

THE CITY OF CLAYTON

Board of Aldermen
In-Person and Virtual Meeting
October 8, 2024
7:05 p.m.

MINUTES

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

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

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

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes – September 24, 2024
2. Motion - Liquor License for Rooster at 176 Carondelet Plaza.
3. Motion - Board and Commissions appointment(s).
4. Motion - 2025 Board of Aldermen Meeting dates.

Alderman Patel requested to discuss the following Consent Agenda item.

MOTION – YEAR 2025 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion made by Alderman Patel to postpone the September 23, 2025, meeting date to September 30, 2025, due to the Rosh Hashanah holiday. Alderman McAndrew seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Motion made by Alderman McAndrew to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Alderman Feder seconded.

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

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MAYOR’S COMMEMORATIVE LANDSCAPE TASK FORCE – FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The Mayor’s Commemorative Landscape Task Force (MCLTF) has been working to commemorate overlooked or erased parts of Clayton’s history. The Fiscal Year 2025 Budget allocates \$2,000 for commemorative markers, with costs shared equally between the City and the Clayton Community Foundation.

Donna Rogers-Beard, retired teacher at the School District of Clayton and historical advisor to the MCLTF, presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Aldermen on a brief history of the First Baptist Church.

The Board discussed the language of the plaque and was in consensus to remove the word "once" for clarity. They also discussed the history of the church, noting its role in the community before zoning changes forced its relocation.

Motion made by Alderman Patel to amend the language "...testaments that once, for several generations..." of the plaque by removing the word "once" for clarity. Alderman Buse seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MAYOR'S COMMEMORATIVE LANDSCAPE TASK FORCE – OSAGE NATION

City Manager Gipson reported that the Mayor's Commemorative Landscape Task Force has been working to honor overlooked or erased aspects of Clayton's history, including the Osage Nation. The Task Force recommends that the City commemorate the Osage Nation by installing a historical marker on city-owned property, along with interpretive signage in a public space to educate the community about the Osage Tribe, the original inhabitants of this land.

Chris Schmitz, Community Equity Committee, presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board on the proposed Osage Nation historical marker.

The Board was in consensus to split the cost of a commemorative marker for the Osage Nation with the Clayton Community Foundation, a recommendation from the Mayor's Commemorative Landscape Task Force.

AN ORDINANCE FOR A CONTRACT WITH THE HARLAN COMPANY FOR THE MONUMENT MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FY2024

City Manager Gipson reported that the Public Works Department is requesting approval of a construction contract for the Monument Maintenance Contract FY24 project with The Harlan Company. This project includes preventive maintenance, repair, and reconstruction of various subdivision monuments under City maintenance throughout the city. The project also includes repairs for a stone retaining wall along Maryland Avenue and repairs to a brick wall along the city parking lot at 103 N. Central Avenue.

Staff recommendation is to approve the ordinance authorizing a contract with the Harlan Company in the amount of \$324,754, plus a contingency of \$10,154, totaling \$334,908 for the monument maintenance contract, FY2024.

Matt Malick, Director of Public Works, addressed the Board to answer questions.

Alderman McAndrew introduced Bill No. 7042, approving a contract with The Harlan Company for the monument maintenance project to be read for the first time by title only. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. Alderman Buse seconded.

City Attorney O’Keefe reads Bill No. 7042, first reading, an Ordinance Approving a Contract with the Harlan Company for the Monument Maintenance Contract FY24 by title only.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Motion made by Alderman McAndrew that the Board give unanimous consent to consideration for adoption of Bill No. 7042 on the day of its introduction. Alderman Buse seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Alderman McAndrew introduced Bill No. 7042, approving a contract with The Harlan Company for the monument maintenance project to be read for the second time by title only.

City Attorney O’Keefe reads Bill No. 7042, second reading, an Ordinance Approving a Contract with the Harlan Company for the Monument Maintenance Contract FY24 by title only.

The motion passed on a roll call vote: Alderman McAndrew – Aye; Alderman Buse – Aye; Alderman Patel – Aye; Alderman Feder – Aye; Alderman Hummell – Aye; Alderman Yorg – Aye; and Mayor Harris – Aye. The bill, having received majority approval, was adopted, and became Ordinance No. 6904 of the City of Clayton.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CLAYTON LIVABLE COMMUNITY PLAN (2024)

City Manager Gipson reported that this is a resolution to adopt the Clayton Livable Community Plan, a joint effort between the city's Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation. The plan, which updates previous plans, was developed through a four-phase process with significant public engagement. The consultant presented the final report at the September 10th, 2024, Board of Aldermen meeting.

The Board discussed the plan's structure, comprehensiveness, and implementation, with concerns raised about affordability and ADA compliance. Consensus was had to prioritize the plan, identify smaller projects, and discuss larger discussions. The Board also discussed the need for better connectivity with buses and Metrolink and the importance of changing the city's culture to encourage public transportation use.

Motion made by Alderman McAndrew to approve Resolution No. 2024-18, adopting the Livable Communities Master Plan. Alderman Buse seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT CLAYTON RESTAURANTS IN JOINING THE GREEN DINING ALLIANCE

City Manager Gipson reported that this is a resolution to support the Green Dining Alliance (GDA) program, which was unanimously recommended by the City's Sustainability Advisory Committee. The program aims to support restaurants in adopting sustainable waste management practices. The Committee also proposed the formation of a Green Dining District in Clayton, which would require 25% of independent restaurants within a specific area to be

GDA certified. The cost for initial certification and subsequent recertifications was estimated to be between \$12,500 and \$15,000 and \$10,000 to \$12,000, respectively. The Sustainability Advisory Committee recommended that the Board of Aldermen approve funding for the program.

Motion made by Alderman Buse to amend Resolution No. 2024-19, as follows, Section 1, #1. "...100% of the fees paid by the restaurant to the GDA for certification and recertification, subject to appropriation..." Alderman Patel seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Motion made by Alderman McAndrew to approve Resolution No. 2024-19 as amended, to support Clayton restaurants in joining the Green Dining Alliance Program. Alderman Buse seconded.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

OTHER

City Manager Gipson reported on the upcoming meeting scheduling for the Washington University Overlay. The Board discussed the scheduling conflict (work schedule) for the October 22nd meeting.

City Manager Gipson explained that the public hearing is required to be published at least 15 days advertised notice which has already been done. The Board considered moving the public hearing to November 12th and 26th. The Board discussed the possibility of holding a work session before the public hearing to discuss the matter. The Board was in consensus to hold a work session on Friday, October 18; public hearing on November 12.

Alderman McAndrew reported on the following:

- Clayton High School Homecoming – great event!

Alderman Patel reported on the following:

- Hi-Pointe DeMun Neighborhood Association held a block party – great event!
- Planning future ward discussions regarding traffic calming!
- Ward 1 Coffee hosted at Concordia Seminary – large attendance.
- Plan Commission meeting – Anna Krane's presentation was great!

Alderman Feder reported on the following:

- Plan Commission meeting – Anna Krane's presentation was very impressive!
- Attended the St. Louis County Municipal League Legislative Committee meeting.

Alderman Hummell reported on the following:

- Hi-Pointe DeMun Neighborhood Association block party – great event!
- Ward 1 Coffee at Concordia Seminary – lots of positive community engagement.
- Plan Commission meeting – great presentation by Anna Krane.
- M1 Bank grand opening event.
- Jazz Fest – good event!
- Meeting on DeMun traffic safety program; possible stop sign.

Mayor Harris reported on the following:

- Jazz Fest – top notch!!
- Met with St. Louis County regarding Comprehensive Plan process.

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

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

There being no further discussion the Board adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk