



Mayor Wilcox stated that he appreciated that Sarah Vitale agreed to the appointment and asked if there were any questions.

There being none, Mayor Wilcox asked for a motion to approve the appointment.

Alderman Lane motioned the approval of the appointment of Ms. Sarah Vitale as Alderwoman of Ward II. Alderman Nauman seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Ms. Vitale was given the oath of office at this time.

Mr. DeClue stated that Alderwoman Vitale would fill the position until the end of Alderman Baugus' term and would sign the oath in person later in Mr. DeClue's office.

#### ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Mr. DeClue reported that with the resignation of Alderman Baugus who had been President of the Board of Alderman, the next in line for the appointment was Alderman Roettger.

Mayor Wilcox asked Alderman Roettger if he was open to acting as President of the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Roettger stated he would be Board President.

Mayor Wilcox explained to Alderwoman Vitale and Alderwoman Cushing that the President represented the Mayor during his absence from meetings, assisted at department meetings and represented the Board at those meetings.

Alderman Schuster recommended that the Board continue the rotation and moved approval of the motion to appoint Alderman Roettger the President of the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Lane seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

The Board of Aldermen congratulated Alderman Roettger.

#### APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mr. DeClue reported that in accordance with the Municipal Code, certain city officials must be appointed annually. These appointed officials include City Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney, City Treasurer, and City Clerk. Additionally, the term of the Municipal Judge and Provisional Municipal Judge has also expired.

Mr. DeClue stated that the Board typically reappointed the City Engineer as well, but that had been postponed due to an RFP issued for the position of City Engineer. Mr. DeClue recommended that the other officials be considered at this meeting.

Alderman Roettger asked that the first three positions be discussed before reappointment adding that the candidates had been in their positions for decades.

Mr. DeClue stated that Judge Burnett would reach the statutory age limit for his position in early 2021 and would be retiring soon.

Mayor Wilcox stated that earlier in the year, the Board removed the residency requirement noting that the Board would have flexibility to appoint a resident or a non-resident to that position upon Judge Burnett's retirement.

Mr. DeClue stated that this appointment would give Judge Burnett the opportunity to serve out one more year and would give the Board time to appoint his replacement.

Mr. DeClue stated that Judge Streiff has been the Provisional Judge for many years adding that per Judge Burnett, Judge Streiff had not attended certification classes recently. Mr. DeClue noted that a new provisional judge could be appointed when a new judge was appointed.

Mayor Wilcox stated that the timing was good.

Mr. DeClue stated that it made sense to look for a replacement at the turn of the new year when the process of soliciting interested parties could begin.

Mayor Wilcox asked if anyone had been in contact with Mr. Risley.

Mr. DeClue stated that Mr. Risley was a former member of the Board of Aldermen and was a current member of the Pension Board in addition to City Treasurer. Mr. DeClue stated that he had not talked directly with Mr. Risley about the appointment but noted that when the Pension Board disbanded in 6 to 7 months, that might be a good time to see if he would like to step away from City boards.

Mr. DeClue stated that Mr. McSweeney was the retired St. Louis County Prosecutor, Prosecuting Attorney for Warson Woods and a Glendale resident.

Alderman Schuster recommended the following individuals be appointed to their respective offices and moved approval of the motion to appoint:

Terry Burnett	Municipal Judge
Paul Streiff	Provisional Judge
Ed McSweeney	City Prosecutor
James Hetlage	City Attorney
Gaylord Risley	City Treasurer
Benjamin DeClue	City Clerk

Alderman Lane seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 17, 2020 MEETING

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Board minutes from August 17, 2020. Alderman Lane moved approval of the minutes from August 17, 2020 as amended. Alderman Schuster seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

### ORDINANCE REQUIRING FIRST READING

B15-20 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE II, TABLE II-B OF TITLE III OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MISSOURI, REGARDING STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS AT THE INTERSECTION OF E. ESSEX AVENUE AND S. MORELAND AVENUE.

Alderman Lane moved approval of the first reading of Ordinance B15-20. Alderman Schuster seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue stated that a short while ago during a zoom meeting, the Board was petitioned by residents of East Essex to consider traffic safety measures at the intersection of East Essex and South Moreland, specifically as it related to the flow of traffic westbound along East Essex. Chief Beaton, Terry Jones, and I all met on site and met with some of the residents in the area. We agreed that a stop intersection would be recommended at that site and to move the PD speed trailer. The signs were erected on a temporary basis to evaluate their effectiveness and we heard nothing but praise from the neighbors in that area for its effectiveness. As such, this ordinance will amend our code to formally make that intersection a 3 way stop.

Mayor Wilcox asked if residents had asked for the stop signs.

Mr. DeClue stated that Board members had received emails about safety

Alderwoman Cushing stated that she appreciated that the stop sign adding that it was a dangerous curve on Essex and noted that during the COVID-19 situation, it made a huge difference.

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote on the first reading of Ordinance B15-20 which was unanimously approved.

Mr. DeClue read the Ordinance by caption only.

The Ordinance was tabled for the next meeting.

B16-20 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND FIXING THE TAX RATE IN THE CITY OF GLENDALE, COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, STATE OF MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2020 ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN SAID CITY FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCUMULATING A FUND TO PAY THE CITY'S PENSION FUND FOR FIRE AND POLICE PERSONNEL, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCUMULATING A FUND TO PAY THE CITY'S DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES

Alderman Lane moved approval of the first reading of Ordinance B16-20.

Alderman Schuster seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue reported that this was the initial reading of Ordinance B16-20 which included that the pension increase adding that there was potentially more funding. Mr. DeClue stated that the math was worked out and reviewed results with the state auditor. Mr. DeClue stated that there would be a Public Hearing at the next meeting adding that St. Louis County was slow at finalizing assessments last year and because it was not a re-assessment year the rates should be in on time.

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote on the first reading of Ordinance B16-20 which was unanimously approved.

Mr. DeClue read the Ordinance by caption only.

The Ordinance was tabled for the next meeting.

#### RESOLUTION

R17-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH DURASEAL PAVING FOR CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER REPLACEMENTS ALONG CHAIN RIDGE ROAD, ELMWOOD DRIVE, GLENVISTA PLACE, CLIF SIDE COURT, CLIF SIDE DRIVE, AND GRAMMERCY PLACE WITHIN THE CITY OF GLENDALE

Alderman Schuster moved approval of the first reading of Resolution R17-20.

Alderman Roettger seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue reported that the City solicited bids earlier in the year which were included in the capital improvement plans reported earlier. Mr. DeClue stated that the City was happy with the price quoted by Dura Seal earlier in the year but with COVID, as was noted in the executive summary, Mr. Jones was moving slowly on capital improvements.

Mr. Jones requested that the Board of Aldermen approve moving forward with one half of the work scheduled in the street resurfacing program adding that the concrete curb and gutter work needed to be done before resurfacing. Mr. Jones noted that the department held off on capital improvements earlier in the year due to COVID but noted that with the approximately 16 to 20% reduction in taxes recently reported, if we move forward with this work and not with resurfacing, we would reduce our budget by 45%, we will not go over budget even with the loss of tax revenue. Mr. Jones reported that the curbing was not in good shape and needed to be corrected before the street overlay was done adding that he wanted to stay on schedule as much as possible, noting that there could be a larger time gap if the project did not move forward.

Alderman Roettger asked if the project would start soon.

Mr. Jones stated that it would be immediate during the current calendar year adding that the work would only include curbs and gutters, saving the paving until Berry Rd was finished.

Mr. Jones stated that letters would go out to all residents concerned which would include project information and contact information adding that temporary patching would also occur to make sure the roads were passable including sod.

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote of Resolution R17-20 which was unanimously approved.

#### Discussion: Halloween 2020

Mayor Wilcox reported that he had asked Mr. DeClue to put this discussion item on the agenda following an email received from a resident on Sappington Rd wanting to know if the City had a plan for Halloween. The resident added that they began planning for Halloween early every year and wondered if there was a safe plan in the works in light of COVID-19.

Mayor Wilcox was not sure how to respond and asked for input and thought from the Board members. Mayor Wilcox noted that he wanted to include an article in the newsletter adding that social media did not reach all residents and the newsletter would be the best opportunity.

Mayor Wilcox stated that he also reached out to Chief Beaton asking what messages the Police Department was sending, adding that the ultimate question would be to see if the city wanted to advocate for cancelling Halloween, adding that Mayor Wilcox did not know if that was possible.

Mayor Wilcox stated that Halloween was not a city holiday adding that we could advocate for no face-to-face interaction, skip joke telling, possibly place a bowl out; advocate for small groups, safe distancing, and the wearing of masks. and masks in the form that will happen.

Mayor Wilcox noted that Halloween was not a city function, Church and Schools did their own events along with residents celebrating in neighborhoods.

Mr. DeClue stated that most cities were trying to figure it out noting that one decided to advocate for a safe event, discouraged knocking on doors but instead, stringing candy on a close line or a bowl for children to take and watch from home.

Mr. DeClue noted that the County had not issued any recommendations adding that this year it may be inappropriate to tell trick or treat jokes. Mr. DeClue stated that the city would be consistent with St. Louis County.

It was noted that Halloween would be on a Saturday and the day will be very busy.

Alderman Roettger noted that today Kirkwood scheduled an event whereby residents would receive candy filled packages between 9 am and 11 am every Friday during October for \$15 so families could enjoy a self-contained event at their homes, put on by Kirkwood's Park and Recreation.

Mayor Wilcox noted that there would not be any trunk or treat events or Halloween walks in Kirkwood.

Alderman Roettger recommended advocating for smaller groups and social distancing, individually packaged containers and trick or treating without jokes. Alderman Roettger noted that the CDC would be coming out with their recommendations

Alderwoman Lane recommended not waiting for the CDC and advocated for no social contacts generally. Alderman Lane recommended handing out candy instead of allowing children to take from bowls adding that with groups of less than 10, the children could trick or treat safely. Mayor Wilcox noted that recommendations from the city would not mean that everyone would follow the recommendations.

Alderman Roettger recommended that the city somehow avoid calls to police as part of the Board's recommendations including suggesting that trick or treating could be reversed, such as taking bags to kids in their front yards.

Alderwoman Vitale suggested that it would be wise to defer to Dr. Page's recommendations through St. Louis County noting that the recommendations may come out too late for the newsletter and added that she appreciated that Mr. DeClue contacted other municipalities and agreed with Alderman Roettger that it was not fair for the police department to get numerous calls on Halloween.

Alderwoman Vitale also stated that the State had an interest in making sure Halloween was safe for its residents noting that there may be statutes on the books which could be used.

Alderman Nauman stated that there would be families who would want to participate in Halloween and families who would shut their lights out cancelling participation. Alderman Nauman noted that there were many families out already with the North Glendale playground open again and agreed with Mayor Wilcox and Alderwoman Vitale that the city should follow St. Louis County guidelines.

Alderman Cushing stated that her family members were big Halloween people and had some thoughts about how their family would handle trick or treating including wearing masks and gloves when giving out candy and handing it out without a bowl, individually to each child visiting our home.

Mayor Wilcox stated that was a good suggestion adding that he liked what Alderman Vitale said regarding St. Louis County and following their guidelines.

Mr. DeClue stated that Captain Catlett would be in contact with the task force and would let us know their directives.

## REPORTS

### Ben DeClue

Mr. DeClue reported that there would be 3 submissions heard by the ARB on Wednesday, September 9, adding that on the following Wednesday, September 16, there would be a Pension Board meeting to discuss and consider how to de-risk the City's portfolio. Mr. DeClue noted that the City's advisor had been working hard on the transition to LAGERS and legislation would be available at the beginning of October or if not, by the end of the month.

Mayor Wilcox asked if the Pension meeting was a Zoom meeting.

Mr. DeClue stated that the meeting was a zoom meeting adding that it was tough to get the Board together due to complicated schedules adding that there should be good news soon.

### Joanne Carr

None

### Alderman Roettger

Alderman Roettger stated that to Mr. DeClue's point, in October, documents would come with agreements to ratify the pension move to LAGERS which will happen in two phases. Alderman Roettger stated that 6 months later the money would be transferred to LAGERS. Alderman Roettger stated that an email from Mr. Lawrence indicated that the fund was just under 6 million adding that the fund was in the low 5 million when the process started adding that with the de-risking done in December with P & C was the best the Board could do at that time.

Alderman Roettger stated that the Board would discuss amending the policy statement to allow for the adviser to re-risk the fund again, going heavily into cash so there would be nothing to risk during the next 6 months.

Mr. DeClue stated that the Pension Fund would need to cash out noting that LAGERS would only allow cash for the transition adding that just heading into the November election there was the real risk that the market may fluctuate. Mr. DeClue stated the rate may be \$480,000 to

\$500,000 but noted that the Board should be as conservative as possible adding that with discussions with our attorney's and advisers, the Board would be sure it is all done right.

Alderman Roettger welcomed Alderwoman Vitale to the Board noted that the Alderwoman was a good attorney to add to the Board and was very impressed. Alderman Roettger suggested that Alderwoman Vitale speak with Alderwoman Cushing who experience 'trial by fire' due to COVID adding that both Alderwomen would benefit from attending department meetings.

**Alderwoman Vitale**

Alderwoman Vitale stated that she looked forward to working with the Board and thanked everyone for their kind words.

**Alderwoman Lane**

Alderwoman Lane welcomed Alderwoman Vitale adding that this would be a balanced Board who would make good decisions

**Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing**

Alderwoman Cushing congratulated Alderwoman Vitale on her appointment to the Board.

**Alderman Nauman**

Alderman Nauman asked Mr. DeClue and Chief Beaton about the status of the dispatch transition.

Mr. DeClue stated that the transition was proceeding well noting that the Fire Department was working well with Kirkwood, also noting that over all the City was proceeding well adding that it would be a successful transition.

Alderman Nauman asked if there were any issues on signatures for severance packages?

Mr. DeClue stated that the deadline had not come as yet noting that there was still time for completion.

**Alderman Schuster**

Alderman Schuster welcome Alderwoman Vitale.

**Jim Hetlage**

None

**Mayor Wilcox**

Mayor Wilcox congratulated Alderwoman Vitale stating that she was well poised to tackle future opportunities.

Mayor Wilcox reported that following a meeting with other Mayors concerning the Cares Act monies, interesting information was discussed. Mayor Wilcox stated that \$47 mil was earmarked for the municipalities and the initial report indicated that the money would be divided per capita with an equal percentage going to each city and easily distributed. Mayor Wilcox

stated that some municipalities such as Clayton and Brentwood along with others advocated instead for a formula which would split the money and added that as of today, there was nothing formulated or approved. Mayor Wilcox noted that discussion also related to whether or not municipalities had fire departments and whether or not that factor would affect the distribution of the Cares Act money. Mayor Wilcox stated there was a workshop scheduled to discuss the formula and writing same and noted that the Cares Act money needed to be spent by the end of the year. Mayor Wilcox stated that the formula would be complicated and not equitable adding that some municipalities would receive more and some less, could go in many directions and take forever to distribute. Mayor Wilcox noted that even if a formula were determined, it would need to be approved by all districts, further slowing down the distribution process. Mayor Wilcox stated that the call did not reach a resolution but only determined a subcommittee for a formula. Mayor Wilcox stated that he did not volunteer for the subcommittee and had not heard what had come from the group adding that it had the potential to slow down the distribution process.

Mr. DeClue stated that based on an email from Pat Kelly, Executive Director of the Municipal League, it seemed that the formula would be too complicated with a larger portion going to north county communities that did not have police or fire departments and would not necessarily fund the people. Mr. DeClue stated that Mr. Kelly's office intended to recommend that the distribution be made on a per-capita basis adding that paperwork on the issue should be available next week and understood that a resolution would be needed to approve distribution. Mr. DeClue agreed with that per capita distribution was the way to go. Mr. DeClue noted that it was unclear as to how the money was to be spent, if it needed to be spent on particular items or just towards the fire and police departments or on software development related to better meetings or websites or if money needed to be paid back to the Federal Government. Mr. DeClue noted that if Glendale received the money before there was clarity, the money should be held in an account. Mr. DeClue added the municipal league indicated that normal expenses could be paid with the Cares Act monies, but the county's view was unclear.

Mayor Wilcox stated he agreed that the distribution was unclear but added that Glendale would receive \$400,000 noting that the money was meant for COVID relief.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

These minutes are approved as submitted this 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2020.

Joanne Carr  
Deputy City Clerk