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**City Council Meeting Minutes
Kirkwood City Hall
Thursday, February 6, 2025 7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given by the Mayor, the City Council convened on Thursday, February 6, 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 Ashe, Public Services Director Chris Krueger, Planning & Development Services Director Jonathan Raiche, and City Attorney John Hessel.

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

NONE

PRESENTATIONS

Chair of the Human Right Commission David Hartung presented Verneda Carrier with the 2024 Denis Hart Award of Excellence.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Ron Ruzicka, 2 Garden Ave., spoke in regards to the speed study, traffic tickets, traffic noise, and a road diet.
2. Kara Wurtz, 3 Sunset Ln., spoke in regards to Bill 11064 and asked the Council to vote down the bill.
3. Tom Moser, 631 Mistletoe, spoke in regards to kelvin versus lumens for lighting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Jaksetic to approve the Consent Agenda.

- a) Approval of the January 23, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Council Member Luetzow and seconded by Council Member Zimmer to amend the January 23, 2025 minutes, under paragraphs 1 & 3 where it states "The motion was unanimously approved" to state in both sections "The motion was unanimously approved, with Council Member Luetzow failing to cast a vote." Motion passed with Council Member McLean abstaining.

The Consent Agenda was approved with Council Member McLean abstaining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE



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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. Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Rheinnecker to accept the Bill as read.

Motion was made by Council Member Schaefer and seconded by Council Member McLean to amend the Bill by amending the title to read, “an Ordinance 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)(ii)”, as well as amending Section 1 to read, “That the City of Kirkwood Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 25 – Zoning and Subdivision Code, Article IX Parking, Access, and Mobility Standards, Section 25-69(a)(2)(ii) on sidewalk requirements not part of a subdivision, is hereby amended as follows: a. The Director of Public Services may waive the sidewalk requirement of this section.” A discussion took place. The motion to amend passed with all in favor.

The bill as amended received first reading approval and was held over.

Resolution 4-2025, authorizing and directing the Mayor to sign a Letter of Consent between the City of Kirkwood and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (“Amtrak”) dated January 24, 2025 for improvements to the Historic Kirkwood Train Station property through the Amtrak ADA Stations Program was brought before the City Council. Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Luetzow to accept the Resolution as read. A discussion took place.

Roll Call:

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

Resolution 5-2025, accepting the bid of Traffic Logix Corporation in the amount of \$59,815 (pursuant to Sourcwell Cooperative Contract) for the purchase of 22 speed feedback signs and authorizing and directing the Director of Procurement to issue a Purchase Order was brought before the City Council. Motion was made by Council Member Schaefer and seconded by Council Member Luetzow to accept the Resolution as read. A discussion took place.

Roll Call:

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

NONE

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Gibbons wanted to congratulate Fonda Fantroy Richardson to amazing beginning to Black History Month. Also, Nipher Middle School win Missouri Schools of Character.

Council Member Schaefer wanted to commend Chief Silvernail for being named a 2025 St. Louis Titan 100 Hall of Fame recipient.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

NONE

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

NONE

CITY CLERK REPORTS

Ms. Asche provided a report from the February 5, 2025, meeting of the Planning & Zoning report. The following action was taken:

1. By a vote of 6-1, the Commission recommended approval of a Zoning Map Amendment for a portion of 1120 Earl Avenue from R-4 to B-3. A public hearing will be scheduled for March 6, 2025.

Upcoming Hearings - February 20, 2025:

1. City of Kirkwood Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026
2. Downtown Special Business District Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the formal meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Kirkwood City Council will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

Laurie Asche
City Clerk