

**The City of Lee's Summit**  
**Action Letter**  
**City Council - Work Session**

Thursday, August 16, 2018

5:45 PM

City Council Chambers

City Hall

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**Preliminaries:**

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Call to Order

Mayor Baird called Work Session No. 4 to order at 5:49 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

- D. Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Mayor Bill Baird  
Councilmember Rob Binney  
Councilmember Trish Carlyle  
Councilmember Fred DeMoro  
Councilmember Phyllis Edson  
Councilmember Diane Forte  
Councilmember Bob Johnson  
Councilmember Beto Lopez

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Craig Faith

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Forte, seconded by Councilmember Carlyle, to approve the agenda as posted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:**

Mayor Baird  
Councilmember Binney  
Councilmember Carlyle  
Councilmember DeMoro  
Councilmember Edson  
Councilmember Forte  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Lopez

**Absent:**

Councilmember Faith

**2. Public Comments:**

Ms. Geraldine Amato again shared her beliefs on several topics related to the Federal Government.

Mr. Larry Giroux addressed the Council regarding a contract for the building of a proposed transfer station.

**3. Council Comments:**

There were no Council Comments

**4. Presentations:**

**A. [2018-2184](#)** Lee's Summit CARES Presentation

There was no Council Discussion.

**B. [2018-2120](#)** Presentation of Priority Based Budgeting

Council Discussions:

- Timing, it takes a longer view of the budget
- Funding priorities and decreasing funding to other programs
- Requested a multi page analysis or a written synopsis
- [www.resourcex.net](http://www.resourcex.net)
- Would the budget become a two year process
- What services does The Center for Priority Based Budgeting provide
- How long does it take to get the process functional
- Does the process involve staff only or does it involve Council and citizen committees
- Is the software an algorithm
- Would using this process make it easier to find out what something costs
- How does two year budgeting work with Council term limits
- Would like to blend this in with the citizen strategic plan process
- Would like to get citizen input before staff starts working on the process
- Not politicizing the budget
- Losing sight and focus on priorities during budget discussions
- Employee compensation became very politicized, could that happen with this process

**5. Committee Reports**

Councilmember DeMoro reported that the Arts Council reviewed 14 grant applications and approved 10. Applicants will be notified in the next 2 weeks.

Councilmember Johnson announced that the Finance and Budget Committee will be meeting Monday, August 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

## 6. Council Roundtable

Councilmember DeMoro mentioned that on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, the Arts Council is hosting a conversation with local organizations and artists in hopes of creating an ongoing forum to encourage collaboration. He then announced that a State of the Art event will be held at the Gamber Center on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Edson remarked that the Netflix TV series, *Queer Eye*, was filming in Lee's Summit at Frontier Justice and the footage will appear in season three.

Councilmember Binney shared that the Minor Home Repair program and the First Time Home Buyer program have funds available to the residents of Lee's Summit. He then noted that Crank Out Hunger, a bicycle ride benefiting Coldwater, will be held Saturday, August 18, 2018. He continued by thanking the Mayor, the EDC (Economic Development Council), the Chamber of Commerce, the R-7 School District, Downtown Main Street and all of the elected officials that were able to attend the social outing last week.

Mayor Baird also thanked everyone for coming together for the social outing last week. He then shared that on Saturday, August 11, 2018 he was in a dunk tank at Fun House Pizza for an event called Answering the Call, to raise money for the 911 system and public safety, and Councilmember Binney was able to successfully dunk him.

## 7. Staff Roundtable

There were no items for Staff Roundtable.

## 8. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Baird adjourned Work Session No. 4 at 7:14 p.m.

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