

CITY OF SHREWSBURY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Work Session
August 28, 2012

A Board of Aldermen Work Session was held at 6:00 p.m. this 28th day of August, 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 Ed Kopff

Absent:

Alderman Sam Scherer
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. A quorum was present.

Hear Citizens

None

Presentation regarding a child identification and protection program

The Mayor stated that Mr. John Odenwald was present to give a presentation about an identification program for children and request authorization to host a booth at the fall festival.

Mr. Odenwald stated that he was a representative of Farmers Insurance Group, which was hosting a program to assist parents with child identification to help recover lost children. He then gave a short presentation about the program and stated that he wished to host a booth at the fall festival for this program.

After Mr. Odenwald's presentation concluded, the Board discussed the request and then decided to allow Mr. Odenwald to host a booth for the fall festival.

Second Reading of Bill 2677: Updating section 205.030 regarding the maintenance of weeds and grasses

Mayor Buckley reintroduced Bill No. 2677 for a second and final reading. She stated that this was 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 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. Mayor Buckley stated that the only changes to the current code were the three-acre minimum for the prairie restoration projects and the provision pertaining to repeat offenders. She asked if there was any discussion.

Alderman Kauffmann stated that he had several questions. He discussed how weeds were defined. The Mayor stated that the definitions had remained unchanged. Alderman Kauffmann then asked about the grass height restriction, which was clarified as 10 inches. He asked about the time limit for abatement and Director Greever clarified that these provisions mirrored that which was provided for within state statute. Alderman Kauffmann expressed concern regarding the time limit for abatement and regarding the interest rate on special tax bills. After some discussion on these points, Alderman Kauffmann made a motion to table the second reading of the bill. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion regarding section 220.030 as it pertains to the storage of garbage in commercial zones

Mayor Buckley stated that the issue of screening garbage containers in commercial zones had been discussed before and was back on the table for further discussion.

Director Greever stated that a new provision had been proposed that would require full enclosure of a trash receptacle in commercial and planned residential areas. He added that the height would be between 4-6 feet, that the trash receptacle would be secured, and that it would be constructed of a uniform material and would include a hard, flat ground surface within its confines.

Alderman Kopff asked if businesses usually enclosed their receptacles and the mayor stated that several did not. There was a quick discussion about "grandfathering" existing businesses. This concept was generally supported by the Board. The Board also discussed the merit of full enclosures versus street-view screening of trash receptacles. The mayor asked the Board to consider it further and provide any thoughts to the staff.

Discussion regarding the permitting of temporary storage units

The Mayor stated that the next item on the agenda was the consideration of temporary storage units. She stated that after the previous Board discussion on the topic, the staff had met to consider the various considerations involved in the process. Director Greever stated that the ordinance had been compared to Webster Groves' restrictions. He further added that Police Chief Keller's concerns had also been evaluated and discussed. He turned the floor over to Fire Chief Fox to discuss the street width and the need for emergency equipment to proceed unimpeded through narrow streets. There was discussion regarding the spacing issues in narrow city streets and the space requirements of temporary storage units.

The Mayor also asked the Board to consider the length of permitted time for the unit. She added that the Board could restrict the distance the unit sat from the curb edge. She stated that the ultimate issue was safety.

Alderman Travaglini asked if this ordinance would include trash/demolition dumpsters. Director Greever stated that all dumpsters and temporary units were addressed in the Webster Groves example, but that the Board would need to provide direction regarding the scope of this particular ordinance. He stated that the dumpster time limit would likely be longer than that of a temporary storage unit.

The Board generally agreed to continue to consider regulations for dumpsters and storage units initially. Regarding the storage units, the Board generally agreed to forbid the placement of a temporary storage unit if its placement would impact the parking ability of the surrounding neighbors. The Board also discussed a permit renewal option

and discussed the notification of temporary storage unit providers of these restrictions. The Board decided to continue the discussion at a later work session.

Old Business

Alderman Kopff stated that he had been working on a solution to the issue of baseballs flying over the fences of the ball fields behind city hall. He stated that bids had been solicited for netting and hardware. He added that he would share more information as it became available.

Mayor Buckley gave an update from the centennial celebration committee, particularly relating to banners and engraved bricks.

The Mayor stated that the landscape ordinance was still being reviewed.

New Business

Police Chief Jeff Keller stated that one of the patrol cars had been broken down for over a month and that the auto repair shop had stated that it needed significant work. As a result, he stated that the department had made an emergency purchase of a new patrol car under the Mayor's authorization. He and the Mayor stated that they had wanted the Board to be updated.

Closed Session

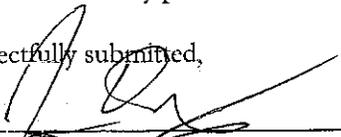
Alderman Kauffmann made a motion to enter into a closed session following the Board of Aldermen work session. Such closed meeting, he continued, with closed vote and closed record would take place in the aldermanic conference room and said meeting, vote, and record would be closed pursuant to RSMo 610.021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

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to adjourn the work session. Alderman Kauffmann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. The work session adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan D. Greever,
Director of Administration/City Clerk

ATTEST:



Felicity Buckley,
Mayor