

**CITY OF SHREWSBURY**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

A Board of Aldermen Work Session was held at 6:00 p.m. this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011 in the Aldermanic Conference Room of the Shrewsbury City Center.

There were present:

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

Not present:

Alderman..... Elmer Kauffmann

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 present.

**Closed Session**

Alderman Scherer 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). Alderman Travaglini seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was recorded. 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 open session and the next item on the agenda was to hear citizens.

**Hear Citizens**

None

**Budget Workshop Session #3**

Mayor Buckley asked the Board of Aldermen if they had any additional comments on the proposed 2012 budget.

(Director Greever noted that Alderman Kauffmann entered meeting at 6:42 pm.)

Alderwoman Wiecher suggested that the City Center should consider renting office space. She also stated that the national average ratio per 1000 population for police officers was 2.2/1000 and for firemen was 1/1000. Alderwoman Wiecher also suggested that the City may want to solicit other smaller municipalities to ascertain their level of interest in utilizing the City's police and fire services.

Mayor Buckley stated that the Police Department currently provided services to the Village of Mackenzie and has recently approached the Village of Marlborough.

Alderwoman Wiecher also suggested that we might also want to increase existing taxes or to initiate new tax opportunities.

Mayor Buckley also wanted to note that being a point of sales city within which sales taxes represented about one third of the budget, lost revenue due to business closures must be replaced with revenue generated from new businesses.

Mayor Buckley then quickly polled the Board of Aldermen and received a general consensus that there was no other combination of expenditure cuts beyond what had been discussed in the two previous workshop sessions that the City could utilize in order to reach a balanced budget.

Mayor Buckley next announced that Finance Director Oettle would be addressing the Board on an additional capital improvement item.

Finance Director Oettle stated that she was requesting a \$20,000.00 additional expenditure to the Capital Improvements Fund to replace the City's current financial software. She went on to advise that this request for new financial software had become even more necessary due to the impending retirement of the software's founder and servicer.

Mayor Buckley went on to explain to the Board that before deciding on this inclusion the Board should understand that the amount quoted was considerably less than previously quoted due to the cost of this platform conversion being shared amongst other municipalities.

The Mayor then quickly polled the Board of Aldermen and received general consensus that since there was no definite timeline as to when this platform conversion would occur, it should be presented as an amendment to the budget if it becomes viable in 2012.

The Mayor next advised that Director Greever would take the floor and discuss the additional revenue the City could realize if business licensing was increased.

Director Greever quickly overviewed his presentation of the additional revenues that could be captured by increasing 94% of the business licensing by a range of 1.6% to 1.25%. He went on to further recommend that if the Board agreed to move in this direction, it should remain conservative when considering any immediate budgetary modification.

Mayor Buckley then quickly polled the Board of Aldermen and received general consensus that this opportunity would not be included within this year's budget, but would instead be further reviewed with the goal to initiate a rate increase sometime in 2012.

The Mayor then ended the meeting by stating that a finalized budget would be considered for approval via ordinance at the next Board meeting on December 13, 2012.

**Old Business**

None

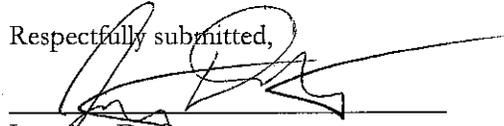
**New Business**

None

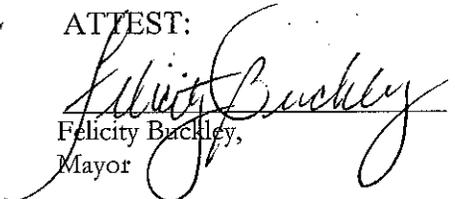
**Adjournment:**

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to adjourn the work session. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. The work session adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jonathan D. Greever,  
Director of Administration/City Clerk

ATTEST:

  
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Felicity Buckley,  
Mayor