

CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES

March 17, 2020

The City Council met this date in a regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall at #4 E. Lockwood Ave., at 7:45 p.m. [This meeting was only available to the public via teleconference, per the current order restricting gatherings of more than 10 individuals, due to the Corona Virus.]

Present at Roll Call: Mayor Gerry Welch
Councilmember Bud Bellomo
Councilmember Laura Arnold
Councilmember Pam Bliss
Councilmember David Franklin
Councilmember Emerson Smith

A quorum was present.

Also present: Mr. Steve Wylie, City Manager
Mr. Neil Bruntrager, City Attorney
Ms. Katie Nakazono, City Clerk

REMARKS OF VISITORS

Email dated March 17, 2020, from Eric Kuenkler, Executive Director of The Rockwood, 330 W. Lockwood Ave., regarding parking at The Rockwood. **(See Exhibit 1)**

Email dated March 17, 2020, from Elyssa Sullivan, 229 Kerruish Place, regarding graffiti on a street sign. **(See Exhibit 2)**

Steve Wylie, City Manager, stated that the sign was on MSD property, and tended to before we could get to it. Regarding The Rockwood, the Police Department has been in touch with them already. What you have in front of you is not exactly accurate, and will be remedied if they would like. But we do not practice selective enforcement. The gentleman who wrote you acknowledged that it was not first hand. We will set about fixing that. The signs were put up at their request, and if they would like them to come down, they will come down. But we will not selectively apply the law.

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

No New Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILL #9119 – THIRD READING

On motion of Councilmember Bellomo, seconded by Councilmember Arnold, **BILL #9119 – ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO O+O HOSPITALITY LLC TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF RESTAURANT, NO DRIVE-THRU USES, AT 100 AND 102 W. LOCKWOOD AVENUE ZONED “D” COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE #8963**, having been introduced and read twice on March 3, 2020, was taken up its title read a third time and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9119.

Mayor Welch called for the vote on Bill #9119.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: BELLOMO, ARNOLD, BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH, WELCH

NOES: NONE

Mayor Welch stated that Bill #9119 was approved.

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BILL #9120 – THIRD READING

On motion of Councilmember Bliss, seconded by Councilmember Arnold, **BILL #9120 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 70, “OFFENSES” ARTICLE II “OFFENSES AGAINST MORALS AND CONDUCT” BY AMENDING SECTION 70.171 “POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA**, having been introduced and read twice on March 3, 2020, was taken up its title read a third time and placed upon its passage to become Ordinance #9120.

Mayor Welch called for the vote on Bill #9120.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: ARNOLD, BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH, WELCH, BELLOMO

NOES: NONE

Mayor Welch stated that Bill #9120 was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #2020-09

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT EXTENSION AGREEMENT FOR AUDIT SERVICES

A motion was made by Councilmember Franklin, seconded by Councilmember Arnold, to approve Resolution #2020-09.

Mr. Wylie stated that this is the Finance Manager's first year in the position, and other audit firms come in with different approaches. Throwing a completely different approach to the audit on her would be a little difficult.

Councilmember Bellomo asked about changing firms every five years. Mr. Wylie stated that there is an old saw in the business that you ought to make sure there is not a crook in the mix. Our defense would be that we have had different principals driving the audit. We have got different people running it. They get a lot of work around here and everyone seems satisfied with them.

Mayor Welch called for the vote to approve Resolution #2020-09.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: BLISS, FRANKLIN, SMITH, WELCH, BELLOMO, ARNOLD

NOES: NONE

Mayor Welch stated that Resolution #2020-09 was approved.

RESOLUTION #2020-10

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO REPAIR THE ELEVATOR AT CITY HALL UNDER AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT, AND TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Arnold, to approve Resolution #2020-10.

Todd Rehg, Director of Public Works, gave a brief presentation on the repair. We got four bids to replace the jack and do the modernization. Of the four, the lowest was Schindler Elevator Corporation.

Mayor Welch asked about the possible \$40,000 bill we may face. Mr. Rehg stated that was an estimate of \$7,800 to \$45,000. The \$45,000 is from our current company, Kone. The modernization Kone would do is proprietary, and no other elevator company can repair or replace it. If when they pull the shaft out, it collapses, they have to re-drill it.

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Councilmember Franklin asked how old it is. Mr. Rehg stated 1993. They normally last about 20 years.

Mr. Wylie stated that this wasn't a maintenance thing. The lift that is 24 feet long goes into a sleeve in the ground. That sleeve is filled with oil. The motor is covered with oil all the time. It will no longer hold pressure. They are going to suck all that out of the ground. They will remove that 24-foot piece of steel. That is why it is so expensive.

Councilmember Franklin asked about the warranty. Mr. Rehg stated that it is a one year warranty and one year maintenance. They will come do quarterly maintenance. Then we will have to set up a new maintenance agreement.

Councilmember Franklin asked if they were a union company. Mr. Rehg stated that he did not know.

Councilmember Bellomo asked how long to complete it once the contract is issued. Mr. Rehg stated that once we issue the contract they have to order the material and it has to be manufactured. It takes 14-16 weeks for manufacture and delivery. Once it is all in, it will take three weeks for the install. So we are looking at 17-19 weeks.

Councilmember Smith asked if the contingency was enough to cover, and Mr. Rehg stated that he believes so.

Councilmember Bliss asked about the new elevator. Mr. Rehg stated that the new one will be smoother and faster. They are all reputable companies.

Mayor Welch called for the vote to approve Resolution #2020-10.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: FRANKLIN, SMITH, WELCH, BELLOMO, ARNOLD, BLISS

NOES: NONE

Mayor Welch stated that Resolution #2020-10 was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mayor Welch called for the vote on the Consent Agenda.

MEMBERS VOTING:

AYES: SMITH, WELCH, BELLOMO, ARNOLD, BLISS, FRANKLIN

NOES: NONE

Mayor Welch stated that the Consent Agenda was approved.

The following consent agenda was approved:

- **Approval of Minutes** – March 3, 2020
- **Liquor License** – Temporary Liquor License for Mary Queen of Peace Church, 676 W. Lockwood Avenue, to Sell Beer and Wine by the Drink for Consumption on the Premises Where Sold at Their Spring Festival on April 25, 2020 (Rain Date: April 26, 2020)
- **Resolution #2020-11** – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Aquatic Center Management Services for the 2020 Season
- **Resolution #2020-12** – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Tennis Center Management Services for the 2020 Season

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- **Resolution #2020-13** – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for a Construction Contract for the Streets Listed in the Mill and Overlay Program and the Recreation Complex Parking Lot

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Chris Redford was appointed to the Traffic Advisory Commission as a Regular Member.

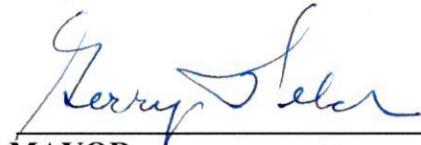
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

No Executive (Closed) Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. on motion of the Mayor, duly seconded.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of APRIL 2020.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK



Katie Nakazono - Greetings from The Rockwood

From: "Eric" <Eric@therockwood.com>
To: <citycouncil@webstergroves.org>
Date: 3/17/2020 2:58 PM
Subject: Greetings from The Rockwood

Dear Council Members,

We request that The Rockwood has time to speak at the upcoming City Council Meeting over the following issue:

At the OWTA meeting on April 16th, 2019, I questioned the Webster Groves Police Sergeant Flanery, Traffic Officer Rasool, Detective Bell and OWTA members, how The Rockwood should pursue removing the 2-hour parking signs from in front of The Rockwood.

It was suggested by all, at that time, we leave the 2-hour parking signs there and just continue to be non-enforcement. Therefore, if someone who is not from the Rockwood leaves their vehicle for an extended period of time, we may have it ticketed and/or towed. We all agreed that this would be acceptable.

Starting three weeks ago, we have been given four parking violation tickets. The first was to the owner of The Rockwood, who was 30 minutes over 2 hours because of our weekly meeting. The second ticket was issued to our Concierge who was working her 8-hour shift, third ticket was issued to one of our residents' caregivers who was working a 4-hour shift, and lastly a ticket was issued to a new concierge on her first day of work. It has been The Rockwood's policy for many years that employees and caregivers should park on the street in front of our building, to allow our Residents, families and visitors places to park in our parking lot.

We are not sure what has changed, or why. I have been here for eight years and have not had any person issued a parking ticket in front of our building. We are hoping to secure the seven parking spots in front of our property as non-enforcement or have the signs removed.

This ordinance that is now being enforced is going to be taking a toll on our business. Our concierges have eight-hour shifts, our Residents have caregivers with no less than three-hour shifts, our family members could be visiting all day. One ticket equals one hour of pay for our employees. This new enforcement will become burdensome on everyone doing business at The Rockwood.

We understand how parking affects the other businesses in our district, yet, The Rockwood is not in any competition for spaces with any surrounding businesses. The only business close to us is across the street. They have dedicated spots in their parking lot as well as four spaces in front of their building. Literally, no one uses the spaces in front of our building besides those who have direct business with The Rockwood.

We were instructed that we are not to use the large (half empty) parking lot next to us, because it is now owned by the business across the street, McCallum.

When The Rockwood became a business as a senior community in 2006, there was ample parking. Thirteen years later, our census is younger and still drives, our census is full which makes for a larger staff, and more of our Residents are using Home Health services which also takes up more parking. We must be able to utilize the parking available to us. If we cannot use the parking spaces in front of our building, they will stay empty. Our staff, resident's family and caregivers will be the ones suffering the consequences of this parking ordinance enforcement.

Please allow us the time to speak with the council about this important and urgent matter. Please let us know if we may be able to speak via teleconference this evening.

Thank you.

Eric Kuenkler
Executive Director
The Rockwood
330 West Lockwood Ave.

Exhibit 1

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Katie Nakazono - comment

From: Elyssa Sullivan <elyssa.sullivan@gmail.com>
To: <citycouncil@webstergroves.org>
Date: 3/17/2020 4:02 PM
Subject: comment

I am inquiring about whether or not the city has a protocol for reporting hate speech and/or hate speech visual markings.

There is a swastika painted on a sign on Westbound Lockwood at Belleview. I know someone called to report it to the police, but this individual then told me she wasn't sure if the police sounded like there was anything they could do.

With the rise in hate speech that we are experiencing, I think it might be wise to have a protocol for how to address this efficiently. I've passed this sign for four days now and hate seeing it still there. Please advise for correct steps to report hate speech and/or hate speech visual markings in a standardized way to the city. Thank you!

