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**City Council Meeting Minutes
Kirkwood City Hall
Thursday, February 5, 2026 7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given by the Mayor, the City Council convened on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 South Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri. Present: Mayor Gibbons, Council Members Jaksetic, Luetzow, McLean, Rheinnecker, Schaefer, and Zimmer. Also in attendance were Interim Chief Administrative Officer David Weidler, City Clerk Laurie Asche, Deputy City Clerk Zoe Williams, Planning and Development Services Director Jonathan Raiche, Communications Manager Jessica Winter, and City Attorney Jackie Graves.

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

NONE

PRESENTATIONS

Human Rights Commission Chair David Hartung presented the Denis Hart Award to Emily Kuttenkuler.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Michael Duff Kelly, 5242 Quincy, spoke regarding his proposal for the Pedestrian Aerial Lift System ("PALS" or "Two Towers"), a pedestrian crossing structure.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Schaefer and seconded by Council Member Zimmer to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was approved with all in favor.

- a) Approval of January 22, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes
- b) Resolution 7-2026, appointing Julie Golinghorst as the City of Kirkwood's Representative to serve on the St. Louis County Council for the University of Missouri Extension for a two year term beginning March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2028

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 11117, amending the provisions of the Municipal Code, Chapter 25 – Zoning and Subdivision by creating a new Zoning District to be known as the R-7, Planned Multi-Family Residential District and amending various sections of Code to reference said District was brought before the City Council. A discussion took place.



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Roll Call:

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

The Bill, having received majority approval of the Council, was adopted and became Ordinance 10936.

Bill 11118A, changing the Zoning from B-2, Central Business District, to R-7, Planned Multi-Family Residential District, on the properties known as 345 S. Fillmore Avenue, 336 S. Taylor Avenue, and 340 S. Taylor Avenue, being an approximately 5.9 acre site between Taylor Avenue and Fillmore Avenue and south of Monroe Avenue and directing such change in the Zoning District Map was brought before the City Council. A discussion took place.

Roll Call:

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

The Bill, having received majority approval of the Council, was adopted and became Ordinance 10937.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 11119, appropriating \$73,200 from the Equitable Sharing Fund Balance to the Police Department Machinery and Equipment Account, accepting the single source quote of TI Training in the amount of \$73,200 for the purchase of a TI Training Simulator for the Police 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 Zimmer to accept the Bill as read. A discussion took place.

The Bill received first reading approval and was held over.



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Resolution 8-2026, determining the intent of the City of Kirkwood, Missouri, to reimburse itself for, or to pay for, certain capital expenditures with the proceeds of Certificates of Participation; and approving a Municipal Advisor Agreement with WM Financial Strategies, and a proposal for Special Tax and Disclosure Counsel Services with Gilmore & Bell, P.C., in connection with the delivery of the City's Certificates of Participation (City of Kirkwood, Missouri, Lessee), Series 2026 was brought before the City Council. Motion was made by Council Member Luetzow and seconded by Council Member Zimmer to accept the Resolution as read. A discussion took place.

Motion was made by Council Member McLean and seconded by Council Member Jaksetic to continue the Resolution to February 19, 2026. A discussion took place. The Motion to continue passed with Mayor Gibbons, Council Members Jaksetic, McLean, Rheinnecker, Schaefer and Zimmer in favor. Council Member Luetzow was opposed.

The Resolution was continued to February 19, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION NONE

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Gibbons commended the Sanitation and Streets Departments on their handling of operations during and after Winter Storm Fern.

Council member Luetzow reported:

- The Park Board:
 - Approved a feasibility study by Great Rivers Greenway for a bridge connection between Unger Park in Fenton and Greentree Park in Kirkwood
 - Will hold a public hearing regarding the Parks Master Plan
 - Will hold a public hearing and special meeting regarding FY27 budget
- Parks and Recreation staff have obtained a grant from the St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant Commission and a new park has been installed
- Appreciation for the City Departments' handling of snow after Winter Storm Fern, particularly Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Bavlsik
- The retirement of Renee Kennedy
- The Park Foundation receiving its tax ID, and donations from the Gaylord Foundation & charitable bequest
- Gratitude to those of the Park Foundation

Council Member Zimmer reported on the Kirkwood School District Board of Education meeting, where concerns over funding were discussed.



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INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

Mr. Weidler reported that the City received an Application for Liquor License to sell Intoxicating Liquor in Original Package including Sundays from CF Altitude LLC (dba Rocket #4250) at 11142 Big Bend Boulevard. Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Schaefer to approve the application. A discussion took place. The application passed with all in favor.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

Ms. Graves had nothing to report.

CITY CLERK REPORTS

Ms. Asche reported on the following items:

Report of the February 4, 2026 Planning & Zoning Commission:

1. After a presentation by Staff and review of an application for a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Use (meat smoker) and for Outdoor Dining for Lona's Little Eats restaurant at 612 W. Woodbine Avenue in the B-1 Neighborhood Business Zoning District, the Commission recommended approval by a vote of 5-2, with one abstention. A public hearing will be scheduled for March 5, 2026.

The budget public hearings are scheduled for February 19, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the formal meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Kirkwood City Council will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2026.

Laurie Asche
City Clerk