

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
August 20, 2024

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Ralph R. Echtenaw on Tuesday August 20, 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, Elizabeth A. Upton.

Council Members Absent: None

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

Others in Attendance: Phil Hansen-DDA Director, Billy Bosquez and Marilyn Fenby-Resident.

Mayor Echtenaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Leonard to approve the agenda for August 20, 2024. All ayes carried the motion.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Upton, supported by Palmer, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 6, 2024. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Leonard, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$559,908.80. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

City Council discussed the July 2024 Monthly Reports.

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

Audience Recognition.

Marilyn Fenby, a city resident, informed the council that she has a tree that has a branch hanging on the power wire. Fenby is concerned that it could come down in a storm and take the wire with it. Fenby has asked several times to have removed, each time being told that the Electric Department can't get their equipment behind her house to remove it. Fenby has reached out to private companies, but they do not want to take the job with the branch being involved in the wires.

Fenby also informed the council that holes were left in her driveway after a street project. Manager Manger Giles stated that he would check on both issues and get back to her.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Echinaw requested approval/receipt of Consent Agenda item "a" through "b" as shown below:

- a. Payment to OHM for Phase I Engineering Services for July 2024.
- b. Payment to Fahrner for Spring Paving Project-GSB-88.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve Consent Agenda item "a" through "b."
All ayes carried the motion.

Temporary Street Closure-Homecoming Parade.

Chief Ramereiz requested members to approve the temporary street closure request for the Homecoming Parade on September 13, 2024.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Azzam, supported by Upton, to approve the temporary street closure request for the Homecoming Parade on September 13, 2024.

City Manager Report.

Manager Giles reported that the work on Business 27 has started. The company will be doing milling and paving. They will pause on the project for the Old 27 Car Tour and resume on Friday, August 23.

Manager Giles reported that an estimate should be ready for the desktop replacements for the September 3rd meeting.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Palmer inquired on the old bank building project progress. DDA Director Hansen stated that progress has been slow.

Member Upton informed the council that she has listed her home for sale and plans to move to Kentucky. Upton stated that she will stay on council for the time being.

Public Comments.

There were none.

Adjournment.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Azzam to adjourn at 6:22p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Jamie Long, Clerk