

CITY OF SHREWSBURY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
May 28, 2013

A Work Session of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 6:00 p.m. this 28th day of May, 2013 in the Aldermanic Conference Room of City Hall for the transaction of such business that may come before the Board.

There were present:

Mayor Felicity Buckley
Alderman Elmer Kauffmann
Alderman Ed Kopff
Alderman Rick Steingrubby
Alderman Sam Scherer
Alderman Mike Travaglini
Alderwoman..... Chris Gorman

There were also present:

City Attorney Michael K. Daming
Director of Administration..... Jonathan D. Greever
Director of Parks..... Chris Buck
Police Chief..... Jeff Keller
Street Superintendent..... Tony Wagner
City Clerk..... Carly West

Roll Call

Mayor Buckley opened the meeting and City Clerk West commenced with the roll call. The entire Board was present with Alderwoman Gorman arriving at 6:15.

Public Hearing to Consider a Special Use Permit for Grow Automotive, LLC.

David Wollaeger, owner of Grow Automotive addressed the Board, giving his history in the car sales business, and stating that he would like to become part of Shrewsbury.

Mark Dirsra with Auto Evaluators at 7721 Watson asked if Mr. Wollaeger was moving his business or opening a second site, and Mr. Wollaeger answered that he was moving.

Hear Citizens

Jody Barnes with the Meadows at Kenrick subdivision stated that she was present to encourage the Board to approve the dedication of their streets, and to thank the City for all of their help in the process.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Buckley introduced the minutes for the May 14, 2013 Regular Session and asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Alderman Scherer. Alderman Travaglini seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved.

Colin Hoock – Eagle Scout Project Presentation

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to table Mr. Hoock's presentation until a later point in the meeting. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Election of the President of the Board of Aldermen

Mayor Buckley stated that every year, following the Municipal Election, the Board was responsible for electing a Board President. Alderman Kauffmann, sitting Board President, nominated himself to continue in the position. Alderman Scherer nominated Alderman Travaglini. Upon roll call, the following vote was recorded: Alderman Kauffmann, "Kauffmann"; Alderman Travaglini, "Travaglini"; Alderman Scherer, "Travaglini"; Alderman Kopff, "Travaglini"; and Alderman Steingrubby, "Travaglini".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared that Alderman Mike Travaglini would be the new President of the Board of Aldermen.

Ordinances**(Bill No. 2718)**

Mayor Buckley re-introduced Bill No. 2718, a bill amending Chapters 410 and 415 of the Code of Ordinances. A motion was made by Alderman Travaglini, seconded by Alderman Scherer, and, with Alderman Kauffmann voting "nay:", passed in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, to read the Bill by Title only the second and final time. Alderman Kauffmann stated that he had a problem with making parking spaces smaller, and people already have problems with getting dings on their cars, and making them smaller would make that problem worse.. He also stated his concern about reducing the number of parking spaces, as it might push people to park in residential areas if there is not enough parking, and he saw no reason to decrease the number of spaces required. Mayor Buckley stated that part of the intent of this amendment was to decrease the amount of mass hardscape in the City, as there are large parking lots that are left empty, and also noted that the City would be moving to the standard that is being adopted by the county and other municipalities. Alderman Kauffmann stated that landscaping could be used to make parking lots look better, and that the lot at Rothman's was one that people had concerns about, but it was an old Spartan store, which is why it looked so vacant at times. Street Superintendent Tony Wagner asked if the amendment would ensure that all parking spaces met ADA standards, and Mayor Buckley answered that they were.

There being no further discussion, Alderman Travaglini made a motion that Bill No. 2718 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2713. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded. Alderman Kauffmann, "Nay"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderman Scherer, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye"; and Alderman Steingrubby, "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2718 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2713.

(Bill No. 2724)

Mayor Buckley re-introduced Bill No. 2724, a bill regulating seat belt and child restraint devices. A motion was made by Alderman Scherer, seconded by Alderman Kopff, and unanimously passed in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, to read the Bill by Title only the second and final time. There being no final discussion, Alderman Scherer made a motion that Bill No. 2724 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2714. Alderman Kopff seconded the motion and upon roll call,

the following vote was recorded. Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderman Scherer, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye"; and Alderman Steingrubby, "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2724 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2714.

(Bill No. 2725)

Mayor Buckley re-introduced Bill No. 2725, a bill regulating school buses and drivers. A motion was made by Alderman Scherer, seconded by Alderman Travaglini, and unanimously passed in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, to read the Bill by Title only the second and final time. There being no final discussion, Alderman Scherer made a motion that Bill No. 2725 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2715. Alderman Kopff seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded. Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderman Scherer, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye"; and Alderman Steingrubby, "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2725 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2715.

(Bill No. 2726)

Mayor Buckley re-introduced Bill No. 2726, a bill regarding the prohibition on riding in truck beds. A motion was made by Alderman Travaglini, seconded by Alderwoman Gorman, and passed in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, to read the Bill by Title only the second and final time. There being no final discussion, Alderman Travaglini made a motion that Bill No. 2726 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2716. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded. Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderman Scherer, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye"; and Alderman Steingrubby, "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2726 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2716.

(Bill No. 2727)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2727, a bill granting a Special Use Permit to Kenrick Developers LLC. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Travaglini, seconded by Alderman Scherer, and, with Alderman Kauffmann abstaining, passed in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, to read the Bill by Title only the first time. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any final discussion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Travaglini, seconded by Alderman Scherer, and, with Alderman Kauffmann abstaining passed in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, to read the Bill by Title only the second and final time. There being no final discussion, Alderman Travaglini made a motion that Bill No. 2727 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2717. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded. Alderman Kauffmann, "Abstain"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderman Scherer, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye"; and Alderman Steingrubby, "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2727 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2717.

(Bill No. 2728)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2728, a bill authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Fraternal Home Association of Webster Groves pertaining to Room 208 in the Shrewsbury City Center. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Kopff, seconded by Alderman Steingrubby, and unanimously passed in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, to read the Bill by Title only the first time. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any final discussion. Alderman Scherer noted that he was a member of the organization with which the City would be making the agreement, so he recused himself from the discussion and vote. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Kopff, seconded by Alderman Steingrubby, and passed in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, to read the Bill by Title only the second and final time. There being no final discussion, Alderman Kopff made a motion that Bill No. 2728 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2718. Alderman Steingrubby seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded. Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye"; and Alderman Steingrubby, "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2728 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2718.

(Bill No. 2729)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2729, a bill accepting a dedication of certain private streets located in the Meadows at Kenrick. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Travaglini, seconded by Alderman Kopff, and unanimously passed in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, to read the Bill by Title only the first time.

(Bill No. 2730)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2730, a bill granting a Special Use Permit to Grow Automotive. A motion was made by Alderwoman Gorman, seconded by Alderman Kopff, and unanimously passed in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, to read the Bill by Title only the first time. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any final discussion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderwoman Gorman, seconded by Alderman Steingrubby, and passed in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, to read the Bill by Title only the second and final time. There being no final discussion, Alderwoman Gorman made a motion that Bill No. 2730 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2719. Alderman Kopff seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded. Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderman Scherer, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye"; and Alderman Steingrubby, "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2730 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2719.

Discussion of Speeding Issues Along Shrewsbury Avenue

Mayor Buckley stated that she had discussed the problem of speeding along Shrewsbury Avenue with Chief Keller and Chief Fox. She stated that before a course of action was decided upon, it would be prudent to get some data regarding traffic counts and speeding on Shrewsbury and the surrounding streets, as any adjustments to Shrewsbury Avenue could affect the streets nearby, and if that happens, it would need to be addressed also. Alderman Scherer asked if Hazel would be included in the counts, as it is impacted by traffic

on all of the streets that intersect with it. Chief Keller stated that Shrewsbury Avenue and Deville had already been studied, there were plans to study Exeter, and Hazel could be added, as could Lenox. Alderman Kauffmann asked what the speed trailer measures, and Chief Keller answered that it counted the cars, as well as the speed, and give a breakdown of that data. He presented the data that had been gathered for Shrewsbury Avenue. Alderman Kauffmann asked when a car's speed is registered, and Chief Keller answered that it registered it as soon as it sensed the car, but it will pick up a speed increase. Mayor Buckley asked if the data was accurate for times when the speed trailer was not on the street, and Chief Keller answered that it generally picks up a car's speed before the driver even knows it is being monitored, so it was fairly accurate.

Mayor Buckley stated that several solutions had been considered, and the best option was probably going to be double fines for speeding on that street. Alderman Scherer asked if there would signs put up, and Mayor Buckley answered that there would, and that one of her concerns is that people ignore signs such as the yellow "Children At Play" signs. She stated that installing humps and bumps would be more costly than previously expected, but beyond that, it would be difficult to determine which streets are enough of a problem to install speed humps, and they can't be installed on each street that receives complaints.

Mayor Buckley stated that the plan at this point was to continue gathering the data to see what course of action would be the most effective. She discussed the proposition of placing a stop sign halfway down the road, and explained that it would be too problematic, and stated that for the time being, the double fine zone would be implemented.

Alderman Scherer stated that he had seen some signs in Chicago that had flashing lights over a banner asking that drivers stay below a certain speed. He stated that it looked temporary and solar-powered. Mayor Buckley stated that the grants for those signs were no longer available, but when the window for those opens up again, Chief Keller would be looking into it. Alderman Scherer also stated that there was a timing factor involved, also, as there are certain times of the day when the streets are busier and certain drivers might be inclined to speed more than others.

Mayor Buckley stated that she intended to have a letter sent out to the coaches or leaders of any of the groups that use the fields in the park next to the City Center reminding them that there are children at play around the park and that their players should be careful and watchful of them, and that the City would be taking this issue very seriously. Alderman Kopff volunteered to remind the teams from St. Michael's.

Alderman Travaglini asked how large the signs declaring the double fine zone would be, and Chief Keller answered that they could be any size the City wanted them, but they would probably be similar to the signs surrounding St. Michael's. Alderman Travaglini stated that he was less concerned about collecting the fine as he was making sure people saw the sign to remind them to slow down. Alderwoman Gorman stated that the large electronic warning sign could be put up temporarily to get drivers in the mindset of going slower on that road.

There was discussion regarding the crosswalk across Lenox – why it was put there, what it was placed there for, etc. It was determined that the next time the lines are re-painted, it would probably not be done anymore. Alderman Kopff asked if there was any information regarding the efficacy of that stop sign that could be transferred to Shrewsbury Ave. Mr. Riordan of 5103 Shrewsbury Avenue stated that he had talked to Cal Lauter, and Mr. Lauter had stated that the stop sign that was installed on Deville when his children were younger did slow down traffic. There was a discussion of the requirements of a stop sign being installed. Alderman Travaglini asked Mr. Riordan how he felt about having a stop sign in the middle of the road, and Mr. Riordan stated that he did not like the idea.

Court Staff Recommendation

Finance Director Danielle Oettle stated that since the court was put under the finance department, she had begun generating data on how many cases were being heard and the workload of the staff. She stated that court nights are overcrowded, and she had met with Judge Bumb and Court Clerk Heister, and the solution being proposed was to add another court night every other month for continuance and compliance cases. Additionally, Ms. Oettle was recommending that a part-time court clerk be hired to help with the workload both on court nights and throughout the week. Mayor Buckley stated that the position was an existing position, and eventually, the budget might need to be amended, but at this time, Ms. Oettle would be moving forward with interviews.

CDBG Grant Allocation

Mayor Buckley stated that the City had a \$20,000 grant to allocate, and in the past, \$5,000 had gone to home repairs for low-income residents, and \$15,000 had gone to street work, and she would recommend that the same allocation be made this year. Mr. Wagner made the recommendation that the entire amount be used on the streets, as there are streets in the grant area that are in desperate need of repairs, and the \$20,000 could go a long way to making some very significant repairs beyond simply patching the roads. He further stated that if the money went to the streets, more people would be helped than single homeowners. He stated that the new repairs were breaking down because the old repairs were deteriorating so badly.

Mayor Buckley stated that she trusted Mr. Wagner's judgment, and she could tell he was very concerned about the issue. Alderwoman Gorman concurred. Alderman Scherer asked if anyone was turned down for grant money the previous year, and Director Greever answered that only one person had applied and they had been approved.

Alderman Kauffmann stated that the purpose of the program was for homeowners, and there should be some money allocated for them if they chose to take advantage of it, and if not, the money can be allocated back to the streets. Mayor Buckley stated that the homeowners on the street would benefit from the street being repaired. Alderman Kauffmann stated that the number of streets that the money could be used for was very restricted. Mr. Wagner stated that the grant area included everything south of the middle of Kenrick Manor Drive. Alderman Kauffmann asked what streets were eligible in the older section of the City, and Mr. Wagner answered that none were, but those streets were in less need of repairs than the ones in the grant area.

Upon roll call, the following vote was recorded: Alderman Travaglini, Alderwoman Gorman, Alderman Steingrubby, Alderman Kopff, and Alderman Scherer, voted to allocate all \$20,000 to street repairs; Alderman Kauffmann voted to allocate \$15,000 to street repairs and \$5,000 to home repairs.

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared that the CDBG grant money would all be allocated to street repairs.

Colin Hoock – Eagle Scout Project Presentation

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to amend the agenda to place Colin Hoock's presentation before the quarterly budget review. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Colin Hoock stated that he was proposing to build a Centennial Wall on the small plot of land at the intersection of Wilshusen, Laclede Station, and Murdoch. He stated that it would be approximately 10 feet long, four feet high, and one foot deep, and it would be positioned north of the three flagpoles that are currently on that land. He stated he would be asking for donations to fund the project, and depending on the

amount donated, a plaque with their name would be placed on the wall. He displayed the stone color options.

Mayor Buckley stated that the property was county-owned, and Mr. Hoock had already contacted them to find out their requirements. She stated that the project would be undergoing all of the typical inspections required of a construction project, and there would be adult supervision throughout the project. Alderman Kauffmann asked if the county had given preliminary approval. Maureen Hoock directed his attention to the handout that showed the county's requirements and comments, and stated that the county had approved it pending the stipulations were all met. Alderwoman Gorman asked if Mr. Hoock was planning on sending anything to the community so more people would have the chance to participate. Ms. Hoock stated that Colin would be writing a letter to send to Mayor Buckley, who would send it out to her City-wide contact list.

Mayor Buckley stated that the City would have to agree to the maintenance of the wall. Ms. Hoock stated that Colin would need preliminary approval from the City so he can begin work on his project submission form for the Eagle Scout Review Board.

Mr. Wagner asked what side the letters would be facing, and Ms. Hoock answered that it would be facing Laclede Station Road, but noted that the back side of the sign would also be finished, and partially visible, and there was the potential to have lettering on both sides. There was discussion regarding the lettering being acrylic instead of aluminum, and Alderman Kauffmann asked if it would last as long as aluminum. Ms. Hoock stated that they had received the information on the acrylic letters at the last moment, so she would have to check. Alderman Scherer noted that acrylic was less likely to be stolen or damaged than metal.

Mayor Buckley stated that at this point, the Board would simply need to agree that Mr. Hoock would be allowed to move forward with his project. General consensus was that Mr. Hoock could proceed with his project.

Quarterly Budget Review

Mayor Buckley noted that Ms. Oettle had provided comprehensive materials for the quarterly budget review, and asked if anyone had any questions, comments, or concerns. Ms. Oettle stated that for the first quarter, the City was at 22% revenue, which is slightly below budget, although several seasonal items were not reflected in that number. The City was at 21% for expenses, trending slightly under budget.

Mayor Buckley noted that some adjustments might need to be made at the six-month mark.

Discussion of South County Connector

Mayor Buckley stated that she and Mr. Greever had attended a meeting regarding the South County Connector, and she had also met with a representative from Trail Net, and she had several questions that had occurred to her during these meetings. She stated that she hoped she could get some answers at the May 30th meeting that was scheduled at the City Center, but if not, the Board needed to consider very carefully what the City's position on the project would be. She stated that Tom Weiss was reviewing the Environmental Impact Study and would be providing feedback.

Mayor Buckley stated that she would like to send an email out to the residents from herself and the Board, reminding them of the meeting and to please provide feedback. Some of her concerns included minimizing the overall cement footprint and narrowing the roads, as well as the fact that the traffic study was done in 2003 and the populations had changed since then. She further stated that the project was presented as a boulevard extension of River Des Peres road, but that's not actually what it was, and she had concerns about how it would affect the River Des Peres parklands. She also stated that there was not an established or defined interchange yet, and that would be determined after the time when the City would have a chance to

provide input, but the options are extremely large and take up a great deal of land. She stated that she would like this defined before the City forms an opinion on the matter.

Mayor Buckley stated that she had concerns about where exactly the road would go in relation to Laclede Gas, and the possibility of elevated lanes over Shrewsbury. She also stated that she had questions about how many lanes and where exactly the road was going to be going. She stated that she is working to contact various groups such as Laclede Gas, Carr Lane, and the Deer Creek Watershed group to see what their feelings about the project are. She stated that MetroLink was a consideration also.

Alderwoman Gorman noted that she was concerned about the fact that the project is based off a 2003 study when the most recent Census data shows that the population of St. Louis County is decreasing and shifting out toward St. Charles. Alderman Travaglini suggested that the City go on record and request that an updated study be done. Mayor Buckley stated that the City would be preparing a formal statement to present to the project leaders and asked for the Board's support in putting out a letter to the community to request the residents' comments and concerns.

Alderman Steingrubby asked if there had been any discussion about the on- and off-ramps at Shrewsbury Avenue and I-44, and Mayor Buckley answered that they would be closed, which was another one of her concerns. She further stated that her understand was that the cost of the project does not include any landscaping or greenscape allocation, and she was concerned about the look and environmental impact of the project, or that cost being shifted to the City.

Alderman Kopff asked if the Deer Creek owners would need to be notified of any plans, and if they might have more information. Mayor Buckley stated that she wasn't aware of any additional information they might have, and the City currently does not have enough information to make a judgment one way or another about the project. She reminded the Aldermen of the meeting being held on May 30th at the City Center.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Alderman Kopff presented concerns that had been brought to him regarding the intersection of St. Vincent and Murdoch and people who were parking too close to the intersection, causing safety concerns. Chief Keller had looked in to the matter and presented some diagrams and photographs showing the problem of visibility at the intersection. The solutions he presented included yellow curbing at all corners of the intersection to restrict parking, yellow curbing on the east side of St. Vincent with No Parking signs on the western side on both St. Vincent and Murdoch, or restricting through traffic on Murdoch east of St. Vincent. Chief Keller's suggestion was either one of the ones that involve yellow curbing, preferably the yellow curbing on the east with the No Parking signs. Discussion was held as to where this course of action would move the cars that are currently parking to, to ensure that another safety problem was not created. It was decided that this would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, and Mr. Wagner asked that the intersection of Sutherland & St. Vincent also be added.

Alderman Kauffmann asked about a foot bridge, and Mr. Wagner answered that his concern was being addressed.

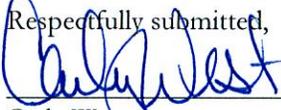
Mayor Buckley stated that June 17th was the Deer Creek Alliance Community Leaders Meeting if anyone had any interest in attending.

Adjourn to Closed Session:

Alderman Travaglini made a motion that the Board adjourn to a closed session with closed record and closed vote. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded. Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman "Aye"; Alderman Scherer, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye"; and Alderman Steingrubby, "Aye".

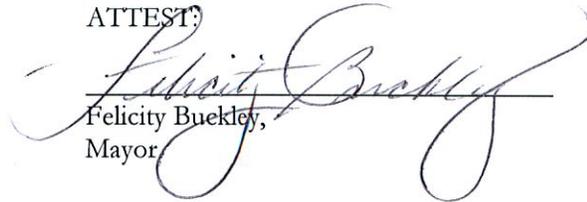
The regular meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carly West,
City Clerk

ATTEST:



Felicity Buckley,
Mayor