



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

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers  
and Via Video Conference  
220 SE Green Street  
Lee's Summit, MO 64063

**REGULAR SESSION NO. 63**

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Notice is hereby given that the City Council for the City of Lee's Summit will meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm in person and via video conference as provided by Section 2-50 of the City of Lee's Summit Code of Ordinances, adopted by the City Council on June 15, 2021, Ordinance No. 9172. Persons wishing to comment on any item of business on the agenda, including public testimony during a Public Hearing, via video conference may do so by sending a request prior to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2024, to the City Clerk at [clerk@cityofls.net](mailto:clerk@cityofls.net) to attend the meeting on the video conferencing platform. The City Clerk will provide instructions regarding how to attend by this method. The meeting may be viewed on the City's website at [WatchLS.net](http://WatchLS.net), and on various cable providers (Spectrum Channel 2, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 and Comcast Channel 7).

**Preliminaries:**

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

Mayor Baird called Regular Session No. 63 to order at 6:03 pm.

D. Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Mayor Bill Baird  
Councilmember Fred DeMoro  
Councilmember Phyllis Edson  
Councilmember Andrew Felker  
Councilmember Faith Hodges  
Councilmember John Lovell  
Councilmember Mia Prier  
Councilmember Hillary Shields

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Beto Lopez

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember DeMoro, seconded by Councilmember Felker, to approve the agenda as published. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Baird  
Councilmember DeMoro  
Councilmember Edson  
Councilmember Felker  
Councilmember Hodges  
Councilmember Lovell  
Councilmember Prier  
Councilmember Shields

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Lopez

**2. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Edson, seconded by Councilmember Shields, to approve the Consent Agenda, Items 2.A. - 2.B. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Baird  
Councilmember DeMoro  
Councilmember Edson  
Councilmember Felker  
Councilmember Hodges  
Councilmember Lovell  
Councilmember Prier  
Councilmember Shields

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Lopez

**A. [2023-6033](#) Approval of City Council Action Letter for January 23, 2024.**

**ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Edson, seconded by Councilmember Shields, to approve the City Council Action Letter from January 23, 2024 as part of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Baird  
Councilmember DeMoro  
Councilmember Edson  
Councilmember Felker  
Councilmember Hodges  
Councilmember Lovell  
Councilmember Prier  
Councilmember Shields

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Lopez

**B. [BILL NO. 24-018](#) An Ordinance approving Amendment No. 8 to the budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024, as adopted by Ordinance No. 9704, Ordinance No. 9705, Ordinance No. 9706, Ordinance No. 9707, and Ordinance No. 9708, by amending the authorized expenditures for the City.**

(Note: First read by Council on January 23, 2024. Passed by unanimous vote.)

**ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Edson, seconded by Councilmember Shields, that Bill No. 24-018 be adopted and numbered Ord. No. 9846 as part of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Baird  
Councilmember DeMoro  
Councilmember Edson  
Councilmember Felker  
Councilmember Hodges  
Councilmember Lovell  
Councilmember Prier  
Councilmember Shields

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Lopez

### 3. Council Roundtable

Councilmember Shields said, "Go Chiefs!"

Councilmember Edson noted that citizens on the north side of town were out cleaning up trash this last weekend taking advantage of the nicer weather. She also stated she has seen other citizens out picking up trash and thanked everyone that is helping and hopes that this continues to help keep the city roadways clean throughout the spring and summer months also.

Councilmember Prier advised several local businesses were making Chiefs items and encouraged citizens to shop local.

### 4. Public Hearings:

- A. [2023-6041](#) Public Hearing: Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority - 5-Year Public Hearing

Council Discussion Included:

- Estimated abatement vs. abatement received
- Value at time of issuance vs. present day value
- Property Value Increases of 2019 and 2023
- Older LCRA projects - abatement amounts and percentages
- Blighted areas

No one was present to speak in favor of or in opposition to this application.

**This Public Hearing - Legislative was read into the record.**

### 5. Public Comments:

Ms. Teresa Vollenweider continued to provide information from previous meetings as to the discrepancies on her property lines.

### 6. Presentations:

- A. [2024-6051](#) Presentation: Water Utilities Customer Service Recognition

Council Discussion Included:

- Thanked Water Utilities staff and recognized their outstanding work.

**This Presentation was presented.**

- B. [2024-6065](#) Presentation: Public Safety Sales Tax Initiative Update

Council Discussion Included:

- Thanked voters for passing the bond initiatives to allow this to move forward.

**This Presentation was presented.**

- C. [2024-6077](#) Presentation: Downtown Market Plaza Financing Plan

Council Discussion Included:

- Funding sources
- Bond Rates / Investments
- Fund balance
- Debt Service Schedule / maturity structure
- Cash flow / single bond issuance
- Tax Revenue / Revenues Generated
- Priorities with budget
- Value engineering target
- New debt issued / planned expenses
- Review by Finance and Budget Committee (Special meeting)

**This Presentation was presented.**

## 7. Resolutions:

- A. [RES. NO. 24-03](#) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to appoint successor directors to the I-470 Community Improvement District.

**ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember DeMoro, seconded by Councilmember Edson, to adopt Resolution No. 24-03. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Baird  
Councilmember DeMoro  
Councilmember Edson  
Councilmember Felker  
Councilmember Hodges  
Councilmember Lovell  
Councilmember Prier  
Councilmember Shields

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Lopez

## 8. Proposed Ordinances - First Reading:

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- A. [BILL NO. 24-020](#) An Ordinance vacating a portion of a certain easement located at 700 NW Ward Road in the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri.  
(Note: First read by Council on February 6, 2024. Passed by unanimous vote.)

**ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Edson, seconded by Councilmember DeMoro, that Bill No. 24-020 be advanced to second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Baird  
Councilmember DeMoro  
Councilmember Edson  
Councilmember Felker  
Councilmember Hodges  
Councilmember Lovell  
Councilmember Prier  
Councilmember Shields

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Lopez

- B. [BILL NO. 24-021](#) An Ordinance approving an emergency purchase with Wiedenmann, Inc. in the amount of \$128,300.00, and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for the same.  
(Note: First read by Council on February 6, 2024. Passed by unanimous vote.)

**ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember DeMoro, seconded by Councilmember Hodges, that Bill No. 24-021 be advanced to second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Baird  
Councilmember DeMoro  
Councilmember Edson  
Councilmember Felker  
Councilmember Hodges  
Councilmember Lovell  
Councilmember Prier  
Councilmember Shields

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Lopez

## 9. Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports.

## 10. Council Comments:

Councilmember Felker asked if the Economic Development Council (EDC) had made progress on the by-laws and asked the Mayor for an update and if the City Council would be meeting with them anytime soon. He also asked staff for an update on the DMO

Mayor Baird met with Economic Development Council (EDC) at 3pm today. He asked for a 5-year analysis so it can be reviewed with the strategic plan so the City and EDC can support each other. They have met regarding the by-laws but nothing has been finalized. They would like to look at these bylaws as they get further into looking at the strategic plan. The EDC is looking at how to best move forward with a new director, by-laws and a strategic plan.

Mr. Mark Dunning, City Manager, noted the DMO will be back before council in mid to late April for an update presentation.

Councilmember Shields thanked Mayor for the updated on the EDC and asked Councilmember Edson and Hodges for their take on the updates to the by-laws. Councilmember Edson stated it is slow moving but they are working on it. Councilmember Hodges said there is a lot of frustration but changes moving forward should help with their success.

The Council had a lengthy discussion on the EDC and looking to make changes in the future and whether or not the City continues to work with the EDC. This will be brought back to City Council at a later date to discuss as an agenda item and allow members of the EDC to be present to be part of the discussion.

## 11. Staff Roundtable

Mr. Mark Dunning, City Manager, stated there are several street closures in the City. Spire will have daily road closures on 3rd Street starting Feb. 14th. He will send an update via email to Council.

## 12. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Mayor Baird adjourned Regular Session No. 63 into Closed Session at 9:44 pm.

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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