

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

May 19, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.
Office of the City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, met in a called special meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor McMurray. Notice of said meeting (together with an agenda) was posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting in the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)
Members Present:	Mayor Bill McMurray	(115-02)
	Councilmember Brenda Blessing	(112-05)
	Councilmember Madison Davis	(112-05)
	Councilmember PJ Kovac	(99-18)
	Councilmember Russell Moore	(114-03)
	Councilmember Brian Myers	(109-08)
	Councilmember Marty Novak	(112-05)
	Councilmember Kent O'Dell	(105-12)
	Councilmember Gary Roach	(101-16)

Total membership--9. Five members constitute a quorum.

Also present were City Manager Bryan Carter, Police Chief Chris Connally, Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Director Chuck Kempf, Public Works & Transportation Director Andy Clements, Human Resources Director Amy Cohorst, Interim Administrative Services Director Tom Mahoney, Interim City Attorney Jason Soper, Asst. to the City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager Mary Robertson and City Clerk Paula Heyde.

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MINUTES:

None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

None.

CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING:

46094

Filed 5/13/21 - A written request has been received from nine members of the Council this date requesting a special meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall for the purpose of considering the following bill for passage:

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CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING: (Cont'd)

BILL FOR PASSAGE:

A Bill (#1124-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray and Councilmember Davis submitting a proposal for a one-half of one percent City sales tax to the voters of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri for a ten-year period to provide funding for local parks projects; designating an election date of August 3, 2021; and authorizing and directing the City Clerk to notify the election authority of said election.

NOW, THEREFORE, as City Clerk of the City of St. Joseph, under the provisions of Section 3.9(a) of the Charter of the City of St. Joseph, I hereby issue a call for a special meeting of the Council for the time and place and for the purpose as set forth above in accordance with the written request of the Council.

(SEAL)

/s/ Paula Heyde
Paula Heyde, City Clerk

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

46095 It was moved by Councilmember Myers and seconded by Councilmember Moore that the Agenda be accepted as published. Motion carried. Ayes, Blessing, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach--8. Absent, Davis--1.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

None.

[Councilmember Davis arrived.]

BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

46096 It was moved by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Myers that the word "sole" be inserted before the word "purpose" in the ballot language. Motion carried. Ayes, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach--9.

46097 (S.O. 9908) A Bill (#1124-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray and Councilmember Davis submitting a proposal for a one-half of one percent City sales tax to the voters of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri for a ten-year period to provide funding for local parks projects; designating an election date of August 3, 2021; and authorizing and directing the City Clerk to notify the election authority of said election, having been read the first time on May 12, 2021, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, Blessing, Davis, Kovac, McMurray, Moore, Myers, Novak, O'Dell, Roach--9.

EMERGENCY BILL FOR PASSAGE:

None.

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION:

None.

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BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

None.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

None.

WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:

None.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

None.

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Manager’s Report – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NOTES:

Agenda No. 46096-7 –Jim Weidinger, 4614 Iris Avenue, said in the community survey, the citizens place streets, safety and low cost of living as their priorities. The parks are great and bring people into the community, but a one-half percent sales tax is a big bite for the low, fixed income older residents of St. Joseph. He thinks we need to make sure the streets and public safety are funded properly and completely.

Terry Turbak, 1321 Faraon Street, asked questions about improvements at civic arena and funding them with a park sales tax.

ADJOURNMENT:

46098 By general consent, the Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.



Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.