

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

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

City Hall

220 SE Green Street

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

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WORK SESSION NO. 7

Preliminaries:

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

Mayor Baird called Work Session No. 7 order at 6:41 p.m.

- D. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Bill Baird
Councilmember Rob Binney
Councilmember Fred DeMoro
Councilmember Phyllis Edson
Councilmember Diane Forte
Councilmember Bob Johnson
Councilmember Beto Lopez

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Trish Carlyle
Councilmember Craig Faith

1. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Forte, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve the published agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye - 7

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

Absent - 2

Councilmember Carlyle

Councilmember Faith

2. Council Roundtable

Councilmember Forte noted the Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street Christmas party would be held tomorrow night at 6:00pm at The Stanley.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez stated he and Councilmember Binney attended the Kauffman Center meeting regarding Sustainable Renewable Energy where Lee's Summit Public Works was recognized for their initiatives. He commended the Public Works Department and the City Manager, Steve Arbo for their hard work and dedication to these types of initiatives.

Mayor Baird commented that most Councilmembers get emails from citizens within their districts. He receives emails from citizens from across the community and he wanted to be on the record advising citizens he cannot get anyone out of a ticket.

3. Public Comments:

Mr. Robert Dye thanked the Mayor for a great Christmas Tree Lighting this year. He then stated he would like to see the City of Lee's Summit look into ways to use the waste management for solar energy by burning trash. He also talked about zero emissions and strong recycling programs that are used in European countries.

Ms. Amato spoke out about the LS Tribune, Bar Association, Modification or ordinances to allow for censorship, centralized government and electro-smog.

4. Presentations:

- A. [2018-2390](#) Fire Department Annual Presentation to the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) on their service and response capabilities.

Chief Rick Poeschl and Captain Darrel Clowes presented the annual Accreditation Report for the Fire Department regarding Authority Having Jurisdiction on the Fire Departments service and response capabilities.

They discussed: Compliance Actions, Community Priorities, Response Benchmarks, Response Performance Challenges, Resource Management Challenges, Operational Staffing Challenges, Administrative Staffing Challenges, 2015 Standards of Cover (SOC) and Build Out, Current Stations and the Fire Departments Immediate Needs.

Council Discussion:

How many cities are rated a 1?

What is a low risk EMS response need?

Expansion

Funding

Increased manpower

Span of Control

Catastrophic Event(s)

Mutual Aid

Deployment Analysis

Station Locations

Risks (Low/Moderate/High)

Rescue 3 - 8 new employees

Station 3

Chain of Command

Area of Coverage - Geography

2019 Standards of Cover - City Council involved in Long Range Plan and Strategic Planning with the Fire Department.

B. [2018-2455](#) Discussion of the Use Tax

Mayor Baird advised he did not feel the Use Tax was ready to be put on a ballot in April as originally planned. He stated he recently reviewed his online purchases and the amount of taxes the City was losing on just in what he had purchased for himself and his family.

It is estimated the City is losing approximately \$1.3M in taxes without implementing the Use Tax. The State of Missouri is already collecting the use tax. This would also assure an equally competitive environment for local businesses. It would create diversity to and modernize the revenue stream.

In order to place this on the April 2, 2019 ballot, the Council would need to take action by January 15th. Since there is a lot of education involved the Council will look at this tax with the Strategic Plan. They will also review the Debt Capacity for 2019 before making a decision on the placement of the use tax on the ballot.

5. Committee Reports

Councilmember Johnson stated the Finance and Budget Committee would be held on Monday, December 17 at 5pm

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez stated the Community and Economic Development Committee would be held on Wednesday, December 12 at 4pm.

6. Council Comments:

There were no Council Comments.

7. Staff Roundtable

There was no Staff Roundtable.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business Council voted to go into Closed Session at 9:14pm

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