

The City of Lee's Summit
Action Letter - Draft
Community and Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

5:00 PM

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

Notice is hereby given that the Community and Economic Development Committee for the City of Lee's Summit will meet in Regular Session on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 5:00 pm in person and via video conference as provided by Section 2-50 of 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 Tuesday, January 9, 2024, to the City Clerk at clerk@cityofls.net to attend the meeting on the video conferencing platform. The meeting may be viewed on the City's website at WatchLS.net, or Spectrum Channel 2, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 and Comcast Channel 7.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Edson called the January 10, 2024 Community and Economic Development Committee to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Councilmember Felker was absent during roll call but joined the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Present: 4 - Chairperson Phyllis Edson
Vice Chair Mia Prier
Councilmember Faith Hodges
Councilmember Andrew Felker

Absent: 1 - Dana Arth

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Hodges, seconded by Chair Edson, to approve the January 10, 2024 Community and Economic Development Committee Agenda.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 3 - Chairperson Edson
Vice Chair Prier
Councilmember Hodges

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Felker

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Business

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- A. [2023-6026](#) Approval of the December 13, 2023 Community and Economic Development Action Letter

A motion was made by Chair Edson, seconded by Councilmember Hodges to approve the December 13, 2023 Community and Economic Development Committee Action Letter.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 4 - Chairperson Edson
Vice Chair Prier
Councilmember Hodges
Councilmember Felker

- B. [BILL NO. 24-014](#) An Ordinance authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, as a Law Enforcement partner for the Eastern Jackson County Co-Responder Program, and the Mid-America Regional Council to work collaboratively to execute the requirements of a Federal Award Project entitled Eastern Jackson County Co-Responder Program 3.0-Model For Growth (CoRV3.0). (CEDC 1/10/24)

Major Cary Colyne explained the Lee's Summit Police Department (LSPD) seeks to continue its relationship with the Mid- America Regional Council (MARC) and Re-Discover to fund and maintain the current LSPD Mental Health Co-Responder program.

The current LSPD Mental Health Co-Responder (MHCR) program was launched in 2020, and is based on a Bureau of Justice Assistance's Police Mental Health Collaboration concept. Under this concept, the MHCR's are embedded in the Police Department and are not city employees. They accompany officers on calls for service involving people in crisis or facing substance abuse issues. In this capacity, they can provide more adequate resources much more quickly than a solo police officer. They also conduct follow-up with those individuals, to include home visits. The LSPD currently has two, full time Behavioral Health Co-Responders funded by Re-Discover and other grants.

This MOU is part of a federal grant (Connect and Protect grant) that was awarded to MARC in October 2023 and will expire September 2026. Approval of this MOU will ensure the program will remain active.

Councilmember Hodges made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Felker, to recommend for City Council approval an Ordinance authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, as a Law Enforcement partner for the Eastern Jackson County Co-Responder Program, and the Mid-America Regional Council to work collaboratively to execute the requirements of a Federal Award Project entitled Eastern Jackson County Co-Responder Program 3.0-Model For Growth (CoRV3.0).

The motion carried by the following votes:

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Aye: 4 - Chairperson Edson
Vice Chair Prier
Councilmember Hodges
Councilmember Felker

- C. [BILL NO. 24-015](#) An Ordinance amending Chapter II of the City of Lee's Summit Municipal Code providing for rules relating to municipal court personnel management, defining terms, roles and responsibilities, and creating within Chapter 11 of the Lee's Summit Municipal Code two new sections: Section 11-5 Definitions and Section 11-6 Municipal Court Personnel Management for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri. (CEDC 1/10/24)

Ms. Jo Leigh Fisher, Chief of Litigation, stated the purpose of this ordinance is to clarify the role of the City Manager in supporting the operations of the municipal court while preserving the separation of powers to enable the court to operate smoothly and efficiently.

The key issues include:

- Appointment process for Court Administrator
- Defining role of City administration supporting the court
- Discipline of court staff for non-judicial related matters ie. absenteeism etc.

Councilmber Hodges made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Felker, to recommend for City Council approval an Ordinance amending Chapter 11 of the City of Lee's Summit Municipal Code providing for rules relating to municipal court personnel management, defining terms, roles and responsibilities, and creating within Chapter 11 of the Lee's Summit Municipal Code two new sections: Section 11-5 Definitions and Section 11-6 Municipal Court Personnel Management for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 4 - Chairperson Edson
Vice Chair Prier
Councilmember Hodges
Councilmember Felker

- D. [2023-6044](#) Discussion: Amendment to Chapter 33, Unified Development Ordinance, of the Lee's Summit Code of Ordinances, Articles 4, 6, 7, and 15 pertaining to residential lot development.

Aimee Nassif, Deputy Director of Development, reviewed the proposed amendments to Article 4 (Zoning Districts), Article 6 (Use Standards), Article 7 (Subdivisions) and Article 15 (Definitions) to update regulations, increase housing options, improve readability, and clarify development requirements for residential lot development. These amendments were based on previous discussions and direction from the Community and Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Will Ruder, Exec. Vice President, of the Home Builders Assoc. of Kansas City, provided his support for the changes proposed from the stand point of offering more options and diversity for home builders and home buyers.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Felker made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Prier, to direct Staff to prepare an Ordinance amending Chapter 33, Unified Development Ordinance, of the Lee's Summit Code of Ordinances, Articles 4, 6, 7, and 15 pertaining to residential lot development and send it to the Planning Commission.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 4 - Chairperson Edson
Vice Chair Prier
Councilmember Hodges
Councilmember Felker

- E. [2024-6047](#) An Ordinance Adding Article 3, Parks and Recreation Impact Fees, to Chapter 19, Parks and Recreation, of the Lee's Summit Code of Ordinances

Mr. Joe Snook, Administrator of Parks and Recreation, provided an overview of the Parks Department which included current stats, funding sources and cost to develop a neighborhood park. He stated the department has projected six new neighborhood parks and one regional park in the future, in addition to adding other unfunded park projects totaling \$54,700,000.

The Park Board is proposing impact fees to cover the costs of these future projects which would be applied to all building permits starting July 1, 2024. The impact fee would be \$1,200 for each residential dwelling unit and a non-residential fee of \$.20 per gross sq. ft. area.

Mr. Snook stated the Parks and Recreation Board has approved a proposed ordinance for City Council consideration to implement Parks and Recreation Impact Fees on future development to assist with park land acquisition and development. The key issues include diversifying funding sources and securing future park funding to meet the needs created by future development.

Following discussion, the committee asked the Park Board to readjust the impact fees by either reducing the fees, propose tier amounts and/or shift some of the costs to commercial development and bring the item back for consideration.

6. Roundtable

There was no roundtable discussion.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Edson adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

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