

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020 7:00 P.M.
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES

MAYOR MIKE WILCOX
ALDERMAN PAUL ROETTGER ALDERMAN AARON NAUMAN
ALDERMAN TOM SCHOEMEHL ALDERMAN BERRY LANE
ALDERMAN MIKE BAUGUS ALDERMAN JOHN SCHUSTER

CITY ATTORNEY, JIM HETLAGE
CITY ADMINISTRATOR, BEN DECLUE
DEPUTY CITY CLERK, JOANNE CARR

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Wilcox

The May 4, 2020 Board of Aldermen Meeting was conducted via videoconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Alderman Roettger, Alderman Lane,
Alderman Nauman, Alderman Schuster Alderman Baugus

Absent: Alderman Schoemehl

Additional Attendees: Chief Jeff Beaton, Captain Bob Catlett, Dan Lawrence, Finance Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Baugus motioned to approve the amended agenda. Alderman Nauman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 20, 2020 MEETING

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Board minutes from April 20, 2020. Alderman Nauman moved approval of the minutes from April 20, 2020 as submitted. Alderman Lane seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

RESOLUTIONS

R07-20 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 10-16, 2020, AS
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK, AND FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020 AS PEACE
OFFICER'S MEMORIAL DAY

Alderman Schuster moved approval of the reading of Resolution R07-20. Alderman Baugus

seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue reported that this resolution relates to the congressional program put in place and commemorated every year.

Chief Beaton offered his thanks to all of Glendale's officers adding that all social media outlets would be updated and noting that the flag of the United States would be displayed at half-staff.

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any additional questions or discussions and called for a vote. Resolution R07-20 was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCES REQUIRING FIRST READING

B09-20 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE I, TABLE I-A OF TITLE III OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MISSOURI, REGARDING SPEED LIMITS ON SAPPINGTON ROAD AND KIRKHAM AVENUE.

Alderman Nauman moved approval of the first reading of Ordinance B09-20.
Alderman Schuster seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue reported that there was much interest by the public to reduce the speed limit from 30 MPH to 25 MPH on Sappington Rd. and Kirkham Rd., adding that a survey was taken whereby 60% of the respondents agreed about the reduction of the speed limits. Mr. DeClue noted that the change was discussed at the last Board meeting and it was approved that an ordinance would be brought to the next meeting for discussion and a vote.

Alderman Schoemehl arrived.

Chief Beaton stated that following the discussion on a full report, it was determined that from a safety standpoint, it was in the best interest for the residents and the school.

Mayor Wilcox stated that during the last meeting there was a robust conversation with reactions coming from both sides of the issue; to reduce the limits or leave the limits the same. Mayor Wilcox asked the Board to share their thoughts including any in opposition to the ordinance.

Alderman Baugus stated that he had reservations: the 60% to 40% canvassed vote was not a large discrepancy and it was not based on a large number of voters. Alderman Baugus also stated that he agreed with Chief Beaton and understood why there would be a reduction in speed, if the Board decided to make the change. Alderman Baugus noted that the speed reduction plan was not a revenue enhancement and added that the proposed change was based on a speed limit issue and not a speeding issue as the previous speed study showed.

Chief Beaton noted that the speed limit would be enforced, but not for financial gain adding that the change was for the safety of the residents.

Alderman Baugus stated that residents could be educated to understand that the change should have taken place during the reconstruction of both roadways adding that with the stay-at-home order and more residents walking, he was able to discuss the issue with residents from a safe distance. Alderman Baugus noted that the Facebook survey seemed to be a valid representation of the resident's perspective.

Mayor Wilcox stated that whenever the speed limit changed, there was never a thought to create a speed trap adding that the lower limit would be enforced noting that the Brownell speed limit was enforced very well and that safety was the issue.

Alderman Baugus stated that from the Board's perspective, he never thought the speed limit change would be a revenue enhancement but seemed to be a perspective coming from residents.

Alderman Nauman stated that Chief Beaton was the Public Safety Enforcement Officer, and a lot of weight went with his opinion. Alderman Nauman also noted that the change would be consistent with the Webster Groves 25 MPH speed limit on Kirkham, which was not extreme. Alderman Nauman also stated that this change would not be a detriment to Glendale residents but would help maintain a resident friendly community with a message that Glendale was resident focused.

Alderman Roettger stated that he was not passionate about the ordinance, had respect for Chief Beaton and noted that it was compelling that 40% of the respondents voted against the change and seemed to be a similar split regarding emails received. Alderman Roettger stated that the speed change could be an insurance policy for safety.

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any additional questions or discussions and there were none.

Mr. DeClue read the ordinance by caption only

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote to move forward to the second reading:

Ayes: Alderman Lane, Alderman Schuster, Alderman Nauman,
Alderman Schoemehl Alderman Baugus

Nays: Alderman Roettger

The ordinance was put aside for the next meeting.

DISCUSSION/REFERAL TO PLAN COMMISSION: CODE CHANGE TO ALLOW FOR RESTAURANT PICKUP WINDOWS IN C3 ZONING DISTRICT

Mr. DeClue reported that Rob and Emily Garwitz are seeking to rent the former Filomena's/Fox Photo building to be the first location of their restaurant, Daily Standard, a healthy breakfast and lunch fast casual concept. Mr. DeClue stated that the restaurant would be mainly on the go and close at 2:00 pm. Mr. DeClue reported that the perspective tenants were informed that the Glendale zoning code for restaurants actually prohibited drive throughs and drive ups adding that permission could not be granted for anything other than a pedestrian pickup window as the code currently stood. Mr. DeClue noted that the previous tenant, Filomena's used the window as a pick-up window without any real problems, and had not asked permission to use it adding that there had been no reported complaints about its use.

It was asked if the window could be used as a drive through window.

Mr. DeClue stated that it could be a pick-up site adding that the tenants had no interest in using the window as a true drive through noting that the plan was to set up pre-paid and pre-ordered pick-ups only.

Mr. DeClue stated that the issue could be heard by the Plan Commission and added that residents on Monier have been in support of the restaurant concept. Mr. DeClue noted that the City allowed drive throughs at banks and only denied usage at restaurants.

Mayor Wilcox asked what the process to change the code would entail.

Mr. DeClue stated that the matter would be taken up next by the Plan Commission who would debate the issue and vote one way or the other. Mr. DeClue added that there would be a 15 day notice and a public hearing with a first reading at the next Board of Aldermen meeting and the second reading and final approval heard at the second meeting.

Mr. Hetlage stated that there would need to be a change in zoning for the C-3 Commercial District use including a conditional use requirement, and recommended a text change for the zoning code.

Mr. DeClue stated that the Public Hearing could be held as a Zoom meeting and include email communication and direct dialog.

Mayor Wilcox asked if the Board of Aldermen agreed, could the zoning change be expedited.

Mr. DeClue stated that there was a timeline, adding that the tenant was okay with the timing.

Mr. Hetlage stated that this process was a common method used in most cities and must begin with the zoning committee. Mr. Hetlage stated that assuming the City would allow restaurants, a conditional use permit and a change of code would go hand in hand.

Alderman Nauman asked for a description of the C-3 boundaries.

Mr. DeClue stated that the boundary followed Berry Road (Filomena's) to Sappington Road along Manchester Road and included Jiffy Lube, Laurie's Shoes, the neighboring automotive shop, the banks and skipped the Frederick Lane subdivision. Mr. DeClue noted that all business in the zone required conditional use permits.

Mayor Wilcox asked if the Board could specify the conditional use language.

Mr. DeClue stated that the Board could do that and could specifically delineate between a drive through versus a drive-up with on-line ordering paid in advance and with notification of order availability.

Mayor Wilcox stated that he personally feels that the City should embrace non-contact pick-up and that a true drive through would not work.

Mr. DeClue noted that there would be pick-up spots defined on the parking lot.

Alderman Nauman noted that Filomena's practiced this format when in business noting there was a difference between a drive through versus a pick-up window.

Mayor Wilcox asked the Board if there was anyone against the idea, and there were no disagreements.

Mr. DeClue was asked to take the issue to the Plan Commission.

WORKSHOP –BUDGET

The General Fund for FY 2020-21 is projected to finish with a deficit of approximately \$216,000 with revenue of approximately \$3,806,000 and expenditures of \$4,010,000. The current fiscal year of 2019-20 is expected to finish the year with a deficit of approximately \$185,000 on estimated revenues of \$3,700,000. The deficit for FY 19-20 is caused by several items. The first and most important is the expected decline in Sales Tax revenue caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. It is estimated that revenue for March through June for this line item will be lower by 75% compared to calendar year 2019. Since sales in stores lag for a couple of months by the time it is received by Glendale, the City will have a better idea of how this looks sometime in the middle of May. For FY 2021, Sales Tax is currently budgeted to decrease by 50% for July and August and to decrease by 10% for the remaining 10 months of the 2021 fiscal year. The gross receipts taxes for all four utility revenue line items are all expected to decline for FY 2020 compared to FY 2019 actual and FY 2020 budget. This was caused by a mild late summer of 2019 and a rate decrease from Ameren. For FY 2021, Gas, Electric, and Water revenues are budgeted to finish at approximately FY 2019 levels but Phone revenues will continue to decline. Total Court revenues for FY 2020 are expected to finish approximately \$30,000 below budget and will hopefully somewhat recover in FY 2021. Under expenditures, most line items will be reasonably close to what was originally budgeted with some savings in employee health insurance during calendar 2020 as Cigna offered the City a rate below the 2019 rate from United. For calendar year 2021, Caravus has advised us to budget for a 20% increase for health insurance.

The Prop P Fund is estimated to finish FY 19-20 and 20-21 with revenues of \$245,000 and \$272,000, respectively. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the same formula for Prop P revenues as described in the paragraph above for the General Funds described above was used. For this draft budget \$275,000 will be transferred to the Pension Fund and \$75,000 to the General Fund. If Prop E would pass, the amounts transferred to the Pension Fund could change.

The Capital Fund will see the continued annual expenses for a new police cruiser at a cost of \$28,750 and street improvements of \$487,000. Other major expenses for the Fund include \$45,000 and \$25,000 for a new Cardiac Monitor and Moisture Mitigation respectively for the Fire Department.

Mr. Lawrence stated that the sales tax figure would change going forward as the reporting of numbers always lag a few months and may increase with the opening of stores in June.

Mr. DeClue stated that the second meeting in June would be a good time to final the budget noting that new numbers would be available at that time adding that outsourcing dispatch would be there as well.

Mr. Lawrence stated that the COVID-19 pandemic was a once in a lifetime event adding that the with an amendment, the budget could be adjusted next fiscal year. Mr. Lawrence also noted that the current budget assumes that Prop E will not pass.

Mayor Wilcox thanked Mr. Lawrence for all his hard work.

Mr. DeClue noted that the administration took a conservative approach with regard to Prop E noting that if it passes, the City would have a better budget adding that everyone would know following the election in June.

Alderman Lane thanked Mr. Lawrence for his time and how hard he reviewed the budget numbers especially due to all the major changes.

Mr. DeClue stated that the budget would be updated every meeting with the capital budget on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. DeClue noted that the capital improvements were on hold for now adding that if funds become available, the projects could be ready. Mr. DeClue noted that things could not look much worse.

Alderman Lane asked if the City would see any of the Federal grant money given to St. Louis County.

Mr. DeClue stated that the assistance was very restrictive, earmarked for COVID-19 items including healthcare equipment and outreach for the same. Mr. DeClue noted that the City would probably not see much of the grant money adding that there may be SEMA and FEMA money available.

REPORTS

Ben DeClue

Mr. DeClue reported that a small business fund in the amount of 2.5 m has become available to be allocated to small business that did not receive money earlier and added that businesses needed the Mayor's support noting that marketing could be done. Mr. DeClue noted that businesses needed to be closed throughout the entire closed order adding that there were several other restrictions. Mr. DeClue stated that it would not be easy to obtain the money adding that it was available for businesses with 50 or less employed.

Mr. DeClue stated that Republic Service had reinstated bulk pickup service, which had been suspended for a few months adding that yard waste service had also been reinstated.

Mayor Wilcox noted that several residents had been asking for refunds.

Mr. DeClue stated that nothing had been said by Republic Services adding that based on the quarterly fees, it would not be much of a credit.

Alderman Lane stated that this disruption could be used as leverage in the future.

Mr. DeClue stated that there was a 7-year contract in place with a bundled rate which would be difficult to separate per household.

Alderman Schuster stated that the contract was extended because rates were better adding that a reduction was given to the City because the billing was handled in house, a payment was given to Republic Services monthly. Alderman Schuster noted that the quarterly bill included the sewer lateral charge.

Mayor Wilcox stated that the company had not performed contracted services and would ask Mr. Hetlage to look into the matter.

Alderman Schuster noted that not all service providers were willing to bid on contracts for small cities, adding that sometimes there was no response to bid request. Alderman Schuster also noted that if a rebate was given in the future, how would the distribution be determined.

Alderman Nauman noted that it would be difficult to track who was actually using the yard waste service adding that Republic Services did very well with their other services.

Mayor Wilcox stated that the Board was elected to look out for the residents adding that adding that a shredding event could be scheduled in the future.

Joanne Carr

None

Alderman Roettger

Alderman Roettger reported the Prop E initiative was on its final stretch noting that he would be in discussion with Mr. Chamberlin, the head of the Prop E committee and added that more signs needed to be distributed.

Alderman Baugus

Alderman Baugus commended the Mayor on the Glendale trivia post related to the ordinance on helmets for bike and scooter users and appreciated the reminder to all residents. Alderman Baugus noted that he had heard a story about a terrible accident related to a resident's daughter adding that responses in general were compelling. Alderman Baugus thanked everyone in the City for everything everyone did during this time.

Alderman Lane

Alderman Lane thanked the Police Department for all they did with regard to the speeding on Berry Rd. and in general for their impeccable public service. Alderman Lane suggested that once the Berry Rd. project was completed, the City could look at changing the directions on Hillard/Dwyer/Brownell noting that each street could be one-way in opposite directions to minimize the traffic in the area.

Alderman Schoemehl

None

Alderman Nauman

Alderman Nauman reported that he and Alderman Baugus received an email from a resident at 886 Victoria place regarding flooding issues, which included videos of extensive flooding from the Alexandra neighborhood that had a higher elevation. Alderman Nauman stated that the amount of water was remarkable, 4' deep, noting that the video showed the strength of the water pressure, which crushed the resident's garage door. Alderman Nauman stated that there was a typical storm water inlet next door along with an inlet on the resident's driveway, which connects to MSD but was not adequate to drain the rainwater from Alexandra. Alderman Nauman asked if the City could speak with MSD about the problem, and wondered what the process would be to initiate a solution, suggesting may MSD's Project Clear could be an option. Alderman Nauman asked that Mr. DeClue and Mr. Jones get together to discuss the problem.

Alderman Schuster

None

Jim Hetlage

None

Mayor Wilcox

Mayor Wilcox reported that an email was received from a resident, which included glowing recommendations about Mr. Jones, Superintendent of Public Works as follows:

I live at 23 Trevillian, have been here for 22 years, but a Glendale resident since 1989. In 2000 I began selling real estate and have had the great pleasure of much success and support from my neighbors and our community. I have had the pleasure of working with Terry Jones on several occasions but not like I did this past week. In the past our relationship and friendship has been through other Glendale residents for the most part. This past week I had the great pleasure of experiencing Terry's talents and strong communication skills to the utmost. What seemingly was a simple lateral sewer repair, became somewhat of a mess and much more of a project than either of us had anticipated. The resolution of the "mess" was pleasantly and professionally handled by Terry. His ability to communicate the different moving pieces of the project and the timeliness of his attention were and are greatly appreciated. His communication skills are exemplary and desired by many. With every email and phone call he was kind, sincere, concerned, a problem solver. As a Glendale resident and one that has worked in the customer service industry my entire adult life, I truly appreciate someone that is not only good at their job but just as good at dealing with those that are involved in their job and consider this a large piece of what they do. As we all know, one may say most anything to someone, it's the delivery and context in which it is said that allows the situation at hand to be a positive thing for all.

Our community is lucky to have the services of Terry Jones within our reach, he is a special man providing outstanding care. Thank you for having him as part of our great Glendale team.

I will look forward to the next opportunity to work with Terry and the balance of the wonderful people that the city employees.

Have a wonderful weekend.
All My Best,
Kitsy

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Schuster moved to adjourn to Executive Session which will be held via Zoom under a different Webinar ID. Alderman Baugus seconded the motion. There being no further questions or discussions, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote:

Ayes: Alderman Roettger, Alderman Nauman, Alderman Baugus, Alderman Lane,
Alderman Schuster, Alderman Schoemehl

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Schuster moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Nauman. The motion was unanimously approved.

These minutes are approved as submitted this 18th day of May 2020.

Joanne Carr
Deputy City Clerk

