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WORK SESSION MINUTES

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on June 5, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri. Present were: Mayor Gibbons, Council Members Jaksetic, Luetzow, Rheinnecker, Schaefer, and Zimmer. Also in attendance were Assistant Chief Administrative Officer David Weidler, City Clerk Laurie Asche, Parks & Recreation Director Kyle Henke, Public Services Director Chris Krueger, Police Captain Sean Conners, Communications Manager, and City Attorney Jackie Graves. Council Member McLean was absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF MAY 15, 2025 WORK SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Luetzow to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2025 work session meeting.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

GREETREE PARK CONNECTIVITY & GRG FEASIBILITY STUDY

Parks & Recreation Director Kyle Henke provided an update to the Council. A pedestrian bicycle bridge connecting Unger County Park in Fenton to Green Tree Park in Kirkwood is being evaluated. A flood study conducted during the Unger Park Trail Realignment Project assessed the feasibility of constructing a bridge across the Meramec River. Preliminary findings indicate that the bridge could meet the required "No Rise" criteria along this regulated floodway. This is a very early-stage feasibility and conceptual planning effort with no formal proposal of funding commitments at this time. The primary goal is to engage community members in both Kirkwood and Fenton to gather input on the bridge's feasibility, location, and conceptual design. This effort supports the long-term connectivity goals for GRG and the Meramec Greenway. GRG has a proposed scope of work that requires approval from the GRG Board of Directors before it can proceed. This is a tentative timeline that includes a review by the GRG Board on July 8, 2025. Following that, work will commence on project kickoff, data gathering, messaging concepts, and the development of engagement materials.

SAFE STREETS 4 ALL GRANT

Director of Public Services Chris Krueger addressed the City Council regarding the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Application, which is due on June 26th, 2025. Staff has compiled a list of projects that ranked high in the City-Wide Speed Study, the Southeast Connectivity Study, and the Safe Routes to School public engagement process. Additionally, the relocation of all overhead utilities to underground on Ann is included. All of which is proposed to be included in the grant. As can be seen on the attached map, projects are spread out throughout Kirkwood to ensure geographic representation. The map identifies locations for a few sidewalk connections, street segments, and points, typically at crosswalks or intersections. Street segment improvements will include traffic calming elements to be determined during the design phase, likely including curb extensions, lane narrowing, and speed humps. Points on the map indicate crossing improvements, such as raised crosswalks, lighted crosswalks with RRFBs and enhanced lighting, or a raised intersection. There is no application fee for the SS4A grant. The City of Kirkwood has already completed its Safety Action Plan, a prerequisite for submitting an implementation grant application. It is proposed as an 80% Grant and a 20% match. Therefore, the City's local share would be proposed at \$1,360,964.



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Some discussion took place as follows:

- A question was raised about private schools being included.
- A question was raised about consideration for the southeast connectivity improvement from Doc Harley Davidson to the Daycare.

It was the consensus of the Council for staff to submit an application.

REGULATION OF MOTORIZED SCOOTERS AND MINI-BIKES

Police Captain Sean Connors discussed this topic with the Council. To classify a Motor Vehicle is any self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively upon tracks, except farm tractors. A Motorized Bicycle is any two-wheeled or three-wheeled device having an automatic transmission and a motor with a cylinder capacity of not more than 50 cubic centimeters, which produces less than three gross brake horsepower, and is capable of propelling the device at a maximum speed of not more than 30 miles per hour on level ground. The criteria for Scooters are the same as Motorized Bicycles. Depending on the type of scooter.

Some discussion that took place as follows:

- A question was raised asking what regulations surrounding Municipalities have.
 - Some Municipalities follow the same regulations as Kirkwood, or follow St. Louis County regulations.
- A question was raised asking how other municipalities define motorized scooters and mini-bikes
- A question was raised asking if parents could get ticketed.
 - Yes, Kirkwood has an Ordinance for parental responsibility.

The meeting was opened. Since no further matters were to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned.

Laurie Asche
City Clerk