

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pirrello opened this Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Council Members Compton, Anglin, Reel, Pieper, Murray and Acup.

Also present were: City Manager Bookout, Asst. City Manager Muskopf, Atty. Martin, Atty. Moore, Planning Director Hood, City Engineer Schwer, Chief Felgate, Finance Director Cary, and Parks Director Blumer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Reel moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Council Member Anglin. The votes were all "AYE".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Murray moved to approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2012 Regular Meeting, seconded by Council Member Acup. The votes were all "AYE".

PETITIONS

Dierbergs Smoker, Clarkson Clayton Center

Brent Beumer, Director of Real Estate, Dierbergs Markets, requested approval for the installation and operation of a BBQ smoker at the Clarkson Clayton Center store located within the C-3 Commercial Zoning District. He reviewed his letter dated March 28, 2012 as well as his exhibits. Council Member Acup moved to approve, seconded by Council Member Murray. Responding to Council inquiries, Mr. Beumer answered that the outside of the smoker would be cool to the touch; hours of operation would be the same as store hours; and he has an agreement in principle with the operators of the center. The Planning Department had no comments. Mayor Pirrello advised if there were any problems (neglect, deterioration, safety issues, etc.) Mr. Beumer will be notified and expected to resolve the problems immediately. The votes were: Murray "AYE", Acup "AYE", Pirrello "AYE", Compton "AYE", Anglin "AYE", Reel "AYE", Pieper "AYE".

Ellisville Lions, sale of alcohol July 4th

Mark Van Horn, Ellisville Lions, requested approval to again sell malt liquor by the drink at the Ellisville 4th of July celebration in Bluebird Park. Council Member Compton moved to approve, seconded by Council Member Anglin. The votes were: Murray "AYE", Acup "AYE", Pirrello "AYE", Compton "AYE", Anglin "AYE", Reel "AYE", Pieper "AYE".

West County Bible Church outdoor concert

Dave Jenkins, representing West County Bible Church, requested authority to hold their annual outdoor music concert on Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 82 Henry Avenue within the R-1 Residential Single Family Zoning District. This will be their 5th concert to raise money for their mission work. Council Member Murray moved to approve, seconded by Council

Member Pieper. The votes were: Murray "AYE", Acup "AYE", Pirrello "AYE", Compton "AYE", Anglin "AYE", Reel "AYE", Pieper "AYE".

PUBLIC COMMENTS I

Dave Mansfield, Mansfield Nursery, 15977 Manchester, spoke in favor of the proposed Sansone development. He believed it would be beneficial to all retail businesses in the area.

Lonny Massey, 14972 Manor Lake Drive, owner of buildings in Clarkchester Apartments, voiced support for the Sansone development. He stated TIF was provided by law as a financial tool for redevelopment in an underutilized area. He did not want the City to pass up the opportunity during this depressed economy.

Albert Molinet, 30 Covert Lane, read a prepared statement. He believed the TIF will only benefit Sansone and Walmart and that giving them tax assistance will be a misdirection of public funds. He asked the Council to vote against the TIF.

Pamela Massey, 14972 Manor Lake Drive, owner of buildings in Clarkchester Apartments, read from a prepared statement in support of the Sansone proposal. She stated the city's budget has seen cuts year after year to match revenues from sales taxes, but it may not be able to continue providing certain services to the residents. Ellisville received one development proposal and no other viable alternatives.

Bones Baker, 39 Pretoria Drive, Apt. B, read from a prepared statement (on file with the City Clerk). He listed reasons why he believes the TIF proposal is not good for the city. He asked the Council to vote against it.

David Cook, President of Local 655, resident of Eureka, urged the Council to vote against TIF as he believed it was a problem for the entire metropolitan area. He stated projects went ahead in Florissant and High Ridge after TIF's were denied and that residents showed at yesterday's election they had concerns.

Mike Elli, 1155 Briar Patch, said the Great Streets Initiative report found there already was excess retail space along Manchester Road. During the campaign and prior to the election, candidates wanted to listen to resident opinions and he encouraged the Council to do just that.

Dan This, representing the Ellisville Exchange on the northeast corner of Clarkson and Manchester Roads, voiced support for the TIF as the ownership group believed additional retail will help them attract tenants to the center.

John Hoffman, 1617 West Field, opposed the proposed TIF as it will divert monies away from the school and fire districts. He felt the people had made a clear statement at the election.

Bill Biermann, 1795 Clarkson Road, Suite 190, voiced support for the proposed TIF as it would provide much needed revitalization to this section of the Manchester Road corridor.

John Arnold, 1661 Sunnyridge, voiced opposition to the TIF. He wanted to see the meeting moved to a larger venue. He questioned the timing of the legislation after the election and let Council Member Acup know that she would not run unopposed next time if she voted in favor of the TIF.

Dan Duffy, 258 Bonnie Court, voiced opposition to the proposed TIF for The Sansone Group. He also stated: don't pay the residents to be relocated out of guilt, just don't evict them; and the anti-TIF mayoral candidates got 72% of the vote.

James Foley, 1639 Clayton Spur Court, said he voted for Mayor-Elect Paul since he was up front about how he would vote on the TIF issue. He urged the Council to listen to the citizens and vote against it.

John Whittier, 57 Pretoria Drive, stated 19 of 20 people at the TIF Commission public hearing spoke against the proposal; 2 weeks ago 8 people spoke against it; yesterday 44% of those who voted supported Mayor-Elect Paul; and the majority at this meeting opposed the project. He wanted the Council to represent the will of the people.

Elizabeth Schmidt, 48 Cathcart Drive, Apt. C, opposed the TIF. She stated the election was a referendum by proxy on welfare for the wealthy and made reference to Article 9 of the Charter. She realized the apartments were zoned commercial and believed the intent of the eminent domain resolution was to protect all residents.

Trent Toone, owner of Barney's BarBQ, 16009 Manchester Road, felt the city once again needed a vibrant big box retailer.

Jim Shroba, 119 Waldens Oak Court, was in favor of the redevelopment program, a step towards turning abandoned buildings into a vibrant part of the city, providing revenue and ensuring independence for Ellisville for years to come.

LEGISLATION

Mayor Pirrello announced that the newly elected mayor requested to be part of deliberations for Bills #3265, #3266, and #3267 regarding the TIF and Sansone proposal. Council Member Acup moved to continued said three Bills until such time that Adam Paul is sworn in on August 18, 2012, seconded by Council Member Pieper. The votes were: Murray "AYE", Acup "AYE", Pirrello "AYE", Compton "NAY", Anglin "AYE", Reel "AYE", Pieper "AYE".

Ord. #3067, Police Communications Contract with St. Louis County

Council Member Anglin introduced Bill #3268 for consideration and perfection, AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT MAYOR MATT PIRRELLO TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ELLISVILLE WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, FOR COORDINATED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, COMPUTER-ASSISTED REPORT ENTRY AND RECORD ANALYSIS AND MAPPING SYSTEM SERVICE. Council Member Anglin moved for consideration and perfection of Bill #3268, seconded by Council Member Compton. The votes were: Murray "AYE", Acup "AYE", Pirrello "AYE", Compton "AYE", Anglin "AYE", Reel "AYE", Pieper "AYE". Council Member Anglin introduced Bill #3268 for final passage, AN

ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT MAYOR MATT PIRRELLO TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ELLISVILLE WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, FOR COORDINATED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, COMPUTER-ASSISTED REPORT ENTRY AND RECORD ANALYSIS AND MAPPING SYSTEM SERVICE. Council Member Anglin moved for passage of Bill #3268, seconded by Council Member Compton. The votes were: Murray "AYE", Acup "AYE", Pirrello "AYE", Compton "AYE", Anglin "AYE", Reel "AYE", Pieper "AYE". Bill #3268 becomes ORDINANCE #3067.

PUBLIC COMMENTS II

None.

MAYOR/COUNCIL BUSINESS/REPORTS

Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Pirrello declared Thursday, April 12, 2012 as Arbor Day within Ellisville and encouraged all to plant and care for trees which will promote the well-being of this and future generations. The celebration at Bluebird will begin at 2:00 p.m. and everyone was invited. Free trees will be given to all in attendance. Ellisville has been "Tree City" for 31 years.

Unofficial results of April 3, 2012 Election

Mayor Pirrello announced the following unofficial results from yesterday's election: Adam Paul was the successful candidate for mayor with 708 votes, followed by Michelle Murray, Dawn Anglin and Robert Srote. District 1 winner was Matt Pirrello; District 2 Linda Reel; and District 3 Roze Acup. The Charter amendment passed and in 2013 terms will be 4 years and the mayoral election will be staggered and held on its own. He stated that 1,590 voted yesterday representing 24% of the registered voters.

Mayor Pirrello adjourned this meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



CATHERINE DEMETER, City Clerk