

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

St. Louis, Michigan
June 21, 2022

The regular meeting of the Saint Louis City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas L. Reed on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mayor Thomas L. Reed, Roger L. Collison, William R. Leonard, Elizabeth A. Upton

Council Members Absent: George T. Kubin (excused)

City Manager: Kurt Giles
Deputy Clerk: Bobbie Marr
Police Chief: Richard Ramereiz, Jr.

Others in Attendance:

Keith Risdon – Public Services Director, Calvin Martyn – Public Works Superintendent, Jim Wheeler and Kasey Zehner – Greater Gratiot Development, Jameson Evitts – Plasti-Paint, Inc., Gary Smith – Resident, Justin Gargano – Resident, Ralph Echtenaw – St. Louis Sentinel

Mayor Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing.

Plasti-Paint Industrial Facilities Exemption (IFE).

Mayor Reed opened the Public Hearing for Plasti-Paint IFE and asked for Public comments at 6:00 PM.

Kasey Zehner presented the proposed project for the Industrial Facilities Exemption.

Mayor Reed closed the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Resolution 2022-06 Plasti-Paint IFE

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Collison, and supported by Upton.

Resolution Amending Application of Plasti-Paint, Inc. for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for an expansion of the existing facility

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on April 7, 1986, this City Council by resolution established St. Louis Industrial Development District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, Plasti-Paint, Inc. has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a 5,712 sq. ft. expansion (new facility) to be acquired and installed within the Industrial Development District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the St. Louis City Council held a hearing on June 21, 2022, at the St. Louis City Hall-Council Chambers, in the City of St. Louis, at 6:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six (6) months before May 24, 2022, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, completion of the facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in the City of St. Louis; and

*****WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the City of St. Louis, after granting this certificate, will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of St. Louis that:

1. *****The City of St. Louis finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City of St. Louis, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of St. Louis.**

2. The application from Plasti-Paint, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, with respect to an expansion of the existing facility on the following described parcel of real property situated within the Industrial Development District No. 2** , to wit:

PARCEL NO: 53-860-047-10

LOT 7 OF WOODSIDE INDUSTRIAL CENTER & PART OF LOT 8 BEGINNING AT SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 8; TH N 89D 43M 44S W 53.63 FT TH N 16D 0M 9S E 197.72 FT TH S 0D 15M 53S W 190.37 FT TO POB 3.5 ACRES +/- SPLIT/COMBINED ON 10/17/2016 FROM 53-860-049-10, 53-860-047-00;

PARCEL NO: 53-860-046-01

PART OF LOT 6 OF PLAT OF WOODSIDE INDUSTRIAL CENTER WEST, PART OF SEC 25, T12N R2W -- BEG AT SW COR OF LOT 6; TH S 89D 39M 30S E 156.01FT, TH N 16D 17M 27S E 276.89FT, TH 163.09FT ALONG CURVE TO THE RIGHT SAID CURVE

RADIUS OF 880FT ANGLE 10D 38M 6S TANGENT 81.90FT WITH CHORD N 50D 35M 45S W 163.09FT, TH S 16D 17M 27S W 383.78FT TO POT; 1.13AC +/- SPLIT/COMBINED ON 03/03/2014 FROM 53-860-046-00; be and the same is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force for a period of 12 years after completion.

Ayes: Collison, Upton, Leonard, Reed
Nays: None
Resolution Declared Adopted.

Agreement of Understanding between the City of St. Louis and Plasti-Paint, Inc.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Agreement of Understanding between the City of St. Louis and Plasti-Paint, Inc.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the Agreement of Understanding between the City of St. Louis and Plasti-Paint, Inc. All ayes carried the motion.

Public Hearing 2021/2022 Budget Amendments.

Mayor Reed opened the Public Hearing for 2021/2022 Budget Amendments at 6:07 PM and asked for Public Comments.

There were none.

Mayor Reed closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 PM.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Collison, and supported by Member Leonard:

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a budget estimating revenues and expenditures for 2021-2022 fiscal year on June 15, 2021, as required by Chapter VII, Section 7 of the City Charter and Act 2, Michigan Public Acts of 1968, as amended, and

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year, certain unforeseen circumstances have arisen which has caused need to amend the budget, and

WHEREAS, implementation of the newly adopted State Chart of Accounts has caused reclassifications and allocations of presented budget amounts, and

WHEREAS, the City Council in accordance with Act 621 Michigan Public Acts of 1978, as amended, has set the date of June 21, 202 for a public hearing at 6:00 o'clock PM, or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, to receive citizen comment on the proposed amended budget as presented herein. A copy of the affidavit of publication of said public hearing is on file with the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, after such hearing thereon and consideration thereof, does hereby adopt said amended budget as represented herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be authorized and directed to make such additional transfers between the various funds in accordance with the amendments to arrive at a final budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Taxes	\$ 786,141	General Government	
Federal Grants	18,000	Legislative	\$ 23,699
State Grants	752,587	Executive	32,569
Charges for Services	729,156	Clerk	37,260
Interest & Rents	6,700	Board of Review	1,750
Licenses & Permits	44,850	Finance	82,329
Other Revenue	91,467	Assessing	73,826
Other Financing Sources	41,114	Elections	23,843
		Hall & Grounds	175,866
		Corporate Council	2,200
		Public Safety	
		Building & Code Enforcement	102,371
		Public Works	
		Cemetery	133,047
		Public Works	186,288
		Community & Economic Development	
		Planning	33,099
		Development	95,358
		Industrial Park	20,217
		Community Promotion	18,277
		Recreation & Culture	
		Pool	76,646
		Parks Maintenance	92,770
		Capital Oulay	23,000
		Debt	230,665
		Other Financing Uses	852,675
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	<u>152,260</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 2,470,015</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,470,015</u>

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

REVENUES	
Charges for Services	\$ 3,175
Interest & Rents	1,800
Other Financing Sources	-
From Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	\$ 4,975

EXPENDITURES	
Other Financing Uses	\$ -
Other Financing Uses	-
To Fund Balance	4,975
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,975

MAJOR STREET FUND

REVENUES	
Federal Grants	\$ 375,000
State Grants	575,775
Interest & Rents	650
Other Revenue	13,574
Other Financing Sources	150,000
From Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	\$ 1,114,999

EXPENDITURES	
Highways Streets & Bridges Maint.	\$ 200,244
Capital Improvements	654,500
Other Financing Uses	141,444
To Fund Balance	118,811
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,114,999

LOCAL STREET FUND

REVENUES	
State Grants	\$ 227,904
Interest & Rents	500
Other Revenue	-
Other Financing Sources	141,444
From Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	\$ 369,848

EXPENDITURES	
Highways Streets & Bridges Maint.	\$ 187,674
Capital Improvements	-
Other Financing Uses	-
To Fund Balance	182,174
Total Expenditures	\$ 369,848

PUBLIC SAFETY FUND

REVENUES	
Taxes	\$ 108,640
State Grants	17,473
Interest & Rents	5
Fines & Forfeitures	2,655
Other Revenue	15,983
Other Financing Sources	852,675
From Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	\$ 997,431

EXPENDITURES	
Police	\$ 882,644
Fire	114,787
Other Financing Uses	-
To Fund Balance	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 997,431

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Taxes	\$ 35,868	Community & Economic Development	\$ 5,807
Interest & Rents	6,698	Debt Service	-
Other Revenue	-	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	36,759
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 42,566</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 42,566</u>

T.A. CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Taxes	\$ 180,000	Recreation & Culture	238,071
State Grants	9,727	Capital Outlay	13,269
Fines & Forfeitures	69,844		
Interest & Rents	1,744		
Other Revenue	28,781		
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	38,756
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 290,096</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 290,096</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer amounts between activities or functions within a fund's budget a sum not to exceed \$ 20,000 to allow for any needed year-end adjustments from the estimates.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Collison, Leonard, Upton, Reed
 Nays: None
 Absent: Kubin

Resolution declared adopted.

Public Hearing – 2022/2023 Budget Adoption.

Mayor Reed opened the Public Hearing for the 2022/2023 Budget Adoption at 6:09 PM and asked for Public Comments.

There were none.

Mayor Reed closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 PM.

City Council Minutes.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 7, 2022. All ayes carried the motion.

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Budget Work Session held on June 15, 2022. All ayes carried the motion.

Claims & Accounts.

City Council discussed the Claims & Accounts.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton, to approve the Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$375,432.70. All ayes carried the motion.

Monthly Reports.

Members discussed the May, 2022 Monthly Reports.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to receive the May, 2022 Monthly Reports and place on file. All ayes carried the motion.

Audience Recognition.

Justin Gargano inquired on the possibility of a community garden in St. Louis. It was recommended that the community bring to Council, where and who would maintain it.

Justin also mentioned graffiti on the under side of Main Street Bridge.

Gary Smith stated he had concerns with the salt barn replacement cost.

Jim Wheeler presented information on the millage renewals that are on the August 2nd ballot.

Consent Agenda.

Mayor Reed requested approval/receipt of Consent Agenda items “a” through “d” as shown below:

- a. Payment to Twin City Landscape for Library Landscape Project.
- b. Payment to Seifert Concrete for Concrete Replacement.
- c. Payment to Spicer for Professional Services for DWAM.
- d. Cable Consortium Minutes – receive.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton, to approve Consent Agenda items “a” through “d.” All ayes carried the motion.

New Business.

Resolution 2022-08 Solid Waste Rates.

Manager Giles requested members adopt Resolution 2022-08 – Solid Waste Rates.

The following preamble and resolution was moved by Collison, supported by Upton:

Solid Waste Rate Schedule

These monthly rates shall be effective as of July 1, 2022 and thereafter:

Solid Waste Collection \$16.09, Hazardous Waste Collection \$0.47 and Yard Waste Collection \$14.60.

Be it further resolved, the owners or occupants of all residential dwellings within the City of St. Louis are required to subscribe to all components of Solid Waste Service on a continual basis.

Ayes: Collison, Upton, Reed
Nays: Leonard
Absent: Kubin
Resolution Declared Adopted.

Resolution 2022-09 – Electric Rates.

Manager Giles requested members adopt Resolution 2022-09 – Electric Rates.

Discussion was held.

No action was taken.

Resolution 2022-10 Water/Wastewater Rates.

Manager Giles requested members adopt Resolution 2022-11 – Water/Wastewater Rates.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Collison, and there was no support.

Water Rate Schedule

These rates shall be effective for all bills due and payable September 1, 2021, and thereafter:

(a)	Gallons per month	Charge per 1,000 Gallons
	Commodity Charge	\$4.90

A separate meter may be installed, at the customers expense, to measure water used FOR cooling purposes. If water is used for cooling purposes, and the water is not discharged to a sanitary sewer wastewater charges are not applicable.

- (b) To the above commodity charge established in subsection (a), there shall be added a readiness to service (RTS) charge to cover fixed costs, based on meter size as follows:

Meter Size	Monthly RTS Charge
5/8 inch	\$25.44
3/4 inch	\$25.44
1 inch	\$41.35
1 ¼ inch	\$52.75
1 ½ inch	\$59.62
2 inch	\$81.23
3 inch	\$117.89
4 inch	\$174.64
6 inch	\$283.02
8 inch	\$402.60
Monthly Water Flat Fee:	\$53.87
Outside City Water (2x):	\$107.74

- (c) For non-metered flat rate customers, within the City, the charge shall be a minimum of \$49.28, which shall include the monthly service charge.
- (d) For flat rate customers, outside the City, the charge shall be a minimum of \$98.56 per month, which shall include the monthly service charge or base rates.
- (e) For customers outside the corporate limits, the charges shall be double the city commodity rate and service charge based on meter size when no rate agreement exists between the City and the Township.
- (f) All other charges in effect shall remain the same.

Sewer Rate Schedule

- (a) The monthly sewer bill shall be based on the water usage at the following rates:

Commodity Charge	\$5.93/1,000 gallons
Monthly RTS Charge Based on Water Meter Size:	
5/8 inch	\$33.04
3/4 inch	\$33.04
1 inch	\$53.69
1 ¼ inch	\$68.49
1 ½ inch	\$77.42
2 inch	\$105.48
3 inch	\$153.08
4 inch	\$226.76
6 inch	\$367.50
8 inch	\$522.76
Non-metered customers	\$66.53
Non-metered, non-City residents, when no rate agreement exists between the City and Township	\$133.06

(b) All other charges in effect shall remain the same.

Resolution was not adopted.

Resolution 2022-11 – 2022/2023 Budget Adoption.

Manager Giles requested members adopt Resolution 2022-11 for adoption of the 2022/2023 Budget.

ADOPTING RESOLUTION 2022-11

WHEREAS, the City Manager has submitted and filed with the City Council a proposed budget estimating revenues and expenditures for 2022-2023 fiscal year, as required by Chapter VII, Section 7 of the City Charter and Act 2, Michigan Public Acts of 1968, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the City Council in accordance with Act 621 Michigan Public Acts of 1978, as amended, has set the date June 21, 2022 for a public hearing at 6:00 o'clock PM, or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, to receive citizen comment on the proposed budget as presented herein. A copy of the affidavit of publication of said public hearing is on file with the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council, after such hearing thereon and consideration thereof, does hereby adopt said budget as represented herein and fixes the tax of fifteen (15) mills for general operating purposes, to be raised by a general ad valorem tax upon owners of real and personal property in the City, by the authority granted, and in accordance with the Michigan Constitution, the General Property Tax Act 206, Michigan Public Acts of 1893, as amended, and City Charter, Chapter VII, subject to limitations therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be authorized and directed to make such transfers between the various funds in accordance with the adoption of the budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Taxes	\$ 812,291	General Government	
Federal Grants	1,263,000	Legislative	\$ 27,715
State Grants	727,258	Executive	36,233
Charges for Services	804,338	Clerk	37,604
Interest & Rents	8,914	Board of Review	2,750
Licenses & Permits	14,765	Finance	89,014
Other Revenue	-	Assessing	77,529
Other Financing Sources	42,695	Elections	27,909
	-	Hall & Grounds	192,032
		Corporate Council	10,710
		Public Safety	
		Building & Code Enforcement	102,439
		Public Works	
		Cemetery	127,573
		Public Works	269,751
		Community & Economic Development	
		Planning	34,755
		Development	94,180
		Industrial Park	21,117
		Community Promotion	23,959
		Recreation & Culture	
		Pool	87,654
		Parks Maintenance	94,611
		Capital Outlay	338,050
		Debt	100,812
		Other Financing Uses	2,262,672
From Fund Balance	385,808	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	\$ 4,059,069	Total Expenditures	\$ 4,059,069

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Charges for Services	\$ 2,500	Other Financing Uses	\$ -
Interest & Rents	2,400	Other Financing Uses	-
Other Financing Sources	-	To Fund Balance	4,900
From Fund Balance	-	Total Expenditures	\$ 4,900
Total Revenues	\$ 4,900		

MAJOR STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Federal Grants	\$ 425,000	Highways Streets & Bridges Maint.	\$ 238,287
State Grants	\$ 574,603	Capital Improvements	\$ 978,300
Interest & Rents	670		
Other Revenue	13,568		
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	141,075
From Fund Balance	343,821	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 1,357,662</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,357,662</u>

LOCAL STREET FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
State Grants	\$ 222,327	Highways Streets & Bridges Maint.	\$ 202,944
Interest & Rents	515	Capital Improvements	333,750
Other Revenue	-		
Other Financing Sources	141,075	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	172,777	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 536,694</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 536,694</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY FUND

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 114,728	Police	\$ 983,164
State Grants	16,590	Fire	126,057
Interest & Rents	5		
Fines & Forfeitures	620		
Other Revenue	3,090		
Other Financing Sources	999,672	Other Financing Uses	25,484
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 1,134,705</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,134,705</u>

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Taxes	\$ 41,876	Community & Economic Development	\$ 15,847
Interest & Rents	6,899	Debt Service	-
Other Revenue	-	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	-	To Fund Balance	32,928
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 48,775</u>	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 48,775</u>

T.A. CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Taxes	\$ 180,000	Recreation & Culture	252,930
State Grants	9,526	Capital Outlay	20,000
Fines & Forfeitures	65,295		
Interest & Rents	2,400		
Other Revenue	13,995		
Other Financing Sources	-	Other Financing Uses	-
From Fund Balance	1,714	To Fund Balance	-
Total Revenues	\$ 272,930	Total Expenditures	\$ 272,930

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager be authorized to direct transfers between department levels of up to \$5,000 and to allocate contingency to functions as needs arise.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Council Member Leonard , and supported by Council Member Collison.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Leonard, Collison, Upton, Reed

Nays: None

Absent: Kubin

Resolution declared adopted.

Salt Barn Replacement and Equipment.

Manager Giles requested member approve the Salt Barn Replacement and equipment at the Department of Public Works from Bulk Storage, Inc. in the amount of \$275,538.00.

Discussion was held.

No motion was made.

Change Order – M-46 Water Main Upgrades.

Manager Giles requested members approved Change Order No. 1 for the M-46 Water Main Project from Crawford Contracting in the increased amount of \$10,450.00 due to a change in material and size of pipe.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to approved Change Order No. 1 for the M-46 Water Main Project from Crawford Contracting in the increased amount of \$10,450.00 due to a change in material and size of pipe. All ayes carried the motion.

Upgrade Storm Sewer Design & Outlet on Center Street.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Continuing Services Agreement from OHM for the Upgrade of Storm Sewer Design & Outlet on Center Street in the amount of \$19,875.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Upton, to approve the Continuing Services Agreement from OHM for the Upgrade of Storm Sewer Design & Outlet on Center Street in the amount of \$19,875.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Electric Department Building Repairs and Painting.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Electric Department Building Repairs and Painting by Signature Painting in the amount of \$65,800.00.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Collison, supported by Upton, to approve the Electric Department Building Repairs and Painting by Signature Painting in the amount of \$65,800.00. All ayes carried the motion.

Hedge Plan Energy Purchase Commitment Authorization.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Energy Purchase Commitment Authorization through the MPPA for the year 2024 in the maximum commitment amount of \$188,174.40.

Discussion was held.

Moved by Leonard, supported by Collison, to approve the Energy Purchase Commitment Authorization through the MPPA for the year 2024 in the maximum commitment amount of \$188,174.40. All ayes carried the motion.

Letter of Support regarding the Healthy Pine River Grant Application.

Manager Giles requested members approve the Letter of Support regarding the Healthy Pine River Grant Application

Moved by Upton, supported by Leonard, to approve the Letter of Support regarding the Healthy Pine River Grant Application. All ayes carried the motion.

City Manager Report.

Nothing to report.

City Clerk Report.

Nothing to report.

Police Chief Report.

Nothing to report.

Council Comments.

Member Leonard questioned how the new trash bins were going to work in the snow.

Mayor Reed stated he will be absent from the July 5th Council Meeting.

Member Upton stated she will also be absent.

Public Comments.

Gary Smith informed members that the fishing derby results were pretty average compared to prior years (pre-covid). There were 189 entries. 88 adults and the rest were kids.

Adjournment.

Moved by Collison, supported by Leonard, to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. All ayes carried the motion.

Bobbie Marr, Deputy Clerk