



WHERE COMMUNITY AND SPIRIT MEET

WORK SESSION MINUTES

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on January 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri. Present were Mayor Griffin, Council Members Duwe, Gibbons, Luetzow, Sears, Ward and Zimmer. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer David Weidler, City Clerk Laurie Asche, Public Services Director Bill Bensing, City Engineer Chris Krueger, Planning and Development Services Director Jonathan Raiche, City Planner II Amy Lowry, and City Attorney John Hessel.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

Motion was made by Council Member Ward and seconded by Council Member Sears to close the meeting pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.021 (3 – Personnel).

Roll Call:

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| Mayor Griffin | “Yes” |
| Council Member Ward | “Yes” |
| Council Member Zimmer | “Yes” |
| Council Member Duwe | “Yes” |
| Council Member Gibbons | “Yes” |
| Council Member Luetzow | “Yes” |
| Council Member Sears | “Yes” |

The meeting was closed.

MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING

Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Gibbons to open the meeting.

Roll Call:

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| Mayor Griffin | “Yes” |
| Council Member Ward | “Yes” |
| Council Member Zimmer | “Yes” |
| Council Member Duwe | “Yes” |
| Council Member Gibbons | “Yes” |
| Council Member Luetzow | “Yes” |
| Council Member Sears | “Yes” |

The meeting was opened.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2022 WORK SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Ward and seconded by Council Member Duwe to approve the December 15, 2022 Work Session minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

BIG BEND BLVD. PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

Director of Public Services Bill Bensing presented information pertaining to Big Bend Boulevard pedestrian improvements. Some of the information presented and discussed is as follows:

Over the past 18 months, the Engineering and Planning and Development Services Departments have been working with the St. Louis County Department of Transportation (County), and recently the St. Louis Community College at Meramec (STLCCM) concerning pedestrian safety along Big Bend Blvd. During this time frame, City staff has discussed several pedestrian improvements along Bid Bend from Couch Ave. to Kirkwood Rd. Several of these improvements originated from citizen advocates and the Road Safety Audit (RSA) conducted in June 2021.

Working with the County, staff has been able to modify the Big Bend/Geyer Rd intersection by reducing pedestrian crossing distances on the north leg of the intersection and upgrading pedestrian pavement markings by using thermoplastic continental style crossings. These same kind of pedestrian crossing will also be placed at the Big Bend/Couch and Big Bend/Kirkwood Rd. intersections. Although, the City will be required to pay for the pedestrian markings and accept on-going maintenance responsibilities.

The other pedestrian improvement that has been heavily discussed is a mid-block pedestrian crossing east of Forest Ave. approximately in front of the Montessori school. Through many meetings and discussions with the County, the County has indicated that they would support the concept of a mid-block crossing. In addition, STLCCM also supports a mid-block crossing on Big Bend. However, both organizations have indicated that they cannot currently financially support this improvement.

On December 15th, 2022 staff received an email from the County seeking to see if the City still wants to pursue the mid-block crossing at the City's cost as part of the County's resurfacing project. If the City does not want to pursue this improvement at this time, it can be a standalone project in the future. Since there is no County funding, the City can pay for the mid-block crossing using City funds or seek an STP or TAP grant in the future. The project is estimated at \$350,000.

A discussion took place. It was the consensus of the Council for the City to seek an STP or TAP grant in the future.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

Motion was made by Council Member Ward and seconded by Council Member Duwe to close the meeting pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.021 (1 – Legal).

Roll Call:

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| Mayor Griffin | "Yes" |
| Council Member Ward | "Yes" |
| Council Member Zimmer | "Yes" |
| Council Member Duwe | "Yes" |
| Council Member Gibbons | "Yes" |
| Council Member Luetzow | "Yes" |
| Council Member Sears | "Yes" |

The meeting was closed.

MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING

Motion was made by Council Member Ward and seconded by Council Member Zimmer to open the meeting.

Roll Call:

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| Mayor Griffin | "Yes" |
| Council Member Ward | "Yes" |
| Council Member Zimmer | "Yes" |
| Council Member Duwe | "Yes" |
| Council Member Gibbons | "Yes" |
| Council Member Luetzow | "Yes" |
| Council Member Sears | "Yes" |

The meeting was opened. There being no further matters to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned.

Laurie Asche
City Clerk