

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

Thursday, July 19, 2018

6:15 PM

City Council Chambers

City Hall

220 SE Green Street

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

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**Preliminaries:**

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

Mayor Baird called the July 19, 2018 Work Session No. 3 to order at 6:42 p.m.

- D. Roll Call

**Present:** 9 - Mayor Bill Baird  
Councilmember Rob Binney  
Councilmember Trish Carlyle  
Councilmember Fred DeMoro  
Councilmember Phyllis Edson  
Councilmember Craig Faith  
Councilmember Diane Forte  
Councilmember Bob Johnson  
Councilmember Beto Lopez

- E. Approval of Agenda

**A motion was made by Councilmember Faith, seconded by Councilmember Forte, to approved the published Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Mayor Baird  
Councilmember Binney  
Councilmember Carlyle  
Councilmember DeMoro  
Councilmember Edson  
Councilmember Faith  
Councilmember Forte  
Councilmember Johnson  
Councilmember Lopez

**1. Public Comments:**

Ms. Geraldine Amato spoke regarding electronic voting and vote counting. She voiced her opinions of how the government is corrupt and banks and cartels control the government. She began speaking about the child abuse that she feels our government allows. Mayor Baird advised her that her comments were not appropriate and asked her to discuss something else or she would be asked

to leave. She argued with Mayor Baird about public comments and then left.

Mr. John Ivey asked the Council to assist the property owners at Clifford Road and Quarry Park Road to clean up the area to make it livable and help with the undermining of the area. Jackson County and KCATA have purchased the Rock Island Corridor and they have no transportation plan at this time. He would like the city to get involved with the transportation plan as part of the I-470 Corridor study. Mayor Baird advised that this topic would be better suited as a presentation and stated that he would have his secretary schedule a time for him to meet with Mr. Ivey.

## **2. Council Comments:**

Councilmember Johnson stated that he still wants to talk about weather forecasting for the youth of the city that play on outdoor fields. He then shared that he was on the City Council in 2012 when the Rules Committee established the agendas, public comments, etc. Their intent for Public Comments was for it to be a way for the Lee's Summit community to talk about issues and ideas that impact the Lee's Summit community and he would like to see it brought back to the original intent.

Councilmember Forte said that at last week's meeting she brought up a figure regarding downtown spending when you have downtown apartments or property owners. The study was sent to her and it says that a couple paying a monthly rent of \$800-\$1200 would have annual expenditures of around \$18,773.

Councilmember Faith advised Mayor Baird that the Public Works Committee would be happy to hear a presentation from Mr. Ivey regarding the Rock Island Corridor.

Councilmember Binney also spoke regarding Public Comments. He said that there are a lot of communities that don't have public comments at their City Council meetings and the Mayor has the authority to continue the operation of the meeting as necessary. He added that there is a speakers circle right in front of City Hall where anyone can let their opinions be known at any time but Thursday night City Council meetings are reserved for the business of the City.

Mayor Baird stated that he would like to meet with the City's legal council to discuss Public Comments. He then shared that he recently met the Governor of Missouri who stressed his main objectives are workforce development, infrastructure and his desire to have all Mayor's in Missouri to be on board with the gas tax.

### 3. Presentations:

- A. [2018-2160](#) End of Session report from the City's Lobbyist, Jim Durham with the Britton Group.

Council questions and concerns:

- Abandoned Airplanes
- What will be brought up in the next session?
- Sales and Use Tax
- Gas tax has been challenged
- Mobile devices (prepaid phones) paying for 911 services
- Cell phone towers
- House Bill 2562
- Senate Bill 608

### 4. Committee Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez announced the next CEDC (Community and Economic Development Committee) meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. He reminded everyone that he had asked the other Councilmembers to prioritize the CIP projects (Capital Improvement Projects) within their districts and he asked to have them turned in before the August 8 meeting.

Councilmember Binney asked for clarification on the request for CIP projects. He stated that staff has a method of evaluating the needs throughout the city and he doesn't want it to appear that anyone is telling them what projects are most important depending on the political district.

Councilmember Faith asked that CIP requests be submitted for discussion to the Public Works Committee.

Councilmember Edson explained that the request for CIP project lists was simply to create conversations and is not politically motivated.

Councilmember Forte shared her concern that constituents might see the discussion as a promise that their projects will be added to the CIP.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez agreed that the completed lists should follow protocol and be sent to the Public Works Committee for discussion.

Councilmember Binney noted that the annual slurry seal and curb replacement programs were approved by the Public Works Committee last week and the location maps for these projects, and the CIP, can be found on the Public Works website or through the committee packet. He stated that he would like to have information regarding projects sent to the effected constituents before it goes to bid.

Councilmember Johnson added that the CIP goes before the Council for a vote and amendments could be made at that time.

## 5. Council Roundtable

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez shared a text message that he received regarding the professionalism of the police officers that responded to a burglary in his friends home at 2:00 a.m.

Mayor Baird shared that he had dinner with Mayor Sly James and a couple of his right hand people. As a new Mayor, he was able to ask several questions and noted his observation that people in Public Service are always willing to help each other.

Councilmember Forte said that she has been told by people that they are not watching the Council meetings anymore because everything has been business related.

Councilmember Binney congratulated two police officers, one for being sworn in and the other for a promotion to Sergeant.

## 6. Staff Roundtable

Ms. Christal Weber, Assistant City Manager, announced that a Meet the Artist reception will be held Friday, July 27, 2018 in conjunction with the Fourth Friday Art Walk in downtown Lee's Summit.

## 7. Adjournment

Council adjourned to Closed Session at 7:54 p.m.

Unless determined otherwise by the Mayor and City Council, no new agenda items shall be considered after 11:00 p.m.

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