

WORK SESSION MINUTES

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on December 8, 2011, at 7:00 a.m. Present were Council Members Biedenstein, Jaksetic, Sears, Ward, Yuan, and Mayor McDonnell. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Mike Brown, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Georgia Ragland, City Clerk Betty Montañó, and Public Information Officer Beth von Behren. Council Member Griffin was absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Jaksetic and seconded by Council Member Yuan to approve the work session minutes of December 1, 2011. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Georgia Ragland and Strategic Plan Facilitator Fred Falker were in attendance and presented information regarding the Strategic Plan. Some of the issues discussed are as follows.

- A strategic plan is a management tool that is put on the table, committed to and can change
- A strategic plan is intended to help and not constrain
- The community as a whole wants things to be better but not necessarily wants major changes
- The strategic goals are not ranked in importance but if they were the Quality of Life issue should be ranked as highest importance
- Goal #1:
 - Concern was raised regarding initiatives being more self-serving rather than global oriented
 - Important for initiatives for fit with the overall goal
 - It was recommended that the role of who is responsible be defined
 - Objective A:
 - Locating and maintaining existing city facilities is looked at in a very global manor
 - If city facilities are not maintained then the quality of life decreases
 - Need to know where the City should be moving based on what is going on in the community and world wide
 - The Tree Ordinance is an issue that needs to be decided upon
 - Objective B:
 - Would like to find a way for patrol officers to be more involved in the community and to develop more of a personal relationship with the citizens
 - Could utilize volunteers by having them help citizens that need help with painting and repairs to homes
 - Tactical issues fall under the CAO to be responsible to make sure staff are doing their jobs
 - Objective C:
 - A renovated or new Community Center would be something that would complete the park system
 - A recommendation was made that this objective have a format change and be changed to an action
 - Objective D:
 - There is a possibility of expanding business hours and having City Hall open on Saturday

- Goal #2:
 - Objective A:
 - Community outreach is very important and there could hold more town hall meetings held
 - Objective B:
 - Some other communities have gone with paperless agendas and packets
 - Currently do not have the technology to put board and commission packet items on-line
 - Objective C:
 - Question was raised regarding how to tap more of the resources out there to utilize more citizens who are wanting to volunteer
- This item will be placed on a future work session agenda for further discussion

The meeting was adjourned.

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Deputy City Clerk