

THE CITY OF CLAYTON

Board of Aldermen
In-Person and Virtual Meeting
March 12, 2024
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. The following individuals were in attendance:

In-person: Ira Berkowitz, Bridget McAndrew, Susan Buse, Becky Patel, Gary Feder, Rick Hummell, and Mayor Michelle Harris.

Staff: City Manager Gipson, City Attorney O’Keefe, and Assistant City Manager Muskopf

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

Ben Uchitelle addressed the Board with concerns on the announcement of the closing of Fontbonne University which will be purchased by Washington University

CLAYTON COMMUNITY EQUITY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Chris Schmiz and Stuart Berkowitz provided the Board with a presentation of the annual report.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes – February 27, 2024
2. Resolution – Submittal of a Hazardous Moving Violation Enforcement Grant Application. (Res. No. 2024-02)
3. Motion – Liquor license for CP South Central, LLC *d/b/a* the Strat Bar at AC Hotel.

Motion made by Alderman Berkowitz to approve the Consent Agenda. Alderman McAndrew seconded.

The motion passed on a roll call vote: Alderman Berkowitz – Aye; Alderman McAndrew – Aye; Alderman Buse – Aye; Alderman Patel – Aye; Alderman Feder – Aye; Alderman Hummell – Aye; and Mayor Harris – Aye.

FY2023 4TH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

City Manager Gipson gave a report to the Board on the FY2023 4th Quarter Financial report as provided in the Board packet.

Karen Dilber, Director of Finance, was present to answer questions.

OTHER

Alderman Berkowitz reported on the following:

- Parks & Recreation Commission
 - Update on the Remembrance Park construction.

- Discussed funded capital projects for FY2024 – the Center of Clayton roof project, Tennis Center lighting project, Shaw Park HVAC project and ballfields #1 & #2 reseeding and grading project along with other future proposed projects.

Alderman McAndrew reported on the following:

- Plan Commission – reviewed plans for a new home on Forsyth Boulevard; reviewed/discussed an issue where a Clayshire resident constructed a nonpermitted parking pad.
- Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting on March 5 with consultants.
- Met with Eric Gruenfelder, Parks Director for the City of Brentwood regarding the possible use of their ice rink for hockey practice for CHS.
- Ward 3 Coffee – well attended; received an update from Deb Grossman, Chair of the Sustainability Committee.

Alderman Buse reported on the following:

- Ward 2 Coffee – Deb Grossman, Chair of the Sustainability Committee provided an update and presentation to the group; great way to attract more people to get involved.

Alderman Patel reported on the following:

- Ward 1 looking forward to upcoming meetings regarding the Washington University/Concordia Seminary Overlay project.
- Participated in a tour at the History Museum – Influential Women and attended an event on Black History & Disability Rights Movement.

Alderman Feder reported on the following:

- Ward 3 Coffee – very well attended, lots of questions.
- Attending the Missouri Growth Association’s event, “Finance Trends in Real Estate” on March 14
- Long time Clayton resident/citizen, Dr. David Berland, recently passed away

Alderman Hummell reported on the following:

- CRSWC – staff is actively working on marketing and promoting information; membership at the Center is increasing.
- Met with Jan Anglin who provided a tour of the Hi-Pointe neighborhood and its historical significance.
- CCF Annual meeting – continuing to actively work on fundraising; continued discussion on seeking to get artwork on Wydown Boulevard (Big Bend area); thoughts are to rent or borrow as done for other artwork.
- Clayton Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards dinner.
- Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee met March 5.
- Washington University/Concordia Seminary Overlay.
- Recognized Ward 2 aldermanic candidate, Jeff Yorg in the (virtual) audience.

Mayor Harris reported on the following:

- Recognized MYAC students in attendance at tonight’s meeting; MYAC was provided a tour of the Fire Department last month; scheduled to tour the Parks Department on March 13

Alderman Buse commented that while visiting the Los Angeles area she became aware of how larger businesses are working together to subsidize small boutique businesses in building retail

growth and setting an “atmosphere” for the neighborhoods. Good idea for the city to consider when new development projects are presented.

Alderman Berkowitz added that the University Loop retail growth is due in part to Joe Edwards brings tenants in without charging rent.

City Manager Gipson provided additional information to the Board on the FY2023 4th Quarter Financial Report with regards to sales tax.

Motion made by Alderman Berkowitz to adjourn the meeting. Alderman McAndrew seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk