmember Purcell. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Abram, AYE. Motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Saettele stated that Smoothie King, to be located at 12238 St. Charles Rock Road, has submitted a request for a variance to Section 515.040, Table of Design Elements, regarding the size of the proposed wall sign.

Councilmember Saettele moved to approve the sign variance for Smoothie King located at 12238 St Charles Rock Rd, second by Councilmember Purcell. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE. Motion passed 7-0.

EMERGENCY LEGISLATION/CONTRACTS/BIDS/ETC

**A. Liquor License Package Liquor, Package Non-Intoxicating Beer, Sunday Sales
Ace Beverages LLC
12133 St. Charles Rock Rd**

Councilmember Abram moved to allow for first consideration of a liquor license for Ace Beverages, second by Councilmember Norris. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Abram moved to table the request for a liquor license at 12133 St. Charles Rock Road for Ace Beverages, second by Councilmember Hein. Motion carried by voice vote.

PERFECTION OF BILLS

~~A. Bill 6260 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Electing to Become a Participating Employer of the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS)~~

This item was tabled earlier in the meeting.

B. Bill 6263 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Establishing a Special Use Permit for "Adult Day Care Center" to Allow an Adult Day Care Facility Located at 12330 Natural Bridge Road

Councilmember Grimmer moved to allow for a second reading of Bill 6263, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Grimmer read Bill 6263 for the second time.

Councilmember Saettele moved to amend Bill 6263 to include the addition of one ADA compliant parking space to be located in front of the proposed adult day care facility, as well as the installation of an ADA compliant crosswalk, to be marked from the designated accessible space to the sidewalk in front of the facility, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Purcell stated that while he had reservations about the proposed use, and the number of similar facilities in the area, he did not have a reason to deny the request for a special use permit.

Councilmember Hein stated that his concerns had been addressed and he is comfortable with the proposal with the amendments.

Councilmember Grimmer moved to table Bill 6263, to allow for reading of a special use permit, second by Councilmember Saettele. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Grimmer moved, second by Councilmember Purcell, that the proposed use set forth in Bill 6263 be determined to promote the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the people of the City of Bridgeton in accordance with and in the accomplishment of the comprehensive zoning plan of the City, taking into consideration the effect of such building or use on traffic conditions, fire safety, the character of the neighborhood, the general welfare of the community and public utilities.

Councilmember Grimmer stated that he finds as fact, the proposed use will have no adverse effect on the health, safety, morals or general welfare of the people of Bridgeton with respect to traffic conditions, fire safety, the character of the neighborhood, the general welfare of the community or public utilities and his vote is Aye.

- Councilmember Purcell concurs and votes aye.
- Councilmember Saettele concurs and votes aye.
- Councilmember Hein concurs and votes aye.
- Councilmember Luke concurs and votes aye.
- Councilmember Abram concurs and votes aye.
- Councilmember Norris concurs and votes aye.

Councilmember Grimmer moved to remove Bill 6263 from the table, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Grimmer moved that Bill 6263 as amended become Ordinance 21-3, second by Councilmember Purcell. A roll call was then taken with the following results: Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Bill 6264 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Granting a Major Residential Subdivision, known as “Mackay Vista” to Subdivide 5.993 Acres into Thirty (30) Lots, Zoned “PUD” Planned Single Family Residential Unit Development (Amended), Located at 3170 Fee Fee Road (A Final Plat)

Councilmember Grimmer moved to allow for a second reading of Bill 6264, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Grimmer read Bill 6264 for the second time.

Councilmember Grimmer moved to amend Bill 6264 in order to grant an easement for the construction and maintenance of a fence, second by Councilmember Purcell.

Councilmember Saettele stated that the proposed drawing shows a 10’ easement, but would like to amend that to 20’.

City Attorney Linenbroker stated that once a preliminary development plan has been approved, and the requirements of the subdivision ordinance have been satisfied by the developer, the Council must approve the final plat if the plat is identical to the preliminary plan previously approved by the Council. Mr. Linenbroker stated that in this case, the Council has requested a fence be installed and the developer is in agreement. Due to the request by the Council, the developer has submitted a new plan to include the fence and easement. Mr. Linenbroker stated that the Council may approve the bill as it stands with no easement, or approve the bill which includes the easement, but no additional alterations can be made.

Councilmember Hein moved to table Bill 6264, second by Councilmember Saettele. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Norris, NAY; Purcell, NAY; Saettele, AYE; Abram, NAY; Grimmer, NAY; Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE. Motion failed 3-4.

Councilmember Luke asked where the fence would be located within the easement. Mr. Greatens stated that the fence could be located anywhere within the easement, but by allowing the easement and installation of the fence by the developer there would be a more unified look.

Councilmember Grimmer withdrew his earlier motion regarding the amendment granting an easement for the installation of a fence; Councilmember Purcell was in agreement to the withdrawal.

Councilmember Grimmer moved to amend the draft ordinance to substitute the original Final Plat with the revised Final Plat dated December 16, 2020, based on the request of the property owner, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Grimmer moved that Bill 6264 as amended become Ordinance 21-4, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Purcell, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE;. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

D. Bill 6265 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Sign a Contract in the Form Substantially Attached Hereto to Extend the Professional Service Agreement with Hochschild, Bloom and Company LLP for Independent and Certified Auditing Services Through the Audit Year 2021

Councilmember Purcell moved for the second reading of Bill 6265, second by Councilmember Grimmer. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Purcell read Bill 6265 for a second time.

Councilmember Purcell moved that Bill 6265 become Ordinance 21-5, second by Councilmember Grimmer. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Saettele, AYE; Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

E. Bill 6266 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Calling An Election to Consider Imposing a Local Use Tax at the Same Rate as the Local Sales Tax of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri and Directing and Authorizing City Officials to Take Certain Actions Related to the Same

Councilmember Saettele moved for the second reading of Bill 6266, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Saettele read Bill 6266 for the second time.

Councilmember Saettele moved that Bill 6266 become Ordinance 21-6, second by Councilmember Norris. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, NAY; Saettele, AYE. Motion passed 6-1.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Norris stated that she was disappointed that there wasn't a decision made on LAGERS, but was looking forward to taking it up at the next meeting.

Councilmember Abram – no report.

Councilmember Luke – no report.

Councilmember Hein stated that the Ward 3 Meeting would be held on Wednesday January 27th at 7PM.

Councilmember Grimmer stated he was disappointed that the Council couldn't move forward with the Bill related to LAGERS. Councilmember Grimmer thanked those involved who were responsible for gathering the information.

Councilmember Purcell thanked those in attendance and those would be watching later online. Councilmember Purcell thanked the Mayor and Staff for holding a meeting on LAGERS on January 18th. Councilmember Purcell stated that it was a great opportunity for the Council to hear directly from employees.

Councilmember Saettele asked that everyone keep Councilmember Zimmer in their prayers. Councilmember Saettele asked that more details be provided on what other cities are offering in regards to retirement or life insurance. Councilmember Saettele thanked Mr. Powers for providing the information on what cities are participating in LAGERS.

STAFF REPORT

Robert Gunn, Director of Public Works, that due to warmer weather crews have been able to pour concrete and move forward with some projects.

Vicki Ventrella-Meyer, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, reminded the Council that the Ribbon Cutting event at BMAC would be held on Friday January 22nd, and that the Recreation Center would be celebrating their five year anniversary on Saturday January 23rd. Ms. Ventrella-Meyer stated that staff was working with the City of St. Ann in efforts to temporarily provide their residents with a reduced rate at the recreation center.

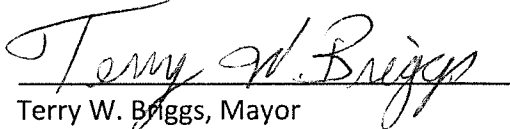
Chief Hood stated that in the near future the Department will be presenting an award to Officer Snelson for her part in saving a three year old boys life.

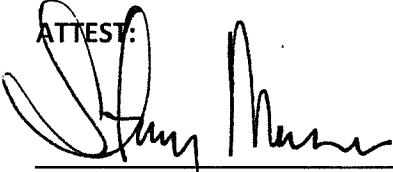
MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Briggs stated that the Council, with himself included, will need to work on reviewing the proper procedures to ensure that meetings are run more efficiently.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the regular session of the City Council, Councilmember Hein moved to adjourn, second by Councilmember Luke at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.


Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stacey Mann, City Clerk