

## CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES

March 2, 2021

The City Council met this date in a regular session, via Zoom, which was available to the public via teleconference, at 7:33 pm.

Present at Roll Call: Mayor Gerry Welch  
Councilmember Laura Arnold  
Councilmember Pam Bliss  
Councilmember David Franklin  
Councilmember Emerson Smith  
Councilmember Karen D. Alexander  
Councilmember Sarah Richardson

A quorum was present.

Also present: Dr. Marie Peoples, City Manager  
Mr. Neil Bruntrager, City Attorney  
Ms. Katie Nakazono, City Clerk

### RECOGNITIONS

The Mayor and Council recognized Firefighter of the Year Pat Matthews.

The Mayor and Council presented Kevin Brackens, Kathryn DeHart, and Farrell Carfield with a proclamation for Black History Month.

The Mayor and Council presented Rob Libera of Lafayette Industries with a proclamation for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

The Mayor and Council presented K Wentzien with a proclamation for Women's History Month.

### REMARKS OF VISITORS

Ms. Conrad read submitted Remarks of Visitor comments received by 4 p.m. on March 2, 2021, into the record. Submissions were received from:

- Charles Pasternak (Exhibit A)
- Dave Buck (Exhibit B)

### NEW BUSINESS – MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, CITY ATTORNEY, CITY MANAGER

No New Business.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### BILL #9143 – THIRD READING

On motion of Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Arnold, **BILL #9143 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE COST OF ABATING CERTAIN NUISANCES (ACCESSORY STRUCTURE DEMOLITION, CUT/TRIM, DEBRIS, ETC.) AS SPECIAL TAX BILLS AGAINST THE PROPERTIES HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED**

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**AND CONSTITUTING LEVIES AS LIENS ON THE RESPECTIVE PROPERTIES,** having been introduced and read twice on February 16, 2021, was taken up its title read a third time and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9143.

Mayor Welch called for the vote on Bill #9143.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: ARNOLD, BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH, ALEXANDER, RICHARDSON, WELCH

NOES: NONE

Mayor Welch stated that Bill #9143 was approved.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Councilmember Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Bliss, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Welch called for the vote on the Consent Agenda.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH, ALEXANDER, RICHARDSON, WELCH, ARNOLD

NOES: NONE

Mayor Welch stated that the Consent Agenda was approved.

The following consent agenda was approved:

- **Approval of Minutes** – February 16, 2021
- **Resolution #2021-12** – Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase CivicRec Software Annual Licenses
- **Resolution #2021-13** – Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase a Replacement Ice Resurfacer for the Parks & Recreation Department
- **Liquor License** – Amy’s Cake Pop Shop, 7961-A Big Bend Blvd., to Sell Liquor Not to be Consumed on the Premises Where Sold

### **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

- Rebecca Now was reappointed to the Business Development Commission.
- John Barr was reappointed to the Old Orchard Special Business District Commission.
- Jamie Hasemeier was reappointed to the Sustainability Commission.
- Michael Stauss was appointed to the Sustainability Commission.
- Ken Creehan was appointed to the Old Orchard Special Business District Advisory Commission.
- Marilynne Bradley and Kathie Cahoon were reappointed to the Arts Commission.
- Alex Elmestad and Rob Longstreet will be officially appointed to the Arts Commission when the composition of the Arts Commission is amended to allow for eleven members.

### **EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION**

No Executive (Closed) Session.

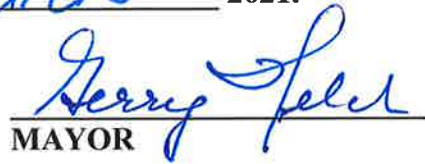
### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. on motion of the Mayor, duly seconded.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR

**Katie Nakazono - Re: Remarks by Visitors - City Council Meeting**

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**From:** Katie Nakazono

**To:** Pasternak, Charles

**Date:** 2/19/2021 8:24 PM

**Subject:** Re: Remarks by Visitors - City Council Meeting

3/2/2021

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>>> Charles Pasternak <casedw1918@gmail.com> 2/19/2021 8:24 PM >>>

This project of this size will change Webster Groves forever; no longer will it's residents be able to drive down Lockwood and easily return to their homes or feel comfortable going to small businesses and fighting crowds and parking.

We need to focus on our environment, preserving it, treasuring wildlife, for future generations. We are part of nature , not separate from it!

Every time I visit Kirkwood I dodge going downtown because of the traffic going down Kirkwood Road. The town has lost its quaintness with its highrise apartments, and condos, and the BIG fountain on the corner facing the Train Station looks out of place.

Stop this project and protect what we have.

Sincerely,

Chuck Pasternak

**Katie Nakazono - Dave Buck "Remarks of Visitors" at the Regular Ciity Council Zoom Meeting, 3/2/21**

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**From:** Dave Buck <dave@buckstl.com>  
**To:** "citycouncil@webstergroves.org" <citycouncil@webstergroves.org>, "people...  
**Date:** 3/2/2021 2:12 PM  
**Subject:** Dave Buck "Remarks of Visitors" at the Regular Ciity Council Zoom Meeting, 3/2/21  
**Cc:** "bkmacahoon@charter.net" <bkmacahoon@charter.net>, "mgbrad@aol.com" <mgb...

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Dear Our Artful Mayor, City Council & City Staff,

I was driving back home this morning from my daily trip to Starbucks when I saw the new joyous, colorful and ultra-creative and fun public art display by Webster Arts along the Lockwood side of the Eden Green Space.

As I understand it, the multiple pieces were NOT the product of professional painters but were created by our wonderfully artistic community and everyday citizens and kids!

This new public art display is testament why Webster Groves deserves and continually earns the right to be called the "City of the Arts." Other important city goals like ensuring financial security and providing top-notch police and fire protection are essential and necessary to sustain our life. But the arts - and their beauty, love and inspiration - are what we stay alive for!

Why? Because the arts are truly a universal language and a powerful force for good that have always and hopefully will always continue to change our world for the better in Webster Groves. Art itself is inclusionary and equitable and promotes an unlimited diversity of thought and creative expression.

Art inspires us to reflect and think beyond the norm. It opens our hearts, lifts our spirits, heals our wounds, breaks down barriers and, perhaps most importantly, brings people together.

In fact, given that the word "community" literally means "To Share Together As ONE", our community - time and time again - shares its enjoyment of the arts together as ONE, just as the thousands who will pass by the new public art display on the Green Space and rejoice and smile in their hearts.

Finally, three related artful wishes:

1. I wish "Nurturing & Building the "City of the Arts" was City Council's #1 goal.
2. I wish Kathie Cahoon and Marilynne Bradley were immediately approved to continue on Webster Groves Arts Commission.
3. I wish the redevelopment project plan was creatively redesigned to support and advance Webster Groves and its people as the "City of the Arts."

PEACE.

Dave