

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BRIDGETON CITY HALL
12355 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD
APRIL 7TH, 2021
7:00 P.M.

The regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Briggs on Wednesday, April 7th, 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, Zimmer

Absent:

Mayor Briggs noted a quorum present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Zimmer moved to table item VIII (B). Sign Variance for Cell Phone Repair at 12464 St. Charles Rock Road, per the applicant's request, second by Councilmember Saettele. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Briggs stated that Administration would like to table item X (C). Bill 6273 and item X (D) Bill 6274. Councilmember Hein moved to table Bills 6273 and 6274, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Briggs stated that Administration would like to under Discussion Items, Pension Fund Reserve. Councilmember Norris moved to add "Pension Fund Reserve" to Discussion Items, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

PUBLIC PORTION - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Luke moved to approve the March 17th, 2021, City Council Work-Session Meeting Minutes as presented, second by Councilmember Grimmer. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Abram moved to approve the March 17th, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes as presented, second by Councilmember Norris. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Briggs stated that the certified election results should be received prior to the next Council meeting, at which time the oaths of office will be conducted.

PERMITS, WAIVERS AND APPEAL REQUESTS

- A. Sign Variance - Request for a sign variance by La Tejana
3157 N. Lindbergh Blvd
(Councilmember Zimmer)**

Councilmember Zimmer moved to read the request for a sign variance for a third time for La Tejana, second by Councilmember Saettele. Motion carried.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to call the question, second by Councilmember Saettele. Motion carried by voice vote of 7-1 (Grimmer, NAY).

Councilmember Zimmer moved to approve the request for a sign variance at 3157 N. Lindbergh Blvd, second by Councilmember Saettele. A roll call vote was then taken on the third reading with the following results: Abram, NAY; Grimmer, NAY; Hein, NAY; Luke, NAY; Norris, NAY; Purcell, NAY; Saettele, NAY; Zimmer, NAY. Request for a sign variance at 3157 N. Lindbergh Blvd failed.

- ~~**B. Sign Variance - Request for a sign variance
Cell Phone Repair - 12464 St. Charles Rock Road
(Councilmember Zimmer)**~~

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for rezoning approximately 6.31 acres of land located at 3641, 3655 and 3657 Pennridge Drive from “B-3” Travel/Entertainment Services District to “M-3” Planned Manufacturing District. Petitioner: Bamboo Equity Partners (c/o Dan Dokovic) #21-PZ-02

Zach Greatens, Planning & Zoning Officer, summarized the review process for the Council, and provided details regarding the location, the site specific regulations, and potential impact of the rezoning request. Mr. Greatens indicated that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended unanimous approval of the rezoning. Mr. Greatens stated that the proposed change in zoning meets or exceeds the review criteria and is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Alice Benner, Bamboo Equity, stated the proposed development would conform with all zoning requirements and that Bamboo Equity would continue to work with the staff as the development progresses.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BILLS

- A. **Bill 6271** **An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Rezoning approximately 6.31 acres of land located at 3641, 3655 and 3657 Pennridge Drive from “B-3” Travel/Entertainment Services District to “M-3” Planned Manufacturing District. *(First Reading; Councilmember Grimmer)***

Councilmember Grimmer moved to allow for the first reading of Bill 6271, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Grimmer read Bill 6271.

Councilmember Grimmer moved to table Bill 6271, second by Councilmember Purcell. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. **Bill 6272** **An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bridgeton, Missouri, Authorizing The Mayor And The City Clerk to Execute a Services Agreement Order Form and Government Agency Customer Agreement, Substantially in the Form Attached Hereto, Between the City of Bridgeton and Flock Group Inc., Wherein Flock Group Inc. Agrees to Provide for the Installation and Maintenance of an Automatic License Plate Detection System and Related Software and Hardware Services in Connection Therewith *(First Reading; Councilmember Abram)***

Councilmember Abram moved to allow for the first reading of Bill 6272, second by Councilmember Norris. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Abram read Bill 6272.

Councilmember Abram moved to table Bill 6272, second by Councilmember Norris. Motion carried by voice vote.

- ~~C. **Bill 6273** **An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Authorizing and Directing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of Special Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021a, of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri; Prescribing the Forms and Details of The Bonds; and Authorizing Certain Other Documents and Actions in Connection Therewith *(First Reading; Councilmember Zimmer)***~~

- ~~D. **Bill 6274** **An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri**~~

~~**Authorizing and Directing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of Taxable Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2021b, of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri; Prescribing the Forms and Details of the Bonds; and Authorizing Certain Other Documents and Actions in Connection Therewith (First Reading; Councilmember Zimmer)**~~

- E. **Bill 6275** **An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton, Missouri Establishing an Investment Policy for the City of Bridgeton (First Reading; Councilmember Zimmer)**

Councilmember Zimmer moved to allow for the first reading of Bill 6275, second by Councilmember Saettele. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilmember Zimmer read Bill 6275.

Councilmember Zimmer moved to table Bill 6275, second by Councilmember Saettele. Motion carried by voice vote.

DISCUSSION

Fourth of July

Councilmember Luke, ex-officio of the Special Events Commission, stated that the Commission is ready to move forward with the planning and purchasing of items for the Fourth of July parade, but would like direction from the Council before investing in money in the event.

Councilmember Luke stated that the Commission worked with the Parks & Recreation Department in drafting a plan for St. Louis County Department of Health, which indicates that the City will adhere to all guidelines in place at the time of the event. Councilmember Luke stated that the Commission has decided to eliminate the hotdogs and beer. Mayor Briggs added that there would be signage placed throughout BMAC encouraging attendants to practice social distance.

The Council agreed to proceed with the planning of the Fourth of July events, and encouraged that all gifts or giveaways purchased not list the year in the event the festivities are cancelled.

Pension Reserve Fund

Mayor Briggs stated that the underwriters have suggested that the City consider establishing a pension stabilization fund so that in the event that the City's annual contribution couldn't be met, they may utilize the funds that have been set aside.

Councilmember Grimmer asked if by establishing a pension reserve fund if it would enhance the City's appeal to the rating agencies. Mayor Briggs stated that it would be a positive; however, future Council's may change the policy.

Councilmember Hein stated that he was opposed to adding additional debt.

Councilmember Zimmer stated that he did not think it was a good idea to borrow money, to save money.

Councilmember Norris stated that she believed that the Council should take into the consideration the expertise from Stifel, and consider their recommendation.

Councilmember Zimmer made a motion to not establish a pension reserve fund, second by Councilmember Saettele. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Grimmer, AYE; Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, NAY; Purcell, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Zimmer, AYE; Abram, NAY. Motion passed 6-2; a pension reserve fund will not be established.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Linnenbroker had nothing to report.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Zimmer requested an updated on the building adjacent to Steak N' Shake, located at 3541 N. Lindbergh Blvd.

Councilmember Saettele thanked the Mayor and Council for their support, and stated that he was looking forward to time off. Councilmember Saettele congratulated Council-Elect Webb on a hard fought campaign. Councilmember Saettele encouraged that the Council take their obligation to the City seriously, and stated that he was proud of his perfect attendance over the past twelve years on the Council.

Councilmember Purcell thanked Councilmember Saettele for his guidance, and wished him well in future endeavors. Councilmember Purcell stated that he was looking forward to working with Council-Elect Webb.

Councilmember Grimmer thanked Councilmember Saettele for his service, and congratulated Council-Elect Webb.

Councilmember Norris stated that she was happy to see Proposition O pass. Councilmember Norris requested information on how to report a nuisance property that is hoarding items. Councilmember Norris stated that the fields at BMAC were looking great, and that she was happy to read that the first permit has been approved for Mackay Vista. Councilmember Norris thanked Councilmember Saettele for his devotion to the City of Bridgeton.

Councilmember Abram stated that while they did not always see eye to eye, she was sorry to see Councilmember Saettele go. Councilmember Abram also stated that she was happy to see Proposition O pass.

Councilmember Luke thanked everyone for voting, and wished Councilmember Saettele well. Councilmember Luke thanked Councilmember Saettele for his professionalism.

Councilmember Hein wished Councilmember Saettele well, and stated that it was a pleasure serving with him. Councilmember Hein requested an update on the street light requests, and asked for additional information on UTV's from the Police Department. Councilmember Hein reminded the Council that they have yet to form a Charter Review Committee.

STAFF REPORT

Robert Gunn, Director of Public Works, stated that the owner of the building at 3541 N. Lindbergh Blvd, was currently in court due to the site violations. Mr. Gunn added however that the owner has not been showing up, and he would confer with the Prosecuting Attorney on what the next steps would be. Mr. Gunn stated that in order to inspect a nuisance property, an adjacent neighbor would have to grant staff access to view the violation. Mr. Gunn stated that his Department was in communication with Ameren regarding the new street lights. Mr. Gunn stated that the storm water project was currently out to bid, and that following the street commission meeting next week they will begin working on additional capital improvement bids.

Major Mossotti stated that the Drug Take Back event would be held on April 24th, and that the prayer breakfast was scheduled for September 21st. Major Mossotti stated that there are new owners of the Brittany Circle apartments, and the complex will now be called The Landings. Major Mossotti added that the community has invited the Council to their upcoming open house. Major Mossotti stated that he would look into the state law regarding UTV's.

Brendan Kane, Director of Parks & Recreation, stated that Berry Hill Golf Course had a record breaking month in March. Mr. Kane stated that additional safety measures and enhanced cleaning procedures would be in place during the Fourth of July festivities.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Briggs thanked the residents for voting in favor of Proposition O. Mayor Briggs stated that letters will begin going out to business owners informing them of the change, and would take effect on July 1st.

Mayor Briggs announced that the marshal of the parade would be Fredbird.

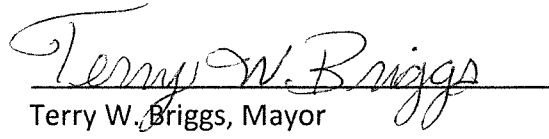
Mayor Briggs thanked Councilmember Saettele for his service to the City.

CLOSED SESSION

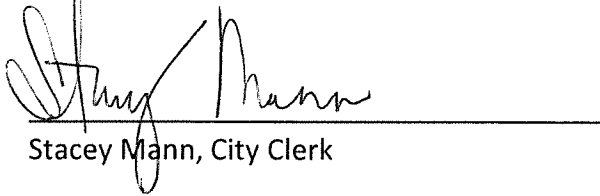
Councilmember Zimmer moved to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing legal actions, litigation, or confidential or privileged communications with counsel pursuant to Section 610.021.(1), second by Councilmember Saettele. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Hein, AYE; Luke, AYE; Norris, AYE; Purcell, AYE; Saettele, AYE; Zimmer AYE; Abram, AYE; Grimmer, AYE. Motion passed 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business to come before the regular session of the City Council, Councilmember Hein moved to adjourn, second by Councilmember Purcell at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.


Terry W. Briggs, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stacey Mann, City Clerk