

**CITY OF SHREWSBURY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**Work Session
March 27th, 2012**

A Board of Aldermen Work Session was held at 5:00 p.m. this 27th day of March, 2012 in the Aldermanic Conference Room of the Shrewsbury City Center.

There were present:

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

There were not present:

Alderwoman	Chris Gorman
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There were also present:

Director of Administration	Jonathan D. Greever
City Attorney	Michael K. Darning
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

2012 Spring Strategic Planning Session Two for Budget 2013

Mayor Buckley announced that the next item on the agenda was the second session of the 2012 spring strategic planning for the 2013 budget. The Mayor stated that at the end of the first session the Board had been asked if it was time for the City to balance the budget, if there was an acceptable deficit threshold, and for how long the City would be willing to go without a balanced budget. She continued by stating that after polling each of the Board members individually on the above mentioned questions, they had answered that it was not time to balance the budget if it required cutting entire departments, that an acceptable deficit question could not be answered without further consideration, and that a possible tax initiative with a sunset

provision of six years could provide the City more time to explore other options to generate revenue. Mayor Buckley concluded by saying that the projected 2012 budget deficit was \$266,496, and if considered in concert with a 2% cost of living adjustment of approximately \$100,000, the projected 2013 budget deficit would be \$366,496.

Mayor Buckley next asked the Board its general position on a utility tax increase, its stance on the impact of the tax, and its thoughts on taking the issue to the voters.

Alderwoman Wiecher asked what costs the City would incur to place this utility tax increase on the ballot.

The Mayor agreed that the ballot cost should be considered, but added that she believed that it may be time to place this issue before the voters anyway.

Alderman Kauffmann asked if the City knew approximately what the cost would be to place this utility tax increase on the ballot.

Administration Director Jonathan Greever stated that the City's general election cost was approximately \$3,000.00.

Alderman Kopff asked if there were any other available election dates other than August to place an item on a ballot.

Mayor Buckley stated that there were other available election dates.

Mayor Buckley next polled the Board to see if there were any additional expenditure cuts that it could recommend from the 2012 budget, which had a projected \$266,496 deficit.

The Mayor, after receiving general consensus from Alderman Kauffmann, Alderman Travaglini, Alderman Scherer, and Alderman Kopff, asked Alderwoman Wiecher for her position regarding the above mentioned statement.

Alderwoman Wiecher stated she was not certain whether any further cuts were viable, and added that she would like to further examine the possible consolidation of police and fire into one public safety department.

Mayor Buckley asked Alderwoman Wiecher if, other than this potential cut, there were any further expenditure cuts that she could foresee.

Alderwoman Wiecher stated that there were not.

Alderwoman Wiecher asked if the City had pursued the possibility of changing from a point of sales city to a pool city.

Mayor Buckley and Alderman Kauffmann both responded that the City had researched this possibility in 2009, only to determine that this would realize a significant loss for the City.

Mayor Buckley next polled the Board and gained general consensus that the City would not put anything on the ballot until November at the earliest.

The Mayor then asked Fire Chief Bill Fox to take the floor and provide a brief overview on the public safety consolidation option.

Fire Chief Fox stated that he had researched the City of Des Peres' Public Safety Department, which represented the only "merged" public safety department in the region. He stated that based upon the transition and ongoing operational costs, he did not believe that the merger would save the City of Shrewsbury money.

Mayor Buckley then acknowledged that Alderwoman Wiecher wanted additional time to further review the above mentioned document presented by Fire Chief Fox.

Motion to Amend Agenda

Alderman Travaglini then made a motion to amend the agenda to move the old and new business portions of the meeting as the next items on the agenda. Alderman Kauffmann seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business

Mayor Buckley stated that she recently met with executives at BNSF Railroad with regards to installing a retaining wall at the Weil Avenue railroad crossing. She added that her request was initially met with resistance, but was later promised that this matter would be further investigated. The Mayor continued by saying that the BNSF executives suggested that if the City set up a non-profit corporation, the railway had a program that awarded donations to communities to beautify areas around railways.

Mayor Buckley then asked if one of the Board members wanted to participate as a liaison to the 100th Anniversary Committee. The Mayor then recognized that Alderwoman Wiecher had volunteered to serve on the committee. She then introduced the banners proposed for the celebration as well as a new color scheme for the city logo. She also introduced the concept of a new tag line entitled "The City of Generations".

Alderwoman Wiecher then asked if the City had followed up with KDNL with respect to icing on the guy wires.

Director Greever stated that he had sent a letter to KDNL Headquarters informing them that the issue of ice accumulating on the guy wires had posed a nuisance to the residents in the area and that it may have even caused property damage. He further stated that this letter also had served as formal notification to KDNL that this issue would be deemed a public nuisance if allowed to continue.

Alderwoman Wiecher asked if the City had received a response from KDNL.

Director Greever said that the City had not.

Alderwoman Wiecher then asked if the City could consider an ordinance requiring concrete curbing in commercial zones and Mayor Buckley stated that the Board would soon consider a landscape ordinance that would incorporate this requirement.

New Business

Street Superintendent Wagner informed the City Center Building had recently experienced a leak from a broken pipe in an interior wall. He added that the issue had been resolved, and Parks Director Buck added that the total cost for this repair was \$4,745.00.

Fire Chief Fox informed the Board that all elected officials as well as all City staff must complete coursework for FEMA's national incident management system, in order for the City to qualify for grant funding. He

further stated that he would provide instructions to the Board and staff on how to complete the certification process.

Ordinances

(Bill No. 2664)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2664, a bill providing for the raising of chickens domestically for private, non-slaughtering, non-commercial, non-breeding use and establishing regulations thereto by creating a new Section 230.055 of Chapter 230: Animal Regulations, of Title II: Public Health Safety and Welfare Code of the Municipal Code of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri; by providing for the current maintenance of this code; by providing for the repeal of all conflicting ordinances; and by providing for the effective date of this ordinance. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. Upon no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Travaglini, seconded by Alderman Scherer 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 Alderman Scherer, 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 second and final time. Alderman Travaglini made a motion that Bill No. 2664 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2658. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded. Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "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. 2664 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2658.

(Bill No. 2666)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2666, a bill amending Section 230.020: Number of Animals Limited, of Chapter 230: Animal Regulations, of Title II: Public Health Safety and Welfare Code of the Municipal Code of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri; by creating a new Subsection 230.020 (9) providing for the allowance of the domestic raising of chickens; by providing for the current maintenance of this code; by providing for the repeal of all conflicting ordinances; and by providing for the effective date of this ordinance. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. Upon no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Scherer, seconded by Alderman Travaglini 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 Scherer, seconded by Alderman Travaglini, 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 second and final time. Alderman Scherer made a motion that Bill No. 2666 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2659. Alderman Travaglini seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded. Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "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. 2666 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2659.

(Bill No. 2667)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2667, a bill authorizing the Mayor to enter into a second amendment to the original financial advisory agreement with WM Financial Strategies for the provision of financial advisory services in connection with the potential redevelopment of Kenrick Plaza as authorized by City of

Shrewsbury, Missouri Ordinance No. 2599. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. Upon no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Kopff, seconded by Alderman Scherer 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 stated that the Board was holding a first and second reading in this session due to the time sensitivity this matter. A motion was then made by Alderman Scherer, seconded by Alderman Kopff, and passed with a 4-1 approval (Alderwoman 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. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. Alderwoman Wiecher stated that it was unfortunate that there were no members of the community at the meeting, especially when the City was conducting a first and second reading. She further indicated that if only one reading had been conducted, the community would have been aware that something was happening with the redevelopment. Mayor Buckley responded that the community was informed through the normal postings of the agenda as well as having receiving it through a city wide email notification. She additionally added that the community had been kept up to date with the ongoing redevelopment negotiations. Alderman Scherer made a motion that Bill No. 2667 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2660. Alderman Travaglini seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded. Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderman Scherer, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye"; and Alderwoman Wiecher, "Nay".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2667 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2660.

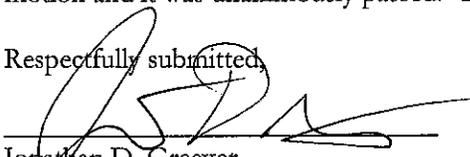
Motion to Amend Agenda

Alderman Travaglini then made a motion to amend the agenda to remove the Closed Session portion of the meeting. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

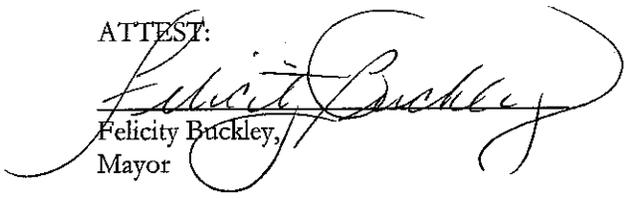
Adjournment:

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 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jonathan D. Greever,
Director of Administration/City Clerk

ATTEST:


Felicity Buckley,
Mayor