

CITY OF SHREWSBURY BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Work Session
April 24th, 2012

A Board of Aldermen Work Session was held at 6:00 p.m. this 24th day of April, 2012 in the Aldermanic Conference Room of the Shrewsbury City Center.

There were present:

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

There were also present:

Director of Administration.....	Jonathan D. Greever
City Attorney.....	Michael K. Daming
Finance Director.....	Danielle Oettle
Police Chief.....	Jeff Keller
Fire Chief.....	Bill Fox
Street Superintendent.....	Tony Wagner

Roll Call

Mayor Buckley opened the meeting and Director Greever commenced with the roll call. The entire Board of Aldermen was present.

Hear Citizens

None

Discussion regarding the domestic raising of chickens

Mayor Buckley announced that the next item on the agenda was the discussion regarding the domestic raising of chickens. She further stated that this discussion was prompted by a resident's concern that the recently passed chicken ordinance, which required a minimum lot size of seventy-five hundred square feet, would exclude a significant number of Shrewsbury properties. The Mayor added that it had not been the intention of the Board to create a chicken ordinance that excluded a considerable number of City residents. Therefore, the Mayor asked the Board if it was prepared to amend the ordinance to eliminate a minimum parcel size as long as the side and rear setbacks requirements remained intact, and as long as the ordinance included additional language that explicitly stated that coops were restricted to rear yards only. Mayor Buckley then quickly polled the Board and received general consensus that this was agreeable. Alderwoman Wiecher made a motion to amend the chicken ordinance to eliminate the minimum lot size provision and to include

additional language expressly restricted coop placement to rear yards only. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion regarding a landscape ordinance

Mayor Buckley stated that the next item on the agenda was discussion of the proposed landscape ordinance. The Mayor opened the discussion with the section relating to street trees and landscaping planted in public right-of-ways. She specifically stated that if the City would require approved landscape plans and possibly a subsequent special use permit prior to issuing a building permit, it may actually deter new businesses from moving to the City.

Director of Administration Jonathan Greever stated that the ordinance relating to special use permits gave the Board the power of exemption.

Alderman Kauffmann asked that the verbiage relating to minimum tree size be changed from "5 to 6 feet" in height to "5 feet".

Mayor Buckley agreed.

Alderwoman Wiecher stated that the landscape ordinance should also require that any changes made to the perimeter of an existing parking lot include the installation of reinforced concrete curbing only and prohibit the use of asphalt or other materials.

Mayor Buckley agreed.

Alderwoman Wiecher next asked if the buffer requirements outlined in this ordinance would affect any proposed redevelopments in the future.

Mayor Buckley stated that the buffer requirement would be applicable to any parcel that abuts a residential district or development.

Mayor Buckley then informed the Board that she would continue to work with the City's master gardener to complete the acceptable tree list, which would specifically outline preferred and prohibited specimens.

Discussion regarding the nuisance violation remediation system

Mayor Buckley announced that the next item on the agenda was the discussion regarding the nuisance violation remediation system. Administration Director Greever began the discussion by stating that the City's nuisance abatement system had continued to be a problematic area. He added that the extent of the issues in the current system necessitated a systematic overhaul. He specifically noted that the municipal code addressed nuisances differently according to the nuisance's classification and that the enforcement protocol for these non-compliant matters did not have a uniform procedure. Director Greever then stated that the solution the City would implement would first solidify the process to deal with issues of immediacy, then it would overhaul each codified section in order to create a legal structure that would provide clear and fair procedures for compliance for each type of nuisance, and lastly it would include the retraining of staff.

Discussion regarding FY2011 Actuals

Mayor Buckley stated that the next item on the agenda was the discussion regarding the FY2011 Actuals. The Mayor informed the Board that even though the 2011 actual numbers had not been fully audited, it was anticipated that the revenue generated from the Kenrick Seminary building expansion would eliminate the

earlier reported end of year deficit. She further indicated that other additional cost savings would be realized as a result of the unfilled city administrator position and as a result of attrition of positions.

Alderman Wiecher's presentation regarding a public safety concept

Mayor Buckley announced that the next item on the agenda was Alderman Wiecher's presentation regarding a public safety concept. Alderman Wiecher began with giving a brief overview of the City's existing infrastructure of the police and fire department as well as acknowledging that even though residents do not want the City to contract out either fire or police services, they do want the City to be fiscally responsible when opportunities for possible cost savings are presented. She then presented the considerations, advantages, and disadvantages of moving toward a consolidated Public Safety Department. Alderman Wiecher additionally presented a projected cost analysis that showed no savings in the first two years but a conservative annual savings once fully implemented. Alderman Wiecher concluded by recommending that Shrewsbury was not ready for a full implementation of a Public Safety Department, but stated that the City could consider a partial implementation if the financial situation became dire enough. She further recommended that the City consider cross training some police officers on a voluntary basis for the time being.

Old Business

Mayor Buckley stated that a final decision was needed for the website's redesign tag line. She continued with stating that the choices up for consideration were City of Generations, City for all Generations, Shrewsbury Crossroads of St. Louis, and Shrewsbury Its Home. After Mayor Buckley quickly polled the Board and received a tie vote between City for all Generations and Shrewsbury Its Home, the Mayor cast the tie breaking vote for Shrewsbury Its Home.

New Business

Alderman Scherer stated that he had received a request for start-up funding from a member of the Centennial Committee.

Mayor Buckley informed the Board that she had asked the two co-chairperson's from the Centennial Committee to present at a future Board of Aldermen meeting.

Mayor Buckley stated that the Chamber of Commerce Meet and Greet with the local business community had gone well.

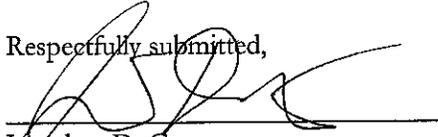
Mayor Buckley then said that the Board needed to hold a closed session.

Closed Session

Alderman Kauffmann made a motion to enter into a closed session following the Board of Aldermen work session. Such closed meeting, he continued, with closed vote and closed record would take place in the aldermanic conference room and said meeting, vote, and records would be closed pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (12). Alderman Travaglini seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was recorded. Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderman Scherer, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye"; Alderman Wiecher, "Aye".

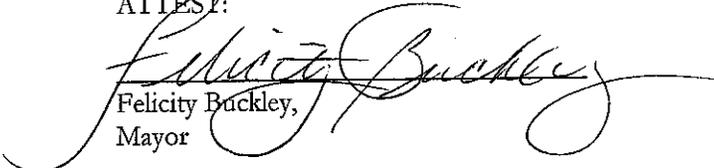
There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and stated that the board would enter into a closed session.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan D. Greever,
Director of Administration/City Clerk

ATTEST:



Felicity Buckley,
Mayor