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## **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on May 4, 2023 at 6:00 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 Assistant Chief Administrative Officer David Weidler, City Attorney John Hessel, City Clerk Laurie Asche, and Deputy City Clerk Bridget Waters. Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes was absent and excused.

### **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 20, 2023 WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Duwe to approve the April 20, 2023 Work Session minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **BUDGET PLANNING SESSION TOPICS DISCUSSION**

Mayor Griffin started the meeting with the Budget planning discussion with Council. The proposed budget topics: KAA property Use for the City, Civilian-Led Dispatch Operation, Accessory Building at Farmers' Market, Electric Substation Security, Budgetary Maintenance Set-Aside, and TDD ballot measure November 2024.

Council suggested adding as topics: 1) removing Accessory Building at Farmers Market and add Farmers' Market Operation, 2) under the TDD ballot measure add Structure of Bid to the discussion, 3) review of the Economic Development opportunities for the City, 4) Vision Zero Education and Public Safety for the City, 5) Police and Fire budget needs for FY25 and 5 year projections, 6) discussion on Police and Fire retirement funds, 7) retirement benefits for all staff including long-term viability given escalating cost-of-service, 8) funding for Water main replacement and the required expenditures of IRC funds, 9) Sanitation Department senior discount for trash services and suspending winter yard waste pick-up, 10) Big Bend pedestrian safety enhancements, 11) speeding issues for the City, and 11) Capital Expenditures for the known major future projects.

The Budget Planning Session is scheduled to be held July 13, 2023 1pm – 5pm and July 14, 2023 9am – 4pm.

The Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> work session topic will be regarding the LAGERS questions Council previously discussed.

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

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Laurie Asche  
City Clerk