

**MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
September 13, 2021
DES PERES GOVERNMENT CENTER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Des Peres, Missouri met at the Des Peres Government Center, 12325 Manchester Road 63131, commencing at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, September 13, 2021.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk took roll call with the following elected officials present: Alderman Barrett, Alderman Osherow, Alderman Pound, Alderman Concagh, and Alderman Fitzpatrick. Mayor Becker was also present.

For the record, Alderman Barrett attended the meeting via zoom and Alderman Kleinschmidt was absent with excuse.

Staff members present included the Assistant City Administrator, City Attorney, Director of Finance, Captain of Public Safety, Director of Public Works, Director of Parks and City Clerk.

At this time, those present rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Becker asked for Moment of Silence in Memory of 911 Victims and Heroes

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA – NONE

PUBLIC HEARING –

GFOA EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT AWARD for 2021

Mayor Becker formally recognized the Director of Finance, Tracy Hansen, for her selection for the GFOA EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT AWARD for 2021. This is a singular honor recognizing the outstanding career achievement of one of Missouri's Finance Directors selected by nomination and judged competitively by a committee of peers. An award recipient must demonstrate outstanding performance in public accounting; have a minimum of five (5) years in governmental accounting; demonstrated a high level of integrity; and been a leader among her peers.

Ms. Hansen has been with Des Peres as Director of Finance since August 2010. She earned a Bachelor Degree in Accounting from Maryville University; is a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the State of Missouri; and has earned designation as a Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO) from the national GFOA which requires passing a series of seven examinations in all areas of public finance. There are less than 800 certified CPFO's in the Country and only a handful in St Louis. The number of municipal finance directors who hold a CPA designation is not large and the number who have earned the CPFO certificate is a small number in Missouri Tracy currently serves as the President of the St Louis Chapter of GFOA and serves on the Missouri GFOA board. Des Peres is fortunate to have a Director of Finance with Tracy's credentials; commitment to excellence; and integrity.

Establishing the Annual Rate of Tax Levy

The City Clerk provided the following exhibits:

1. Notice of Public Hearing of September 13, 2021 advertised in the St. Louis Countian on August 26, 2021
2. Notice of Public Hearing posted at the following locations: (1) Des Peres City Hall, (2) Des Peres Website on August 26 , 2021
3. Statement of Preliminary Assessed Value for all Real and Personal Property for 2021 provided by the Assessor of St Louis County
4. Copy of 2021 Budget Projection \$0.00 revenues from property taxes for general Or debt service purposes.
5. Tax Calculation Worksheets Provided by State Auditor's Office
6. B21-2924 An Ordinance Establishing the Annual Rate of Tax Levy at \$0.00 on All Real Personal Property and for the Year
7. Municipal Code of the City of Des Peres

The Director of Finance summarized the tax levy process for a reassessment year. Ms. Hansen stated the City of Des Peres has voluntarily reduced the authorized real estate tax levy to \$0.00 for the last 25 years and has chosen not to impose a property tax for debt services. The cost of the rollback for 2021 is estimated at \$1,019.27 for the General Fund based on preliminary assessed values and the tax rates ceilings. The average residential property in the City of Des Peres has a savings of approximately \$313.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:12pm

CITIZEN COMMENTS –

Dan Heffington, 2712 Barrett Meadows Court, spoke about the Janssen property and asked if the City of Des Peres has purchased that property. Mayor Becker clarified that the City has made an offer on the Janssen Property, however has not gotten a response back yet. Mr. Heffington also expressed his concern for the fencing around the Janssen Lake, which backs up to his property. The fence currently around the Janssen Lake was put up by the Janssen family and Mr. Heffington would like it to be taken down, due to it being an eyesore.

Joe Hoffman, 2016 Oak Drive, expressed his appreciation for the City of Des Peres and stated he is grateful he lives in such a great city.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor announced that there were five items currently on the consent agenda. At the request of the Mayor, Alderman Pound read the items on the consent agenda including:

1. Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting of August 23, 2021
2. Warrant List Dated September 9, 2021
3. R21-3494 Declaring a 2013 Ford Fusion and a 2011 Dodge Caravan as Surplus Property and Authorizing Sale of Said Property Thru GovDeals
4. R21-3495 Authorizing Participation in the St Louis Metro APWA Salt Cooperative and Authorizing Purchase of De-Icing Salt from Compass Materials with Delivery from Beelman Logistics for the 2021-2022 Winter Season
5. R21-3496 Authorizing a Contract with Emergency Services Supply for Purchase of an Osage Advanced Life Support Ambulance

Alderman Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Alderman Concagh to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Barrett,

“AYE”, Alderman Concagh “AYE” Alderman Fitzpatrick, “AYE”, Alderman Osherow, “AYE”, Alderman Pound, “AYE”. Motion passed 5-0.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Emergency Executive Order #9

Mayor Becker issued a new Emergency Executive Order #9 in light of the onset of the old orders which ends September 15th. Specifically, the order extends until the end of 2021 the suspension of regulations on commercial temporary signs and suspension of rules on outdoor dining in restaurants that normally require a permit from the board. The order does not extend the earlier order that allowed Des Peres based service businesses to conduct classes for a fee in city parks.

Re-appointments to the Board of Directors

Mayor Becker recommended the re-appointment of three members to the Board of Directors of the Ballas-Manchester Community Improvement District

- i. Andrew Goldacher, General Manager, West County Center
- ii. Sean Phillips, Representing CBL Properties
- iii. Douglas J. Harms, City Administrator, Des Peres

| Appointments | 4 Year Terms | Term Expires |
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| Andrew Goldacher | Property Owner Representative | 2025 |
| Sean Phillips | Property Owner Representative | 2025 |
| Douglas J. Harms | City Administrator- City Rep | 2025 |
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| Carrie Fitzbush | Property Owner Representative | 2023 |
| Mark Becker | Mayor – City Representative | 2023 |

Alderman Concagh made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fitzpatrick to approve the re-appointments of the three members to the Board of Directors of the Ballas-Manchester CID. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Barrett, “AYE”, Alderman Concagh “AYE” Alderman Fitzpatrick, “AYE”, Alderman Osherow, “AYE”, Alderman Pound, “AYE”. Motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

LEGISLATION

Unfinished Business –

1. **B21-2923** An Ordinance Amending Section 15-2 of the Municipal Code of the City of Des Peres Relating to Municipal Court Jurisdiction (2nd Reading)

Alderman Osherow Read Bill 21-2923 for the second time.

Alderman Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Aldermen Concagh to approve Bill 21-2923. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Barrett, “AYE”, Alderman Concagh “AYE” Alderman Fitzpatrick, “AYE”, Alderman Osherow, “AYE”, Alderman Pound, “AYE”. Motion passed 5-0.

2. **B21-2924** An Ordinance Establishing the Annual Rate of Tax Levy at \$0.00 on All Real Personal Property and for the Year 2021 (2nd Reading)

Alderman Fitzpatrick Read Bill 21-2924 for the second time.

Alderman Pound made a motion, seconded by Aldermen Osherow to approve Bill 21-2924. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Barrett, "AYE", Alderman Concagh "AYE" Alderman Fitzpatrick, "AYE", Alderman Osherow, "AYE", Alderman Pound, "AYE". Motion passed 5-0.

3. **R21-2925** An Ordinance of the City of Des Peres Amending Article XI – Flood Hazard Damage Prevention and Protection Section 6-175 - Provisions for Flood Hazard Reduction to Add a Compensatory Storage Requirement
(Held for Public Hearing on September 27, 2021)

New Business

1. **B21-2926** An Ordinance Amending Section 4-4 of the Municipal Code Regarding the Hours of Sale of Intoxicating Liquor (Introduction)

Alderman Fitzpatrick Read Bill 21-2926 for the first time.

Alderman Fitzpatrick moved to waive the rules and read Bill 21-2926 a second time, second by Alderman Concagh. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Barrett, "AYE", Alderman Concagh "AYE" Alderman Fitzpatrick, "AYE", Alderman Osherow, "AYE", Alderman Pound, "AYE". Motion passed 5-0.

Alderman Fitzpatrick read Bill 21-2926 for a second time.

Alderman Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Alderman Concagh to approve Bill 21-2926 as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Barrett, "AYE", Alderman Concagh "AYE" Alderman Fitzpatrick, "AYE", Alderman Osherow, "AYE", Alderman Pound, "AYE". Motion passed 5-0.

2. **B21-2927** An Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article II of Division Regulating Door-to-Door Solicitation and Section 14-388 Regulating Solicitation in Public Roadways (Introduction)

Alderman Osherow Read Bill 21-2927 for the first time.

Mayor Becker announced that this bill would be held over until the September 27, 2021 meeting for second reading and consideration for passage and approval at that time.

3. **R21-3497** Accepting Funding Under the American Rescue Plan Act Grant of 2021 in the Amount of \$1,754,929.12 to be Received in Equal Installments in Fiscal 2021 and 2022; Segregating Funds Received into a Reserve Account Until Such Time as Funds are Appropriated by the Board of Aldermen for Qualifying Projects

Alderman Concagh Read Resolution 21-3497.

Alderman Concagh made a motion, seconded by Aldermen Fitzpatrick to approve Resolution 21-3497. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman

Barrett, "AYE", Alderman Concagh "AYE" Alderman Fitzpatrick, "AYE", Alderman Osherow, "AYE", Alderman Pound, "AYE". Motion passed 5-0.

MISCELLENOUS BUSINESS

1. **Report of the City Clerk**
2. **Report of the City Administrator**

REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Staff has not been notified by the Mayor or City Attorney of a request for Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Aldermen Concagh to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:38pm.

Minutes Prepared by:

Amanda Hurley
City Clerk

Minutes approved by the Board of Aldermen on the 27th day of September, 2021

Mayor, Mark Becker

ATTEST:

Amanda Hurley, City Clerk