

**City Council Meeting Minutes
Kirkwood City Hall
Thursday, January 9, 2025 7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given by the Mayor, the City Council convened on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 South Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri. Present: Mayor Gibbons, Council Members Jaksetic, Luetzow, McLean, Rheinneck, Schaefer, and Zimmer. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer David Weidler, City Clerk Laurie Asche, Planning & Development Services Director Jonathan Raiche, City Planner II Amy Lowry, and City Attorney John Hessel.

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Gibbons paused the meeting to honor Michael Hamilton's life. Hamilton was a visionary whose contributions profoundly enriched the cultural fabric of Kirkwood and the greater St. Louis area.

As Co-Founder and Artistic Director of STAGES St. Louis, Michael's passion for the performing arts was evident in every production he directed. Over 35 years, he led more than 100 shows, each reflecting his dedication to excellence and his unwavering commitment to the arts. His work not only entertained but also inspired countless artists and audiences alike.

Michael's influence extended beyond the stage. His leadership transformed STAGES into a cornerstone of our arts community, earning him numerous accolades, including the Arts and Education Council's 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award, which he shared with his co-founder, Jack Lane.

In recognition of his remarkable contributions and the indelible mark he has left on our community, I, Mayor Liz Gibbons, do hereby proclaim January 10, 2025, as Michael Hamilton Day in the City of Kirkwood.

We extend our deepest condolences to Jack Lane, Michael's family, and all who had the privilege of working with him. Michael's passion, creativity, and love for the arts will forever be remembered and cherished.

Let us honor his memory by continuing to support and celebrate the arts within our community, ensuring that his legacy endures for generations to come.

PRESENTATIONS

NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Jamie Scott, 1956 N. Signal Hills Dr.; commented about amending the provisions of the Municipal Code, Chapter 25 – Zoning and Subdivision for accessory structures and is not in favor of Bill 11067.
2. Linda Fenton, 1861 N. Signal Hills Dr., commented about amending the provisions of the Municipal Code, Chapter 25 – Zoning and Subdivision for accessory structures and is not in favor of Bill 11064.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Schaefer to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

- a) Approval of the December 19, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 11060A, approving a Major Site Plan and granting an Amendment to the Special Use Permit for Vehicle Sale and Rental at 10525 and 10725 Manchester Road (Lou Fusz Toyota) subject to certain conditions was brought before the City Council (**Continued from December 19, 2024**).

Motion was made by Council Member Schaefer and seconded by Council Member Jaksetic to amend Bill 11060, remove Section 1 subsection 4, and replace it with the following language: “4. The existing rear fence shall be replaced with a sound mitigating and sight proof fence not less than 8’ in height and made of SimTek or a comparable composite product. This shall include along the north side of the alley right of way to the extension of the east property line northward.” A discussion took place. The motion to amend was unanimously approved.

Roll Call:

Mayor Gibbons	“Yes”
Council Member Zimmer	“Yes”
Council Member Jaksetic	“Yes”
Council Member Luetzow	“Yes”
Council Member McLean	“Yes”
Council Member Rheinnecker	“Yes”
Council Member Schaefer	“Yes”

The amended bill, having received majority approval of the Council, was adopted and became Ordinance 10887.

Bill 11065A, amending the provisions of the Municipal Code, Chapter 25 – Zoning and Subdivision related to marijuana facility or medical marijuana facility regulations in Section 25-36 was brought before the City Council.

Motion was made by Council Member Jaksetic and seconded by Council Member Schaefer to amend Bill 11065, Section 1, where it reads 500 feet to 1,000 feet. A discussion took place. The motion to amend passed unanimously.

Roll Call:

Mayor Gibbons	“Yes”
Council Member Zimmer	“Yes”
Council Member Jaksetic	“Yes”
Council Member Luetzow	“Yes”
Council Member McLean	“Yes”
Council Member Rheinnecker	“Yes”
Council Member Schaefer	“Yes”

The amended bill, having received majority approval of the Council, was adopted and became Ordinance 10888.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 11064, amending the provisions of the Municipal Code, Chapter 25 – Zoning and Subdivision for sidewalk requirements not part of a subdivision in Section 25-69(a)(2)(i)(a) was brought before the City Council (**Continued from December 19, 2024**). Motion was made by Council Member Schaefer and seconded by Council Member Zimmer to accept the bill as read. A discussion took place.

The bill failed with Council Members Luetzow, McLean, and Schaefer opposed. Mayor Gibbons, Council Members Jaksetic, Rheinnecker, and Zimmer were in favor. The Bill needed a supermajority vote to pass.

Bill 11066A, amending the provisions of the Municipal Code, Chapter 25 – Zoning and Subdivision for outdoor lighting requirements in Section 25-52 was brought before the City Council. Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Rheinnecker to accept the bill as read.

Motion was made Mayor Gibbons and seconded by Council Member Schaefer to amend Bill 11066, to read all lighting fixtures shall not exceed a correlated color temperature (CCT) of 2700 kelvin. A discussion took place. The motion to amend passed with Mayor Gibbons, Council Members Jaksetic, McLean, Rheinnecker and Schaefer in favor. Council Member Luetzow and Zimmer were opposed.

The amended bill passed first reading with Mayor Gibbons, Council Members Jaksetic, McLean, Rheinnecker and Schaefer in favor. Council Member Luetzow and Zimmer were opposed.

Bill 11067, amending the provisions of the Municipal Code, Chapter 25 – Zoning and Subdivision for accessory structures requirements in Sections 25-42 and 25-45 was brought before the City Council. Motion was made by Council Member McLean and seconded by Council Member Rheinnecker to accept the Bill as read. A discussion took place.

The bill failed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
NONE

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Zimmer thanked the Kirkwood employees for their hard work and dedication during the recent snow storm.

Council Member Schaefer also wanted to thank the Kirkwood employees for their hard work and dedication during the recent snow storm. Also, a big thanks the Kirkwood Firefighters and Police Officers for their hard work during three fires that took place within the last three weeks. Texas Roadhouse, a mutual aid assist to a House explosion in Glendale, and a second fire.

Council Member Jaksetic also thanked the Kirkwood employees for their hard work and dedication during the recent snow storm. Council Jaksetic also recognize Water, Electric, and Street Departments for making arrangements for employees to stay in hotels during the recent snow storm.

Council Member McLean also thanked the Kirkwood employees for their hard work and dedication during the recent snow storm.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS
NONE

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS
NONE

CITY CLERK REPORTS
NONE

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the formal meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Kirkwood City Council will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

Laurie Asche
City Clerk

Approve



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