

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
July 2, 2024

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw on Tuesday May 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw, Fares E. Azzam, Mayor Pro Tem William R. Leonard, Kevin D. Palmer.

Council Members Absent: Elizabeth A. Upton.

City Manager: Kurt Giles
Clerk: Jamie Long
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz

Others in Attendance: Keith Risdon-Utilities Director, Lou Fleury-OHM, Phil Hansen-DDA Director, Max Clever-Spicer, Jan Bunting and Amber Derosia.

Mayor Echtenaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda.

Manger Giles requested the addition of item 11.E-Truck Repairs #24 to agenda. Moved by Palmer, supported by Azzam to approve the agenda with the addition of item 11.E for July 2, 2024. All ayes carried the motion.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 21, 2024. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Azzam, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$720,046.10. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the June 2024 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Azzam, to receive the June 2024 Monthly Reports and place them on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

There were no comments.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Echinaw requested approval/receipt of Consent Agenda item “a” through “f” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Spicer Group for Drinking Water Asset Management.
- b. Payment to Spicer Group for As-Needed GIS and Training.
- c. Payment to GRP Engineering for Engineering Services-System Model Update & Distribution System Study.
- d. Additional Cost for Material for the Spring Paving Project to Central Asphalt.
- e. Payment to Central Asphalt for 2024 Spring Paving Project.
- f. Payment to Advanced Rehabilitation Technology for Sanitary Sewer Repairs on Pine Street for 2024 Spring Street Project.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to approve Consent Agenda item “a” through “f.”
All ayes carried the motion.

Work Directive Change No. 1.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the Work Directive Change No.1 to Spicer Group for additional work services to DWAM Inventory in the amount of \$18,400.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to approve the Work Directive Change No.1 to Spicer Group for additional work services to DWAM Inventory in the amount of \$18,400. All ayes carried the motion.

Fall Market in Clapp Park.

Manager Giles requested members to approve a Fall Market in Clapp Park on October 5, 2024 and a brief presentation was given by Amber Derosia.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Palmer , supported by Azzam, to approve a Fall Market in Clapp Park on October 5, 2024. All ayes carried the motion.

Resolution 2024-16-Construction Contract#1 for Water System Improvements.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis wishes to construct improvements to its existing water treatment and distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the water system improvements project formally adopted on May 24, 2024 will be funded through the state of Michigan’s Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis has sought and received construction bids for the proposed improvements and has received a low bid in the amount of \$13,960,962.71 from Malley Construction Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis engineer, OHM Advisors has recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of St. Louis tentatively awards the contract for construction of the proposed water system improvements project to Malley Construction Inc. contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the DWSRF.

Yeas: Azzam, Leonard, Palmer, Echtenaw

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Upton

Resolution 2024-17-Construction Contract #2 for Water System Improvements.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis wishes to construct improvements to its existing water treatment and distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the water system improvements project formally adopted on May 24, 2024, will be funded through the state of Michigan’s Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis has sought and received construction bids for the proposed improvements and has received a low bid in the amount of \$524,270.00 from Green Tech Systems LLC; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis’ engineer, OHM Advisors has recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of St. Louis tentatively awards the contract for construction of the proposed water system improvements project to Green Tech LLC contingent upon successful financial arrangements with the DWSRF.

Yeas: Leonard, Palmer, Azzam, Echtenaw

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Upton

Addition to Agenda-Truck #24 Brake Repairs.

Manager Giles requested members to approve the repairs to truck #24 from A&S Repair, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard, to approve the repairs to truck #24 from A&S Repair, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles reported that a joint school board meeting has been suggested for August 6, 2024 at 5 p.m. Giles has not heard back yet if that will work with their schedule.

Manager Giles reported that he will be gone on July 16, and Bobbie Marr will be covering in his absence.

Manager Giles reported that several curb areas have been replaced at City Hall and surrounding areas.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Azzam mentioned that he was told the Farmers Market will be making a move. DDA Director, Phil Hansen stated that the building had been purchased and plans were moving along.

Member Azzam questioned the status of a residential property on Mill Street, north of State which was later identified as 607 South Mill.

Public Comments.

Jan Bunting informed the council that the airport had been acquired by Gratiot County and they were

making upgrades and improvements to the facility.

Jan Bunting informed the council that the wind turbine use has been happening and the use of the energy that is being generated is being used by the community.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Azzam, to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, Clerk