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**City Council Meeting Minutes
Kirkwood City Hall
Thursday, March 20, 2025 7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given by the Mayor, the City Council convened on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 South Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri. Present: Deputy Mayor Zimmer, Council Members Jaksetic, Luetzow, McLean, and Schaefer. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russell Hawes, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer David Weidler, City Clerk Laurie Asche, City Engineer Richard Holesinger, and City Attorney John Hessel. Mayor Gibbons and Council Member Rheinnecker were absent and excused.

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

NONE

PRESENTATIONS

NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing

Deputy Mayor Zimmer recessed the meeting for the purpose of conducting a public hearing regarding a request for a vacation on a 25' wide right-of-way on a tract of land being part of Lot 7 of Robin Hood, recorded in Plat Book 57, Page 34, located in the City of Kirkwood, St. Louis County, Missouri. Mr. Hessel entered the following exhibits into the record: An Affidavit of Publication in the Countian on February 28, 2025, as Exhibit 1; An Affidavit of Publication in the Webster Kirkwood Times on February 28, 2025, as Exhibit 2; a list of properties that were notified of the hearing as Exhibit 3; an aerial view map showing the subject property, as Exhibit 4; and the Kirkwood Code of Ordinances, as Exhibit 5.

City Engineer Richard Holesinger presented the matter to the council:

- The request is from the property owner of 1521 Friar Lane.
- The width of the existing right of way is 25' feet.
- The proposed vacation is only for the portion of Woodbine Avenue at the rear of the property.
- An existing 10' feet wide easement for MSD crosses the proposed vacated ROW will remain.
- The property owner has received letters of approval to vacate from Spire, AT&T, Missouri American Water, Ameren, MSD, Charter, Kirkwood Water, and Kirkwood Electric.

Applicant Mark Kempfoefner addressed the Council. Some discussion took place as follows:

- A question was raised asking if either side of the property is vacated.
 - No, both sides of the property are open.



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- A question about consolidating the land on both sides of the property into the requested lot was raised.
 - Consolidating was recommended but not requested.
- A question was raised about the purpose of the vacation request.
- A question was raised about the ownership of the property and the Right of Way.
 - Normally, the City does not determine who takes ownership of the vacated property. The issue for the City Council is whether or not the City Council believes that the city needs or wants this property.
 - The City doesn't own the property. The City holds a Right-of-Way easement. The City would have to vacate the easement and the property would revert back to the property owners from once it came.

The bill will be placed on the April 3, 2025 agenda for first reading consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Jacob Trimble, 41 S Central, commented about the St. Louis County comprehensive plan.
2. Mike Fitzgerald, 729 Cleveland Ave., suggests the City Council pass a Resolution supporting the federal workforce.
3. Betty Montano, 104 Alta Mira Ct., commented on changing the Memorial Walkway to the John M. Hessel Walkway.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Luetzow and seconded by Council Member McLean to approve the Consent Agenda.

- a) Approval of the March 6, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 11069A, adopting and approving the Operating and Capital Budgets for the City of Kirkwood for the Fiscal year April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, and appropriating such sums as are set forth herein for all departments and the accounts therein specified, for all expenditures of the City of such year, which appropriations total \$130,295,810, capital projects of \$31,022,110, appropriating the sum of \$800,300 for payment interfund loans; and reappropriating \$1,929,060 for previously approved projects that will be incomplete as of March 31, 2025 was brought before the City Council. A discussion took place.

Roll Call:

Deputy Mayor Zimmer	"Yes"
Council Member Schaefer	"Yes"
Council Member Jaksetic	"Yes"
Council Member Luetzow	"Yes"
Council Member McLean	"Yes"
Council Member Rheinneck	Absent



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Mayor Gibbons

Absent

The bill, having received majority approval of the Council, was adopted and became Ordinance 10892.

Bill 11070, ordinance approving the budget of the Special Business District for the Fiscal Year April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 was brought before the City Council.

Roll Call:

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

The bill, having received majority approval of the Council, was adopted and became Ordinance 10893.

Bill 11071, amending the Kirkwood Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Article VIII, Section 14-396 “Schedule F: Speed Limit Designations” was brought before the City Council. A discussion took place.

Roll Call:

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

The bill, having received majority approval of the Council, was adopted and became Ordinance 10894.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 11072, adopting a revised City of Kirkwood Classification and Pay Plan was brought before the City Council. Motion was made by Council Member Schaefer and seconded by Council Member Luetzow to accept the Bill as read. A discussion took place.

There was a clerical error. The word “Staff” in the 4th Where As clause will be changed to “Chief Administrative Officer.”



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Motion was made Council Member Jaksetic and seconded by Council Member Schaefer to continue Bill 11072 to the April 3, 2025 meeting. A discussion took place. The motion to continue the bill failed, with Council Member Jaksetic in favor. Deputy Mayor Zimmer, Council Members Luetzow, McLean, and Schaefer opposed.

The bill received first reading approval and was held over. Council Member Jaksetic abstained.

Resolution 15-2025, approving appointments to the Board of Directors of the Manchester Lindbergh Southeast Community Improvement District was brought before the City Council. Motion was made by Council Member Luetzow and seconded by Council Member McLean to accept the Resolution as read. A discussion took place.

Roll Call:

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

Resolution 16-2025, accepting the bid of Enterprise Consulting Group in the amount of \$17,389.42 for the purchase of CheckPoint Software Support and Maintenance for the MIS Department 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 Luetzow and seconded by Council Member McLean to accept the Resolution as read.

Roll Call:

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

Resolution 17-2025, accepting the proposal of Middendorf & Reuss Construction Inc. at the rates provided in the memo for General Contracting Services for the City of Kirkwood, on an as needed basis, for an initial term of 12 months with the option to renew for up to four additional 12 month terms, contingent upon budgetary approval, and authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into a contract was brought before the City



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Council. Motion was made by Council Member Luetzow and seconded by Council Member Jaksetic to accept the Resolution as read. A discussion took place.

Roll Call:

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

NONE

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Schaefer reported on the Board of Adjustment meeting and thanked City Attorney Hessel for his years of service.

Council Members Jaksetic thanked City Attorney John Hessel for his years of service.

Council Member Luetzow thanked City Attorney John Hessel for his years of service.

Council Member McLean thanked City Attorney John Hessel for his years of service.

Deputy Mayor Zimmer thanked City Attorney John Hessel for his years of service.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

CAO Hawes thanked City Attorney Hessel for his service.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

City Attorney Hessel thanked the Deputy Mayor and Council for all their well wishes.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

City Clerk Asche thanked City Attorney Hessel for his years of service.

Upcoming Hearings – April 3, 2025:

1. A request for a Zoning Code Text Amendment regarding the applicability of architectural review.
2. A request for a Major Site Plan Partial Amendment at the Greenbriar Hill Country Club at 12665 Big Bend Boulevard to expand the approved sound mitigating fence.



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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the formal meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Kirkwood City Council will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2025.

Laurie Asche
City Clerk