

CITY OF SHREWSBURY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WORK SESSION
November 22nd, 2011

A Board of Aldermen Work Session was held at 6:00 p.m. this 22nd day of November, 2011 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.

Closed Session

Alderman Kauffmann made a motion to enter into a closed session preceding the Board of Alderman work session meeting. 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 (3, 12). Alderwoman Gorman 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 that the board would enter into a closed session.

Upon exiting the closed session, Mayor Buckley announced that the Board was back in session and the next item on the agenda was a C-2 Sign permit application.

Commercial Zone "C2" Signage (temporary and permanent) – Teppenyaki Grill c/o Capital Land

Mayor Buckley introduced a temporary and permanent C-2 Sign Permit Application for Teppenyaki Grill. She asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion Alderman Kauffmann made a motion to

accept the sign permit applications as submitted. The motion was seconded by Alderman Scherer, and it was unanimously approved.

Budget Workshop #2

Mayor Buckley announced that the next item on the agenda was the second workshop session for the 2012 budget. Before beginning the workshop the Mayor advised the Board that she would be forwarding to them an article with respect to use taxes. She went on to state that this information was being forwarded to the Board since this particular tax was one of the opportunities presented to increase revenues within the City. The Mayor also advised the Board that at the six month budget review it had been suggested that the City should explore the possibility of recapturing some of the lost land line revenues. She went on to advise that in reviewing this suggestion it had been determined that to recapture this loss of revenue through a tax increase would only affect those residents that still use a land line. Alderwoman Wiecher took the floor and stated that the City should explore having this added directly to a resident's cellular bill. The Mayor then expressed that those residents with landlines and cell phones would feel that they are being double taxed. She went on to state that this discussion would continue to be an open item for further review.

Mayor Buckley then moved forward with opening the discussion for the second workshop session for the 2012 budget by stating that after the previous workshop's cuts, the 2012 General Fund deficit was now at \$151,879 and that the Capital Improvements deficit was at \$133,259. The Mayor then proceeded with asking the Board if they had any other suggestions on further reducing the General Fund deficit.

Alderman Kopff questioned the increase in health insurance of 20% from last years budget. Finance Director Oettle stated that the number she forecasted for the 2012 budget was a 12% increase, which was an estimated figure provided by the City's insurance broker. She further explained to the Board that the 20% difference that Alderman Kopff reported also included any plan changes that individual employees may have opted since the 2011 budget planning.

Alderman Kopff also questioned the increase in dispatching fees (which includes police, fire, and ambulance). Police Chief Keller answered that the total increase was an estimated 8% which he believed was a conservative increase based upon higher actual service usage over previous projections.

Alderwoman Wiecher suggested that aldermanic pay be cut from the budget. Mayor Buckley stated that the overall impact of this pay (\$24,000) would be negligible and that all the Board of Aldermen deserved some small pay for all the time they give to the City.

Mayor Buckley then polled the Board of Aldermen and gained overall consensus that a much larger portion of the debt service payments on the lease hold bonds should be reflected in the General Fund rather than the Capital Improvement Fund.

Mayor Buckley ended by stating that a 3rd workshop for the 2012 Budget would be held December 6th, 2011 to allow additional time for Department Heads to once again review opportunities to generate more revenue with respect to fines, fees, and taxes.

Old Business

None

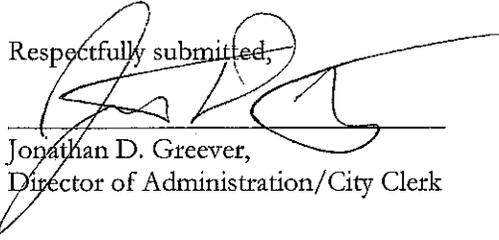
New Business

None

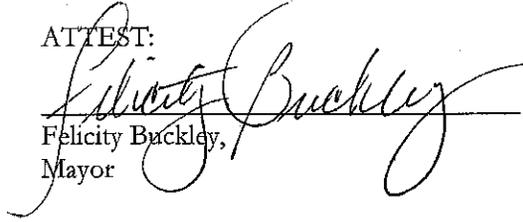
Adjournment:

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to adjourn the work session. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. The work session adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jonathan D. Greever,
Director of Administration/City Clerk

ATTEST:


Felicity Buckley,
Mayor