

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 7:00 P.M.**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**MINUTES**

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MAYOR MIKE WILCOX

ALDERMAN PAUL ROETTGER

ALDERMAN AARON NAUMAN

ALDERWOMAN LISA CAPSHAW CUSHING

ALDERWOMAN BERRY LANE

ALDERWOMAN VITALE

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 September 21, 2020, Board of Aldermen Meeting was conducted via videoconference.

ROLL CALL

Present: Alderman Roettger, Alderwoman Lane, Alderwoman Cushing  
Alderman Nauman, Alderman Schuster, Alderwoman Vitale

Absent: None

Present: Mr. Dan Lawrence, Finance Director, Chief Jeff Beaton, Police Department

APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Agenda for the September 21, 2020 meeting. Alderman Lane moved approval of the agenda for the September 21, 2020 meeting. Alderman Schuster seconded the motion which was unanimously approved

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 MEETING

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Board minutes from September 8, 2020. Alderman Schuster moved approval of the minutes from September 8, 2020 as amended. Alderman Roettger seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT- AUGUST 2020

Mr. DeClue reported that the report was in the packet and noted that Mr. Lawrence was a part of the zoom meeting.

Alderman Roettger asked if the utility tax trend was the same as last year.

Mr. DeClue stated that it was trending the same and added that some of the reduction had to do with seasonal conditions.

Mayor Wilcox asked about the cell phone tax situation.

Mr. DeClue stated that the City was waiting for the cell phone companies to do the right thing and pay their taxes.

Mr. Hetlage reported that all wireless communication companies pay a gross receipt tax to municipalities for doing business and noted that there had been disputes between the municipalities and the phone and cable companies regarding what the revenue for calculating that tax would be. Mr. Hetlage stated that due to the disputes and lack of payments, many lawsuits had been filed by municipalities to collect such payments. Mr. Hetlage noted that years ago a resolution was passed by the State requiring the companies to pay municipalities a gross receipt tax and during the interim, the wireless services had changed and the definition as to what was covered under gross receipts changed creating a decrease in payments. Various cities have joined in a class action to recover more of the taxes meant for the municipalities. Mr. Hetlage stated that there were settlement agreements in place adding that municipalities were looking for enforcement and still waiting. Mr. Hetlage noted that there were no developments to date and would report when information was available.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Wilcox reported Chief Beaton and Mr. DeClue met with Ms. Jenny Belding morning at 7 am concerning a number of issues with Glendale Chrysler adding that it was important to have an opportunity to speak to the issues. Mayor Wilcox stated that there was a three-minute limit for citizen comments.

Ms. Karen Dopher, 1306 B, Glendale Gardens

Ms. Dopher stated that on February 17, Glendale Chrysler decided to go live with security voice speaker system that basically screamed at people on the sales lot to leave or indicated that a call would be made to the police. Ms. Dopher stated that all the condominium neighbors could hear the speaker system noting that it was very loud. Ms. Dopher stated that the speaker system went off 22 times over the weekend, stated that the sound awakened her at night and was too loud to enjoy the use of her patio anytime. Ms. Dopher stated that the sound was a noise nuisance and asked if there was an ordinance which addresses the problem. Ms. Dopher stated that she had Ms. Belding's telephone number and would contact Ms. Belding if the sound awakened her again and every time the sound went off if the City did not do something about the noise.

Mr. DeClue noted that there were numerous people attending the zoom meeting but after asking if anyone wanted to comment during the Citizen Comment period, no one responded other than one resident who seemed to have network difficulties. Mr. DeClue noted that no emails were received prior to the meeting regarding the Glendale Chrysler issue or any other issue,

Mr. Hetlage reiterated that emails could be sent to Mr. DeClue so everyone could participate fairly during zoom meetings, adding that emails could sent to the Board at any time. Mayor Wilcox stated that he liked Mr. Hetlage's recommendation adding that any topic could be

addressed. Mr. DeClue could be reached at [bdeclue@glendalemo.org](mailto:bdeclue@glendalemo.org). Mayor Wilcox stated that all emails would be read into the record.

Alderman Roettger stated that Ms. Dopher summed up the situation.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a recap of the 7:00 am meeting:

Mr. DeClue reported that a meeting was held with Glendale Chrysler on the lot beginning with a tour with representatives who confirmed that the system was turned off since Monday morning. It was noted that in the future, the system would not include side or rear speakers but only the front speakers. Mr. DeClue stated that upon inspection of the system, it was found that one of the front speakers was turned to the back pointing directly towards the condominium and was inadvertently turned when the roof was redone. Mr. DeClue added that the speaker was misplaced and broadcasting backwards. Mr. DeClue stated that in addition to the directional issue, the recording system malfunctioned and once the new system reset, the volume reset at 100 %. Mr. DeClue stated that following earlier meetings with Glendale Chrysler, the volume had been set at only 10%. Mr. DeClue stated that the volume was reduced adding Glendale Chrysler agreed to hold meetings with the condominium residents to open dialog with all the neighbors. Mr. DeClue stated that there were car thefts this year adding that it had become standard for dealers to set up this sort of system to stop thefts. Mr. DeClue again stated that GC wanted to have an open dialog with the neighbors.

Chief Beaton stated Ms. Belding and her staff would be happy to meet with the residents to define the system and do sound checks during the meeting. Chief Beaton stated that there were many speakers placed along the back, lot line noting that all had been turned off and adding that the remaining speakers on the property had their default sound system reset. They have different times capability to set the system . Chief Beaton stated that GC had the capability to set the sound system to run at different times noting that on Sunday's GC had initially turned them off on Sundays adding that with the unrest in the entire metro area, problems experienced on the lot caused them to set the full alarms. Chief Beaton stated that GC stated they would reconsider the alarm timing and may exclude Sunday. Chief Beaton stated that the City and Police would coordinate with GC soon and bring the issue to a resolution. Chief Beaton stated that Ms. Belding received few calls from the residents but hoped to be able to hear sooner to resolve the issues. Chief Beaton noted that meetings would be a good time to advise the residents and the best way to resolve problems in the future adding that an open dialogue was the next plan which might include direct calling.

Mayor Wilcox asked if the security messaging system was standard practice for security.

Chief Beaton stated that security systems are always evolving, and many dealers have latched on to this system to distract and deter perpetrators adding that the system was working for some dealerships. Chief Beaton stated that the City did receive calls about thefts of cars or equipment adding that the department encouraged businesses to have security systems of one type or another. Chief Beaton noted that the sound alarm system was new to dealerships.

It was noted that residents complained about the trash company picking up at Glendale Chrysler too early adding that the 7:00 am was the scheduled pick up time.

Mr. DeClue stated in addition to the security changes, GC did some cleanup near the dumpsters and would be cleaning up the area further near a storage shed.

Alderman Nauman asked that Mayor Wilcox, Alderman Vitale, and he be included in future meetings with Glendale Chrysler.

Mr. DeClue stated that would happen.

#### ORDINANCE REQUIRING SECOND READING AND FINAL APPROVAL

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 Second reading of Ordinance B15-20.  
Alderman Schuster seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue reported that this ordinance was put in place to formalize the placement of a stop sign at Essex Avenue and Moreland Avenue which was initiated following visits with residents who felt that the intersection was dangerous. Mr. DeClue noted that at the intersection there would be a three way stop. Mr. DeClue stated that all neighboring residents were thankful that the Police Chief, Superintendent of Public Works, and the City Administrator had visited the site and were grateful for the stop signs.

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

Mayor Wilcox asked Mr. DeClue to read Ordinance B15-20 by title only.

Alderman Roettger moved approval of the final approval of Ordinance B15-20.  
Alderman Schuster seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any questions or discussion.

There being none, Mayor Wilcox asked for a vote.

Ayes: Alderwoman Lane, Alderman Roettger, Alderwoman Cushing, Alderman Schuster,  
Alderwoman Vitale, Alderman Nauman

Nays:

Ordinance B15-20 was approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING- 2020 PROPERTY TAX RATES**

The public hearing opened at 7:40 pm Mr. DeClue reported the City was obligated to publish the meeting for the public to speak. Mr. DeClue noted that there were no attendees for the public hearing. Mr. DeClue reported as follows:

**Assessed Valuation and Property Tax Rate Information, 2019-2020**

City of Glendale

	<b>2019 Assessed Value</b>	<b>2020 Assessed Value (Final by BOE)</b>	<b>Change from Previous Year</b>	
Residential	\$177,767,800	\$178,906,150	\$1,138,350	.64%
Commercial	\$7,792,593	\$8,174,730	\$382,137	4.90%
Personal				
Property	\$16,650,139	\$ 17,122,516	\$472,377	2.83%
Total	\$202,210,532	\$204,203,396	\$1,992,864	.98%
	<b>2019 Property Tax Rates</b>	<b>Tax Rates (Proposed)</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>	<b>Property Tax Revenue</b>
<b>PENSION</b>				
Residential	0.0660	0.2460	0.1800	\$440,109
Commercial	0.0710	0.2400	0.1690	\$19,619
Personal				
Property	0.1000	0.2460	0.1460	\$42,121
<b>GENERAL</b>				
Residential	0.3450	0.3450	0.0000	\$617,226
Commercial	0.3540	0.3490	-0.0050	\$28,530
Personal				
Property	0.5190	0.5190	0.0000	\$88,866
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
Residential	0.2620	0.2680	0.0060	\$480,839
Commercial	0.2620	0.2680	0.0060	\$21,856
Personal				
Property	0.2620	0.2680	0.0060	\$43,713

	<b>Fiscal Yr. 2020</b>	<b>Fiscal Yr. 2021</b>	<b>Changes from Previous Year</b>	
Property Tax Revenue Required by Budget				
PENSION FUND GENERAL	\$135,100	\$480,000	\$344,900	255.29%
FUND DEBT SERVICE	\$715,500	\$734,000	\$18,500	2.58%
FUND	\$537,000	\$531,500	\$(5,500)	(.01%)

This concludes the reading of the proposed rates. The public hearing was closed at 7:47 pm

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 Schuster moved approval of the Second reading of Ordinance B16-20.  
Alderman Lane seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue reported that the report was given during the public hearing.

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

Mayor Wilcox asked Mr. DeClue to read Ordinance B16-20 by title only.

Alderman Lane moved approval of the final approval of Ordinance B16-20.  
Alderman Roettger seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any questions or discussion.

There being none, Mayor Wilcox asked for a vote.

Ayes: Alderwoman Lane, Alderman Roettger, Alderwoman Cushing, Alderman Schuster, Alderwoman Vitale, Alderman Nauman

Nays: None

Ordinance B16-20 was approved.

### RESOLUTION

R18-20        A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF A TEMPUS ALS MANUAL PACKAGE 2 CARDIAC  
MONITOR FROM PHILIPS HEALTHCARE

Alderman Nauman moved approval of the first reading of Resolution  
R18-20. Alderman Roettger seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue reported that the cardiac monitor was budgeted this year, adding that through a bidding process, one bid was received from Philips Healthcare. Mr. DeClue stated that the City's current monitor is about to be decertified by the FDA noting that the bid came under budget. Mr. DeClue stated that Firefighter Schilling did a great job working with the vendor on pricing.

Mayor Wilcox asked if the monitor would be housed on the truck.

Mr. DeClue stated that the monitor was portable and would be carried on the truck.

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote of Resolution R18-20 which was unanimously approved.

R19-20        A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CHANGES TO  
THE STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF  
GLENDALE PENSION PLAN

Alderman Lane moved approval of the first reading of Resolution  
R19-20. Alderman Schuster seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue reported that a Pension Board meeting was held last Wednesday with P & C and discussed the statement of investment policy as the Board contemplated moving all full-time employees into LAGARS. Mr. DeClue reported that there was a need to transfer cash only and with the stock market standing at its highest point at any time, the question was asked how risk adverse the City at this time was. Mr. DeClue noted that the Board was working on how to proceed in light of the current risky market. Mr. DeClue stated that P & C recommended the receive cash at this time adding that the Board unanimously approved.

Alderman Roettger agreed noting that on December 31, 2020, the pension freezes and all employees will pay into LAGERS and added that going forward the LAGARS would manage the existing plan. Alderman Roettger stated that there would be a three-month lag time adding that to take the fund all the way to cash would take the approval of the Board of Aldermen for 100% cash. Alderman Roettger stated that there was a short time frame adding that it was probably the time to go. Alderman Roettger stated that the amount the City needed to pay LAGERS would pay off 15 years directly correlated to the amount we pay LAGERS. Alderman Roettger stated that and when calculating the tax figure, the Board was working with the 5 to 5.2 but now the was at 5.9. Alderman Roettger stated that this would take the risk out, noting that there could be an opportunity cost for possible increases between now, March and April. Alderman Roettger stated that there was a copy of the investment statement written up by P & C with the reason to make the change, adding that Ms. O'Brien, our attorney had red lined the statement and had gone over it as well.

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote of Resolution R19-20 which was unanimously approved.

R20-20            A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT ST. LOUIS COUNTY  
DISTRIBUTE \$47 MILLION OF CARES ACT FUNDS ON A PER  
CAPITA BASIS TO THE MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY  
TO BE USED FOR ELIGIBLE EXPENSES, AUTHORIZING THE CITY  
ADMNISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT CARES ACT  
FUNDING AND EXECUTE A MUNICIPALITY RELIEF PROGRAM  
FUNDING AGREEMENT, AND CONFIRMING AGREEMENT TO  
INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS ST. LOUIS COUNTY FROM  
SUCH DISTRIBUTION

Alderman Lane moved approval of the first reading of Resolution R20-20. Alderman Schuster seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue reported that pursuant to repeated requests by the various municipalities in St. Louis County and the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis, County Executive Page announced a \$47 million set-aside out of its CARES allocation for municipalities to divide on a per-capita basis. Per the US Treasury Department and two different legal opinions obtained by the Municipal League, this money can be used to reimburse the general fund for public safety payroll costs, including benefits, incurred since late March through December 31, 2020. Glendale's per capita share of the \$47 million is approximately \$400,000. Adoption of this resolution will allow staff to apply and complete all necessary paperwork to receive these federal dollars from the County.

Mr. DeClue stated that the program would allow the City to accept the money for any safety things and reimburse our General Fund for the expenses per legal opinion. Mr. DeClue noted the County provided new legal wording adding that the program language was confusing for

everyone. Mr. DeClue noted that the complete application needed to be in place by the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October and was confident that it would come out per capita for payroll, etc. for Fire and Police and offset taxes lost. Mr. DeClue stated that it looked like there would be no other COVID money from the government. Mr. DeClue also noted that potential options were discussed with Mr. Lawrence.

Mayor why does it have to go through two stages.

Mr. DeClue stated that the County felt that if the request for funds was not properly designated and defined, the Federal government could come back and request that the money be repaid adding that there would be ample documentation for COVID related expenses. Mr. DeClue noted that the legal team indicated that public safety expenses were presumed to be essentially COVID related at this time.

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote of Resolution R20-20 which was unanimously approved.

## REPORTS

### Ben DeClue

Mr. DeClue reported that Tom Fagan worked for Azavar, a company that did tax audits of utilities sales taxes and presented to the Board earlier this year before COVID-10 and wanted to circle back to see if the City was interested in hiring his company to review taxes owed to Glendale. Mr. Fagan is on the call and would like to speak to the Board.

Mayor Wilcox asked Mr. Fagan to update the Board in light of the new members.

Mr. Fagan stated that his company was 30 clients strong in the region including Creve Coeur, Ferguson, etc. and reported that the company audited companies like Ameren to make sure that their rates and boundaries are adhered to regarding sales taxes in the State of Missouri. Mr. Fagan stated that his company finds lost revenue for Cities who accept their contract. Mr. Fagan stated that there was no cost but only asked to share in the percentage of what was collected with a split of 37%/63%, with the larger percentage going to Glendale. Mr. Fagan stated that they also work with the State of IL and their percentage split was 55%/45%. Mr. Fagan stated that the percentage was lowered in Missouri because Azavar was relatively new in the state. Mr. Fagan stated that the company does all the work and makes sure that all the money that included within the boundary of Glendale is found and returned.

Alderman Lane stated she was concerned about sales paid through ecommerce adding that Glendale had a shared zip code, 63122.

Mr. Fagan stated that Springfield had a similar situation adding that when Municipalities share zip codes, that is often when money is found.

Mr. DeClue asked Mr. Fagan to pass along information again, and the Board would discuss the contract.

Mayor Wilcox thanked Mr. Fagan for his report.

**Joanne Carr**

Mayor Wilcox asked about the status of an earlier discussion about holding a virtual firehouse run. Ms. Carr stated that John Jackson Neighborhood Real Estate would be interested in supporting such a run but had not heard from any other sponsors.

Alderman Lane suggested we contact SSM Health or Mercy.

**Alderman Roettger**

None

**Alderman Vitale**

None

**Alderman Lane**

None

**Alderman Capshaw Cushing**

None

**Alderman Nauman**

None

**Alderman Schuster**

None

**Jim Hetlage**

None

**Mayor Wilcox**

Mayor Wilcox asked the Board for their thoughts about meeting in-person in the near future and wondered if the Board was for or against resuming in-person meetings in the auditorium. Mayor Wilcox noted that the Board would keep a safe distance during the meeting. Mayor Wilcox reported that Oakland had been using the auditorium for meetings and Kirkwood had been live with zoom access for residents.

Alderman Lane was not opposed to the idea noting that only 10 people could meet together at any one time, could not invite the public in for public comments and thought the scheduling of an in-person meeting was still too soon considering that St. Louis County was in the orange zone for COVID.

Alderman Roettger stated he would defer but agreed with Alderman Lane, adding that he wanted to keep the pulse with the neighboring cities.

Mr. DeClue stated that he had reached out to other cities noting that a majority of cities were still on-line.

It was noted that there was no threat of transmission in the room itself.

Mr. DeClue reported that Kirkwood and Webster Groves were still running virtual meetings and agreed with Alderman Roettger. Mr. DeClue added that Warson Woods lobby was closed and Crestwood continued virtual meetings adding that collar counties had started meeting person to person some time ago and Eureka had been meeting in person since May.

Mayor Wilcox brought up Halloween noting that a number of people have asked and posted on social media asking about what was going to happen on Halloween. On a call with another mayor on Friday St. Louis County recommendations for Halloween was discussed. It was noted that Lisa Clancy, District 5 Representative, stated that the county was still working on guidelines adding that there would be no laws initiated.

Mayor Wilcox stated that he wanted a message to go out in the fall newsletter added that no city was in a position to tell its residents that they could not go out trick or treating. Mayor Wilcox stated that the City's message would be a message of safety including mask wearing, distancing, small groups, but no parties or large gatherings. Mayor Wilcox offered the suggestion of a table on the driveway to create distancing or something similar noting that if a family did not want to participate in the event, they could turn their house lights off. Mayor Wilcox asked if the Board was okay with that message.

Alderman Schuster stated he agreed noting that all the Board could do was caution people and advise them to stay safe.

It was noted that schools have cancelled events including parties and get-togethers.

Alderman Roettger stated that the message could include the avoidance of large gatherings and participate Halloween in a safe manner.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Ayes: Alderman Roettger, Alderman Nauman, Alderwoman Vitale, Alderwoman Lane,  
Alderman Schuster, Alderwoman Cushing

Nays: None

#### ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Lane moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Roettger. The motion was unanimously approved.

These minutes are approved as amended this 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2020.

Joanne Carr  
Deputy City Clerk