

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020**

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:

Oath of Office – Newly Elected Officials: Steve Sullentrup, Ward 1 Councilman; Mark Hidritch, Ward 2 Councilman; Greg Skornia, Ward 3 Councilman; Gretchen AuBuchon Pettet, Ward 4 Councilwoman; Mark Piontek, City Attorney.

The Special Meeting of the City of Washington, Missouri, City Council was held on Monday, June 15, 2020, at 7:07 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Patke opened the meeting with roll call and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor:	Sandy Lucy	Absent	
Council Members: Ward I	Steve Sullentrup	Present	
	Nick Obermark	Present	
	Ward II	Mark Wessels	Present
	Mark Hidritch	Present	
Ward III	Jeff Patke	Present	
Ward IV	Greg Skornia	Present	
	Gretchen Pettet	Present	
	Joe Holtmeier	Present	
Also Present:	City Attorney	Mark Piontek	
	City Administrator	Darren Lamb	
	City Clerk	Mary Trentmann	
	Police Chief	Ed Menefee	
	Public Works Director	John Nilges	
	Parks Director	Wayne Dunker	
	Library Director	Nelson Appell	
	Emergency Management Director	Mark Skornia	

Originals and/or copies of agenda items of the meeting, including recorded votes are available on record in the office of the City Clerk. Each ordinance is read a minimum of twice by title, unless otherwise noted.

Approval and Adjustment of Agenda including Consent Agenda:

- * Collector’s Report Summary – February 2020
- * Investment Report Summary – February 2020
- * Liquor License Renewals – Vino Di Lafayette & The Sand Bar
- * Final Pay Request – BFA, Inc. – High St./Ron Ave. Watershed Study
- * Change Order #1 – SK Contracting – Freight Depot
- * Blotter Item – Request to postpone Public Hearing for Locust & 8th Street rezoning and development plan

* Blotter Item – Change Order #2 – SK Contracting – Freight Depot

After a brief discussion on Change Order #1 & #2 – SK Contracting – Freight Depot, a motion to accept and approve the agenda including the consent agenda accordingly made by Councilmember Holtmeier, seconded by Councilmember Pettet, passed without dissent.

PRIORITY ITEMS:

City Council Elections:

* Election of Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmember Sullentrup nominated Councilmember Obermark, seconded by Councilmember Hidritch.

With no further nominations the motion to elect Nick Obermark as Mayor Pro Tem passed without dissent.

Jeff Patke turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Nick Obermark.

* Election of Council Member to P&Z Commission

Councilmember Skornia nominated Councilmember Hidritch, seconded by Councilmember Wessels.

Councilmember Holtmeier nominated Councilmember Pettet, seconded by Councilmember Sullentrup.

With no further nominations the motion to elect Mark Hidritch to the Planning and Zoning Commission passed on the following roll call vote; Pettet-nay, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-aye, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Holtmeier-nay, Obermark-aye.

With no further nominations the motion to elect Gretchen Pettet to the Planning and Zoning Commission failed on the following roll call vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-nay, Skornia-nay, Wessels-nay, Patke-nay, Sullentrup-nay, Holtmeier-aye, Obermark-nay.

* Election of Council Member to 353 Corporation

Councilmember Hidritch nominated Councilmember Sullentrup, seconded by Councilmember Holtmeier.

With no further nominations the motion to elect Steve Sullentrup to the 353 Corporation passed without dissent.

* Election of Board of Health

Councilmember Patke nominated Councilmember Sullentrup, Councilmember Hidritch, Councilmember Skornia and Councilmember Pettet, seconded by Councilmember Sullentrup.

With no further nominations the motion to elect Steve Sullentrup, Mark Hidritch, Greg Skornia and Gretchen Pettet to the Board of Health passed without dissent.

* Public Facilities Authority Replacement

June 9, 2020

Honorable Mayor and City Council

City of Washington

405 Jefferson Street

Washington, MO 63090

Honorable Mayor & City Council:

The Board of Directors of the Washington, Missouri Public Facilities Authority hereby submits for your approval the re-appointment of Richard “Dick” Mayer – term expires June 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Darren Lamb
Secretary
:mt

A motion to accept and approve the reappointment made by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Hidritch, passed without dissent.

Mayor’s Presentations, Appointments & Re-Appointments:

* Police Department Reappointments

June 8, 2020

City Council

City of Washington

Washington, Missouri

Dear Council Members:

I herewith submit for your approval the following for reappointment to the Police Department:

		<i>TERM</i>
<i>NAME</i>	<i>APPOINTED</i>	<i>EXPIRES</i>
Nathan Pinter Detective	July 8, 2020	July 8, 2021
Chad Sloan Sergeant	July 15, 2020	July 15, 2021

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Lucy
Mayor
MKT:

A motion to accept and approve the reappointments made by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Hidritch, passed without dissent.

* Board of Appeals Reappointment

June 10, 2020

To the City Council

City of Washington

Washington, Missouri

Dear Council Members:

I herewith submit for your approval the following for reappointment to the Board of Appeals:

Kurt Unnerstall – term ending June 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Lucy
Mayor

MKT:

A motion to accept and approve the reappointment made by Councilmember Hidritch, seconded by Councilmember Holtmeier, passed without dissent.

* Library Board of Trustees Reappointments & Appointment

June 10, 2020

To the City Council

City of Washington

Washington, Missouri

Dear Council Members:

I herewith submit for your approval the following for reappointment to the Library Board of Trustees:

Leanne Gisburne – term ending June 2023

Diane Lick – term ending June 2023

And the appointment of:

Lynn Hart – term ending June 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Lucy

Mayor

MKT:

A motion to accept and approve the reappointments and appointment made by Councilmember Pettet, seconded by Councilmember Patke, passed without dissent.

* Board of Public Works Reappointment

June 10, 2020

To The City Council

City of Washington

Washington, Missouri

Dear Council Members:

I herewith submit for your approval the following for reappointment to the Board of Public Works:

Michael Radetic – term ending June 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Lucy

Mayor

MKT:

A motion to accept and approve the reappointment made by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Skornia, passed without dissent.

* Park & Recreation Commission Reappointments

June 10, 2020

To the City Council

Washington, Missouri

Dear Council Members:

I herewith submit for your approval the following for reappointment to the Park & Recreation Commission:

Gavin Wooley – term ending June 2023

Tessie Steffens – term ending June 2023

Dan Cassette – term ending June 2023

A motion to accept and approve the reappointments made by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Hidritch, passed without dissent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- * Request to Postpone - Rezone 800 & 902 Locust Street from R-1B, Single Family Residential and C-1, General Commercial to PD-R, Planned Residential

June 12, 2020

Re: McBride Redevelopment – Locust and 8th Street

Honorable Mayor & City Council

405 Jefferson Street

Washington, MO 60390

Dear mayor & City Council Members,

Given the circumstances with their team member testing positive for the Coronavirus, McBride has requested to postpone the rezoning and development plan approval for the project at Locust and 8th Streets until your July 6th Meeting.

On that agenda we will have the public hearing for the rezoning and development, resolution approving the preliminary plan, and ordinance for final development approval to keep the project on track. There will also be an ordinance on the agenda approving the development agreement with them to complete the infrastructure improvements.

Feel free to reach out with any questions,

Sal Maniaci

Community and Economic Development Director

A motion to postpone made by Councilmember Hidritch, seconded by Councilmember Patke passed without dissent.

POSTPONED - An ordinance rezoning 800 & 902 Locust Street from R-1B, Single Family Residential and C-1, Light Commercial to PD-R, Planned Residential, in the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

- * Special Use Permit – 128 Busch Avenue – AT&T Cell Tower

June 9, 2020

Mayor & City Council

City of Washington

Washington, MO 63090

RE: File No. 20-0601-Special Use Permit-128 Busch Avenue-AT&T Cell Tower

Mayor & City Council,

At the regular meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission held on Monday, June 8, 2020 the above mentioned Special Use Permit was approved with a unanimous 9-0 vote in favor.

Sincerely,

Samantha Cerutti Wacker

Co-Chairman

Planning & Zoning Commission

Obermark: Any questions on this?

Lamb: This is a proposed Cell Tower on the location of Tenth Street. It backs basically down right in here where the tower is proposed, right across from the old Pauwels Transformers building. I believe it's 85 feet in height. I don't really know any other part; I think it went through P&Z fairly smoothly. We did not have any opposition to that.

Patke: It's still on top of the hill or is it still at the bottom?

Lamb: It's still on top of the hill.

Patke: Okay.

Lamb: I think.

Nilges: It's right at the corner.

Lamb: Yeah, there you go.

Nilges: It's right where the hill starts to break over, so if anything, it's just to the west on the way down.

Patke: Okay.

Nilges: But it's not at the bottom...*(inaudible.)*

Patke: Right.

Holtmeier: There's nothing else there, is there?

Patke: No, woods.

Nilges: No, it's pretty open woods. Open canopy type style of woods. They're proposing, a little close up view there but, they're proposing a 20-foot rock drive, you can kind of see it there, sorry Darren if I'm jumping ahead.

Lamb: That's alright. I got it, go ahead.

Nilges: Which is pretty typical for any kind of public infrastructure type project. It's really no different than, if you were to have a drive through to a lift station or anything like that is typically rock.

Sullentrup: That drive off of *(inaudible)* Street?

Nilges: It's off of Tenth.

Lamb: Tenth.

Sullentrup: I mean Tenth Street?

Lamb: Yeah.

Wessels: How much area is it actually taking up then?

Nilges: Darren, I don't know.

Sullentrup: Not much.

Nilges: Do you see a scale on that, I don't? That's a good question.

Patke: Well the road is 20 foot...

Hidritch: Actually it's going to take up a lot less than the old one. They were saying...

Lamb: Twenty.

Hidritch: It's going to be like the size like the one is at the Fairgrounds when they have it out there.

Nilges: I don't know if you're familiar, you can kind of see the ballfield right there to the right.

Wessels: Yeah.

Nilges: That just gives you some scale, like a typical baseball field is about X size...

Wessels: Right.

Nilges: So it's about a quarter to a third you know in ballfield would be.

Wessels: A lot like an infield?

Nilges: Small, smaller area.

Lamb: Smaller than an infield.

Nilges: Sorry, I'm trying to give you some...*(inaudible.)*

Wessels: That's a good one.

Patke: Well John, you said the road was 20 foot so it's basically 30 by 30.

Nilges: There you go.

Patke: If it looks close there.

Holtmeier: What about 50 by 50?

Lamb: Yeah.

Patke: Oh, okay.

Nilges: I apologize. Sal and I went through that but, I didn't have those dimensions. I think the apartments are further to the east. Kind of in-line with the baseball fields. It's not in-line with the apartments further down.

Lamb: Yeah, they're further down this way.

Sullentrup: Is this permit annually or is it a three year?

Lamb: No, this is just a Special Use Permit for them to go ahead and replace that tower. Once you put it in place, they don't have to come back to you to renew that at any given time.

Sullentrup: Okay.

Lamb: It's just a one-time deal.

Nilges: And the last slide here, we do require screening around it. Either landscape screening or a wall in lieu of. This is the wall they're proposing. Some kind of...

Hidritch: They had that decorative fence with them at the P&Z, it was good looking.

Nilges: Tenth Street is not a through street, it's a dead end.

Wessels: Is our, I don't know in terms of our community, our cell usage needs, etc.

Nilges: The way Sal described it as Downtown, your cell phone usage is spotty at best at times. They're saying it's because the network is somewhat overloaded. So what this will do is pull some of that usage into this tower which should free up the towers that would serve the downtown area. They would anticipate an increase in service or speed or whatever the term is to the downtown, the community and as a whole. I would just say generally speaking, if they are going to go through all of the effort to put a tower up, there's probably a use for it.

Lamb: This is a better location. We at one time had a group that was wanting to put one, I think on Jefferson...

Nilges: Yeah.

Lamb: Right on the street that you would have noticed much higher than the existing utility poles there.

Nilges: Yeah, the one previously was, you see Big Boys in the far right or east side of Jefferson and Tenth, it was actually going to go down right there, Darren you just had it. Right on the west side of the road which was kind of down in that hole. There was another location, that was probably three years ago now.

Lamb: Correct. So this is a much better location.

Sullentrup: How long is this from start to finish, do you know?

Lamb: You mean for how long it takes them to put it up?

Nilges: Oh, I have no idea.

Lamb: I have no idea.

Hidritch: They didn't even say that at the meeting.

Lamb: Yeah. I don't think it takes...

Nilges: I mean you are pouring a foundation and then these are all...

Obermark: Did that one in Marthasville just not too long ago.

Nilges: Both together...

Obermark: Couple months, two, three months.

Nilges: I would say...

Obermark: Yeah.

Nilges: That seems reasonable.

Wessels: How many does AT&T, how many do they have in town, do you know?

Lamb: I don't know the answer to that.

Wessels: I don't mean users, I meant towers.

Lamb: Yeah, I don't know.

Sullentrup: Not enough.

Lamb: Because they have antenna at different locations. Only thing I can tell you is, I think there has been some laws that have changed since their original laws allowed these to be put up. One of those is to the fact that we do not require them to co-locate anymore. That was one thing that used to be. Any tower that would come up, you would have to go ahead and have shared, have space available so that your competitor didn't come in and put up another one right across the street. That has been taken away, we cannot use zoning for that.

The second item is that you used to have, it was required that you would have to have a study to show what the range is, where you're covering, and whether it was needed at that location. The City could require a third party to go ahead and do that study and then the applicant would have to pay for the cost of that study. For example, that's how the one that was completed behind Orscheln's.

Patke: And it's real similar to that behind Orscheln's I'm assuming?

Lamb: Mono pole.

Nilges: It's a model pole situation, not a guy-wire situation you see up 70 or something.

Patke: Right.

Obermark: Any other questions?

Patke: It's a Public Hearing, right?

Lamb: Correct, open the floor up to any comments.

Obermark: Anyone in the audience would like to comment?

With no further discussion, a motion to accept this item into the minutes made by Councilmember Holtmeier, seconded by Councilmember Sullentrup, passed without dissent.

Bill No. 20-12174, Ordinance No. 20-13120, an ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for an AT&T Cell Tower located at 128 Busch Avenue in the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Sullentrup.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-aye, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Obermark-aye.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

* None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

* None

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

* Budget Amendment – New Municipal Pool

June 15, 2020

Honorable Mayor and City Council

City of Washington

405 Jefferson Street

Washington, MO 63090

RE: budget amendment – new municipal pool

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

As you know, recently the Parks and Recreation Department issued a contract to Westport Pools for the construction of a new municipal pool and we are nearing the end of the design phase. The pool design has been reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission on June 3 and by the Aquatic Facility Committee on June 8. The table below illustrates additions and subtractions of pool features and the associated pricing.

RFP Submission \$4,000,000

Design Revisions Subsequent to RFP (Aquatics)

✓ Elimination of Aqua Zip N' (\$14,499)

✓ Elimination of hip and ridge shade design and select structures (\$49,466)

✓ Addition of cantilevered shade design \$29,347

✓ Elimination of shade piers south hillside of pool (keep spray pad) (\$5,094)

✓ Expanded Spray Pad \$7,450

✓ Addition of underwater benches \$3,058

✓ Vortex spray pad features (Option #2) ILO Water Odyssey \$20,467

✓ Aquatic Play Unit (75st Without Tipping Bucket) \$124,637

Subtotal \$115,900

Design Revisions Subsequent to RFP (Infrastructure)

✓ Maintenance gate \$1,362

✓ Deck shower tree \$1,967

✓ Elimination of Suitmates (Men's & Women's) (\$3,990)

Subtotal (\$661)

Alternates

✓ Provide water depth sufficient for future 3M Diving \$8,003

RFP Adjusted \$4,123,239

After discussion on the additions and subtractions of the pool features, sidewalks and retaining walls, pool tile, and existing pool house, a motion to approve the budget amendment made by Councilmember Hidritch, seconded by Councilmember Pettet, passed without dissent.

* Parks Director Wayne Dunker, updated Council on re-opening of park facilities.

* Public Works Director John Nilges, discussed the status of the Riverfront Trail and bridge lights.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. 20-12175, Ordinance No. 20-13121, an ordinance accepting the bid from Jarrell Mechanical Contractors and to approve the purchase of a Compressor and Cassette and amend the 2019-2020 Budget by the City of Washington, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

After discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-aye, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Obermark-aye.

Bill No. 20-12176, Ordinance No. 20-13122, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Parking License Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and Waste Management of Missouri, Inc.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

After discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-aye, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Obermark-aye, Holtmeier-aye.

Bill No. 20-12177, Ordinance No. 20-13123, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Downtown Building Rehabilitation Agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and James and Cheryl Jansen.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

After discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-aye, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Obermark-aye.

Bill No. 20-12178, Ordinance No. 20-13124, an ordinance approving a Boundary Adjustment for the Highlands at Fairfield, Plat 3, in the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Skornia.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-aye, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Obermark-aye.

Bill No. 20-12179, Ordinance No. 20-13125, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an agreement by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the Washington School District for Three (3) School Resource Officers to be assigned to duty for the Washington School District.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-aye, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Obermark-aye.

Bill No. 20-12180, Ordinance No. 20-13126, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an Easement Deed by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the School District of Washington, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

After discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-absent, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Obermark-aye.

Bill No. 20-12181, Ordinance No. 20-13127, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of a Quit Claim Deed by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the School District of Washington.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-aye, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Obermark-aye.

Bill No. 20-12182, Ordinance No. 20-13128, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an Easement Deed by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and Ricky G. Rohlfing.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Pettet.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-aye, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Obermark-aye.

Bill No. 20-12183, Ordinance No. 20-13129, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an Easement Deed by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and Hopp, Inc.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Sullentrup.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-aye, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Obermark-aye.

Bill No. 20-12184, Ordinance No. 20-13130, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an Easement Deed by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the Catholic High School Association of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri D/B/A St. Francis Borgia Regional High School.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-aye, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Obermark-aye.

Bill No. 20-12185, Ordinance No. 20-13131, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an Easement Deed by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the Catholic High School Association of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri D/B/A St. Francis Borgia Regional High School.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-aye, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Obermark-aye.

Bill No. 20-12186, Ordinance No. 20-13132, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an Easement Deed by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the Catholic High School Association of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri D/B/A St. Francis Borgia Regional High School.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-aye, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Obermark-aye.

Bill No. 20-12187, Ordinance No. 20-13133, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an Easement Deed by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the Catholic High School Association of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri D/B/A St. Francis Borgia Regional High School.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-aye, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Obermark-aye.

Bill No. 20-12188, Ordinance No. 20-13134, an ordinance authorizing and directing the execution of an Easement Deed by and between the City of Washington, Missouri and the Catholic High School Association of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri D/B/A St. Francis Borgia Regional High School.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Patke.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-aye, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Obermark-aye.

Resolution No. 20-13135, a resolution authorizing the City of Washington to apply for funding through the Franklin County Transportation Committee for the Busch Creek Greenway Project, in the City of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri.

The Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Pettet, seconded by Councilmember Patke. After a brief discussion, passed without dissent.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

POSTPONED – A Resolution approving the Preliminary Development Plan submitted by McBride Washington, LLC for the property located at 800 and 902 Locust Street, Washington, Missouri.

POSTPONED - A ordinance approving the Final Development Plan submitted by McBride Washington, LLC for the property located at 800 and 902 Locust Street, Washington, Missouri.

A motion to postpone the resolution and ordinance made by Councilmember Pettet, seconded by Councilmember Holtmeier, passed without dissent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

* Mayor's Liaison Committee Assignments (2019)

List of last year is included in the packet. Council to review and request possible changes. Will be adding one additional committee to address any obstacles within our community that prevent inclusion.

Mayor Sandy Lucy prepared a letter and asked City Administrator Darren Lamb, to read out loud for the record.

June 14, 2020

Dear Council Members,

Over the past two weeks our community has witnessed the publication of two racially insensitive memes/cartoons by local businesses. Unfortunately, it is actions like this that put Washington in the headlines for all the wrong reasons.

As I reflect on the consequences of these actions I can't help but wonder if we as a City have been as sensitive and responsive to racial inequalities as we should be. I highly doubt if any of us who are currently holding an elected position campaigned with words like diversity, inclusion, equality and social justice. I know I didn't. My only campaign promise was to make sure our City continued to move forward in a positive direction.

In an effort to increase my understanding of the racial tensions which have recently come to the forefront of our country I have attended two of our local protests. I listened intently and walked away with a clearer picture. Since then I have also initiated additional conversations to learn more. As a result, I believe we can do better.

There have been calls for the City to issue a statement regarding the editorial cartoon published in the Missouriian. After consulting with our City Attorney we agreed it would be inappropriate for us to issue a statement as the Missouriian is a privately owned business. However, I do believe actions speak louder than words.

I have asked our administrative staff to look into forming a committee to address any obstacles within our community that prevent inclusion. We envision this group to include representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Washington, local civic groups, area clergy, the Police Department and the public at large.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. This is a pivotal time for our City. We need to embrace this opportunity and continue to strive for improvement.

*Sincerely,
Sandy*

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

* None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

* None

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Public vote on whether or not to hold a closed meeting to discuss personnel, legal and real estate matters pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo (2000) passed at 8:28 p.m. on the following roll call vote; Pettet-aye, Hidritch-aye, Skornia-aye, Wessels-aye, Patke-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Obermark-aye.

The regular session reconvened at 9:11 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn made at 9:11 p.m. by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Holtmeier passed without dissent.

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

President of City Council

Passed: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor of Washington, Missouri