

**CITY OF SHREWSBURY**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**Work Session**

**July 24, 2012**

A Board of Aldermen Work Session was held at 6:00 p.m. this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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
Director of Parks .....	Chris Buck
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

**Presentation from Missouri Department of Conservation & Kenrick Glennon Seminary regarding a wildlife restoration plan for the seminary grounds**

Mayor Buckley introduced Mr. Randy Rathert and Ms. Jennifer Porcelli to review the wildlife restoration plan for the seminary grounds. Mr. Rathert reviewed the plans for the native areas and the wooded areas and discussed their plans regarding site security and public access. He suggested opening it up on days and weekends to allow residents to walk through. Ms. Porcelli explained the different types of flowers, plants, trees and foliage that the project would incorporate and she also provided pictures of the proposed project.

Alderwoman Gorman expressed concern regarding the definition of prairie habitat restoration and its potential abuse by others wishing to avoid private property maintenance responsibilities. Ms. Porcelli stated that once this project was established and had matured it would create a different type of landscape. She added that it would not be wild and un-kept. Ms. Porcelli stated it will be mowed annually as a good maintenance practice which will keep

the plant growth vigorous and weed growth down to a minimum. Ms. Porcelli added that there had to be a purposeful intent behind the installation of a landscape and that this project would follow a maintenance plan. Mayor Buckley stated that there was a distinction between the definitions of weeds and prairies.

Aldermen Kauffmann and Gorman asked about the Archdiocese's plans regarding public access to the grounds. Mr. Rathert stated that the hours of public access had not yet been established, but that they would like to open it to the public in the morning and close it prior to the onset of darkness.

Street Superintendent Wagner asked how many acres the project involved. Mr. Rathert stated that there were ten acres of grasslands and ten acres of woodlands. Alderwoman Gorman asked about the tree usage. Mr. Rathert and Ms. Porcelli briefly described the project's tree usage plan. Mayor Buckley thanked them for speaking and answering questions.

### **Motion to Amend Agenda**

Mayor Buckley stated that she needed a motion to amend the agenda to include a discussion regarding Bill #2679 between agenda items eight and nine. Alderman Travaglini made a motion to this effect. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### **Six Month Budget Review**

Finance Director Oettle discussed her report and touched on a few of the highlights that were included in her memo. Overall, she stated that the city was essentially on budget in all funds. She stated that the city was at 45% of the projected revenue and reminded the board that property taxes would not be received until late in the year. She stated that the city had currently utilized 52% of its annual budgeted expenditures, and added that revenue was up by 2.4% in the general fund. She stated that revenue from licensing and permits were trending above the same point from the previous year. Director Greever cited an increase in gross receipt rates for general business licenses. Director Oettle stated that sales were down approximately 6% from last year at that same time. She added that there had been an increase in the revenue from the Parks and Recreation Department since the previous year at the same time and stated that the city's deficit at six months was trending at \$175,000, which was expected.

### **Discussion and Consideration of a Bill Establishing a Framework for Public Employee Certification and Collective Bargaining**

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2675, a bill establishing a framework for public employee certification and collective bargaining. City Attorney Daming explained the importance of passing this bill. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. Upon no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Travaglini, seconded by Alderwoman Gorman 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 opened the Bill for discussion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Travaglini, seconded by Alderwoman Gorman, and passed 5-1 (Wiecher opposed) 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 Travaglini made a motion that Bill No. 2675 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2668. 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 Alderwoman Wiecher, "Abstain".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2675 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2668.

### **Discussion and Consideration of a Bill Addressing the Permitting and Regulation of Temporary Storage Units**

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2676, a bill providing for the application for and permitting of temporary storage units on private property and public roadway by deleting Section 355.140 of Chapter 355: Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited in Specified Places, Title III: Traffic Code of the Municipal Code of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri and replacing it with a new Section 355.140 of Chapter 355: Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited in Specified Places, Title III: Traffic Code of the Municipal Code of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. Upon no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Travaglini for the first reading of Bill No. 2676 by title only. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and it was 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 opened the bill up for discussion.

Alderman Travaglini suggested that residents having driveways must be required to use their driveways for the pods and park their cars on the streets. The Board generally agreed this idea. Alderman Kauffmann asked if the applicant could apply for an extension and Director Greever stated that the applicant would have to reapply.

Alderwoman Gorman asked about the timeframe, and cited a situation in which the applicant was remodeling their house. Director Greever stated that the current timeframe would allow for 30 days. Mayor Buckley stated that the dumpster ordinances might be considered separately. Alderman Travaglini proposed that dumpster regulations be considered in the same ordinance, but that they include different provisions.

Chief Keller added that the dimensions of the temporary storage units would need to be reviewed. Alderman Kauffmann suggested that the residents should only be required to apply for a permit if it was placed upon the street. Mayor Buckley stated that the staff would continue to review the comments along with regulations from other municipalities.

### **Discussion and Consideration of a Bill Addressing the Enforcement of Weed Nuisances**

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2677, a bill deleting Section 205.030: Weeds, of Chapter 205: Nuisances, of Title II: Public Health Safety and Welfare of the Municipal Code of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri and replacing it with a new Section 205.030: Weeds, of Chapter 205: Nuisances, of Title II: Public Health Safety and Welfare of the Municipal Code of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. Upon no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Scherer, seconded by Alderman Travaglini and unanimously approved 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 opened the bill for discussion. Mayor Buckley stated the Board could hold both readings that evening or just the first reading. Alderman Kauffmann stated that he would prefer to only hold the first reading that evening. Mayor Buckley therefore stated that Board would hold the second reading at the next meeting.

### **Discussion and Consideration of a Bill Addressing the Building Inspection Fee Schedule**

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2678, a bill amending subsection 500.020 (5) (IBC Section 112.3.8) of Chapter 500.020: Amendments, Deletions and Insertions, of Title V: Building and Construction of the Municipal Code of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. Upon no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Scherer, seconded by Alderwoman Gorman 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 opened the Bill for discussion. Upon no discussion, Mayor Buckley stated that the second reading would be done at the next meeting.

**Discussion and Consideration of a Bill Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contractual Agreement with St. Louis County for Building and Housing Plan Review, Zoning Review, Construction Inspection, Permit Processing and Property Maintenance.**

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2679, a bill authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contractual Agreement with the County of St. Louis, Missouri for Building and Housing Plan Review, Zoning Review, Construction Inspection, Permit Processing, Property Maintenance, and/or Other Services. City attorney Daming stated that the reason the agenda was amended to consider this bill was that the contract under consideration had not been fully negotiated until earlier that same day. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. Upon no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Travaglini to hold the first reading of Bill No. 2679. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and it was 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 opened the Bill for discussion. Upon no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Travaglini, seconded by Alderman Scherer, and was 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. Alderman Travaglini made a motion that Bill No. 2679 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2669. Alderman Scherer 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 Alderwoman Wiecher, "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2679 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2669.

**Old Business**

Mayor Buckley reminded the Board that the landscape ordinance was still under review, and added that she had had concern that the previous version had been too restrictive. She added that it would be considered further at a later date.

Alderman Travaglini wished to know if anyone had attended a meeting that had been held to discuss developments around the Metrolink. Mayor Buckley stated she had not attended, but added that there would be more meetings of this nature to attend in the future.

Alderman Kopff inquired about Lansdowne traffic restrictions. Director Greever stated that St. Louis County had just introduced a first reading of a substitute bill that was under consideration. He stated that the current restrictions within this bill included an eighteen ton limit upon traffic on the section of Lansdowne Avenue bordered by Shrewsbury Avenue and the Murdoch Cut-off. He stated that once the County adopted its ordinance, the City would consider a similar one.

**New Business**

Mayor Buckley stated that she had contacted the different members of the TIF Commission. She stated that she wanted to reconvene the TIF Commission sometime in the near future. Mayor Buckley stated that Mr. Dan Lowery had stepped down and Ms. Laura Catlett had taken his place. She also stated that Mr. Jim Brady had stepped down. She added that Mr. John King would likely be the individual to replace Mr. Brady on the TIF Commission.

Alderman Kopff asked if the next scheduled board meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup> would be an appropriate time to host the presentation of the Joe Schicker Proclamation. Mayor Buckley stated that it would be.

**Closed Session**

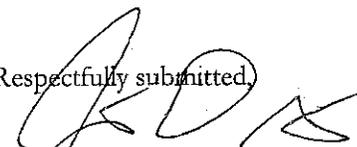
Alderman Kauffmann made a motion to enter into a closed session following the Board of Aldermen work session. Such closed meeting, he continued, with closed vote and closed record would take place in the aldermanic conference room and said meeting, vote, and record would be closed pursuant to RSMo 610.021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

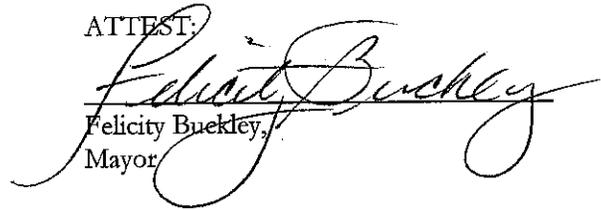
**Adjournment**

Mayor Buckley made a motion to entertain a motion to adjourn the work session. Alderman Travaglini made a motion to adjourn, Alderman Kauffmann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. The work session adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jonathan D. Greever,  
Director of Administration/City Clerk

ATTEST:

  
Felicity Buckley,  
Mayor