

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

June 1, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
Office of the City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, met in regular meeting in the Council Chamber at City Hall, on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor McMurray. Notice of said meeting had been established as every other Monday at 5:30 p.m., except when it falls on a legal holiday then it shall be held the following day. Further notice was provided by posting the regular meeting date and time in the City Clerk's office at City Hall, and by written notice (together with a tentative agenda) three days in advance in the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)
Members present:	Mayor Bill McMurray	(116-02)
	Councilmember Brenda Blessing	(113-05)
	Councilmember Madison Davis	(113-05)
	Councilmember Russell Moore	(115-03)
	Councilmember Brian Myers	(110-08)
	Councilmember Marty Novak	(113-05)
	Councilmember Kent O'Dell	(106-12)
	Councilmember Gary Roach	(102-16)
Members absent:	Councilmember PJ Kovac	(99-19)

Total membership--9. Five members constitute a quorum.

Also present were City Manager Bryan Carter, Interim City Attorney Jason Soper, Police Chief Chris Connally, Interim Administrative Services Director Tom Mahoney, Fire Chief Michael L. Dalsing, Health Director Debra Bradley, Planning & Community Development Director Clint Thompson, Human Resources Director Amy Cohorst, Asst. Public Works & Transportation Director Brady McKinley, Asst. Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Director Jeff Atkins, Detective Division Commander Eric Protzman, Asst. to City Manager/Communications & Public Relations Manager Mary Robertson, Multimedia Planner Ed Schilling and City Clerk Paula Heyde.

Under the Council voting rotation system, Councilmember Novak voted first.

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MINUTES:

46099 By general consent, the minutes of the special meetings held May 12, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. and May 19, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., and the regular meeting held May 17, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., were approved as transcribed in the office of the City Clerk.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

- 46100 Proclamation – PTSD Awareness Month
- 46101 Special Recognition Award – Lafayette High School Boys Baseball Team

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

- 46102 It was moved by Councilmember Novak and seconded by Councilmember Moore that the Agenda be accepted as published. Motion carried. Ayes, Novak, O’Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Kovac--1.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET:

- 46103 The City Council held a public hearing on the June 1, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. on the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

The following is a general summary of the proposed budget:

<u>OPERATING FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
General	\$ 62,230,000
Public Safety	\$ 7,386,000
Streets Maintenance	\$ 4,185,000
Parks Maintenance	\$ 1,289,000
Community Development Block Grant	\$ 3,729,000
Special Allocation	\$ 8,033,000
Gaming Initiatives	\$ 751,000
Museum	\$ 591,000
Capital Projects	\$ 14,333,000
General Obligation Bond	\$ 391,000
Aviation	\$ 1,170,000
Public Parking	\$ 600,000
Water Protection	\$ 48,266,000
Municipal Golf	\$ 785,000
Mass Transit	\$ 7,717,000
Landfill	<u>\$ 5,865,000</u>
TOTAL	\$167,321,000

Residents will be given an opportunity at this time to comment on the proposed budget.

See under “Notes” for comments from persons appearing to be heard.

- 46104 There being no further persons appearing to be heard, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

- 46105 The City Council held a public hearing on June 1, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall on the proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2022/2023 - 2026/2027, a summary of which follows:

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<u>Project</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2025/2026</u>	<u>2026/2027</u>	<u>Total</u>
Equipment Acquisition/ Upgrade/Replacement	758,605	1,154,753	1,569,010	533,410	533,410	4,549,188
Vehicle Acquisition/ Upgrade/Replacement	0	1,400,000	0	0	0	1,400,000
Public Buildings Repair/ Renovation/Construction	2,872,370	5,849,775	2,467,068	444,775	444,775	12,078,763
Other Public Facility Improvements	30,276,366	30,039,110	3,487,600	2,650,000	2,650,000	69,103,076
Roads/Bridges/Hike & Bike Trails	<u>12,700,234</u>	<u>6,160,800</u>	<u>5,250,000</u>	<u>6,426,450</u>	<u>5,250,000</u>	<u>35,787,484</u>
Totals	46,607,575	44,604,438	12,773,678	10,054,635	8,878,185	122,918,511

Residents were given an opportunity at this time to comment on the proposed Capital Improvement Program.

46106 There being no persons appearing to be heard, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON REZONINGS AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

46107 (G.O. 2983) A Bill (#1122-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell redistricting the property located at 2520 North 35th Street from C-3 Commercial District to R-1A, Single Family Residential District, as requested by Carolyn Niemann, having been read the first time on May 17, 2021, was read the second time and passed. Ayes, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Kovac--1.

CONSENT AGENDA:

46108 It was moved by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Councilmember O'Dell that Agenda Numbers 46109 through 46134 be passed by Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes, Novak, O'Dell, Roach, Blessing, Davis, McMurray, Moore, Myers--8. Absent, Kovac--1.

Nominations and Appointments:

46109 Filed 5/7/21: The nomination by Councilmember Roach was approved, appointing Mike Korte, 5623 SE Easton Road, as a member of the Aviation Board, subject to the concurrence of the City Council, for a term expiring June 1, 2026; he is replacing Michael Grimm, whose term has expired.

Bills for Passage:

46110 (S.O. 9909) A Bill (#1112-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray stating the City's interpretation that it, rather than individual employees, is accepting responsibility for indemnification to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) when employees execute agreement between the City and the Commission, having been read the first time on May 17, 2021, was read the second time and passed.

46111 (S.O. 9910) A Bill (#1123-18) sponsored by Councilmember O'Dell approving the Preliminary Plat entitled "Ideker, Inc.," a major commercial subdivision consisting of one (1) lot proposed for the property located at 4614 South 40th Street, as requested by Paul Ideker, having been read the first time on May 17, 2021, was read the second time and passed.

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- 46112 (S.O. 9911) A Bill (#1110-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Police Department budget in the General Fund in the amount of \$41,201.00 to be used to assist with the purchase of outer vest carriers for police officers, having been read the first time on May 17, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46113 (S.O. 9912) A Bill (#1113-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the Police Department budget in the General Fund in the amount of \$6,950.00 to provide funds for the purchase of a lawnmower to be used at the outdoor range, having been read the first time on May 17, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46114 (S.O. 9913) A Bill (#1114-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing an amendment to the Mass Transit Fund budget to allocate insurance proceeds received in the amount of \$7,275.52 for damages incurred to Bus No. 2058 from a traffic accident, having been read the first time on May 17, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46115 (S.O. 9914) A Bill (#1115-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing an amendment to the Mass Transit Fund budget to allocate insurance proceeds received in the amount of \$13,566.00 for damages incurred to Bus No. 429 from a traffic accident, having been read the first time on May 17, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46116 (S.O. 9915) A Bill (#1116-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the execution of a Transportation Alternatives Fund Supplemental Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) under which the MHTC will provide additional time for the construction of the 2018 Urban Trail Phase 24, Patee Branch Phase 3 Project, having been read the first time on May 17, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46117 (S.O. 9916) A Bill (#1118-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing execution of a Purchase Agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) for the acquisition of permanent right-of-way on multiple tracts of property to be used for the 2018 Urban Trail Phase 24 Patee Branch Phase 3 Project in the total amount of \$29,700.00, having been read the first time on May 17, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46118 (S.O. 9917) A Bill (#1117-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 3 to the Missouri Air National Guard Box Culvert Extension Contract with M-Con, LLC, for roadway rehabilitation and construction and extension of contract completion time and an amendment to the Aviation Fund budget all in an amount not to exceed \$162,775.00, having been read the first time on May 17, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46119 (S.O. 9918) A Bill (#1119-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the execution of agreements for Professional Title Services with First American Title Insurance Company and Advantage Title, LLC to provide title services for City projects, having been read the first time on May 17, 2021, was read the second time and passed.
- 46120 (S.O. 9919) A Bill (#1120-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the acceptance of Permanent Drainage Easements and the execution of Agreements for Sale of Permanent Drainage Easements with two property owners for the Bonds to Bridges Huntoon Road Project in the total amount of \$352.89, having been read the first time on May 17, 2021, was read the second time and passed.

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Resolutions for Adoption:

- 46121 (Resolution No. 46121 – 4738) A Resolution (#1128-18) renewing a Cooperative Agreement with Maxwell Heights Fire Protection District for fire protection services for an additional one-year term, was read and adopted.
- 46122 (Resolution No. 46122 – 4739) A Resolution (#1129-18) renewing a Cooperative Agreement with Lake Contrary Fire Protection District for fire protection services for an additional one-year term, was read and adopted.
- 46123 (Resolution No. 46123 – 4740) A Resolution (#1130-18) renewing a Cooperative Agreement with Colony Hills Fire Protection District for fire protection services for an additional one-year term, was read and adopted.
- 46124 (Resolution No. 46124 – 4741) A Resolution (#1131-18) authorizing the issuance of purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$668,408.42 for sanitary sewer rehabilitation services using cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) at various locations throughout the City of St. Joseph utilizing the master agreement with SAK Construction, LLC., was read and adopted.
- 46125 (Resolution No. 46125 – 4742) A Resolution (#1138-18) authorizing the issuance of a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$93,682.00 for concrete street repairs on Main Street, from Market to Chestnut Streets, using the master agreement with J.D. Bishop Construction, LLC., was read and adopted.
- 46126 (Resolution No. 46126 – 4743) A Resolution (#1139-18) authorizing the execution of a Housing Rehabilitation Contract with Clyde and Linda Pritchett, husband and wife (owner), and Superior Exteriors of Northwest Missouri LLC (contractor) for a housing rehabilitation project at 410 Michigan Avenue for a total amount not to exceed \$39,510.90, was read and adopted.
- 46127 (Resolution No. 46127 – 4744) A Resolution (#1140-18) authorizing renewal of the bond and excess insurance policy with Safety National Casualty Corporation through Thomas McGee, L.C. in the total amount of \$202,921.00 to comply with the Division of Workers' Compensation requirement for a self-insured workers' compensation program, was read and adopted.
- 46128 (Resolution No. 46128 – 4745) A Resolution (#1141-18) authorizing execution of an Amendment to an Agreement with Thomas McGee, L.C. under which Thomas McGee, L.C. will continue to provide third-party administration services associated with the City's self-insured workers' compensation program, was read and adopted.
- 46129 (Resolution No. 46129 – 4746) A Resolution (#1145-18) approving the appointment of three board members to the Beck Road and Belt Highway Community Improvement District, was read and adopted.
- 46130 (Resolution No. 46130 – 4747) A Resolution (#1149-18) authorizing a waiver of landfill tipping fees for disposal of dead trees and waste removed from Contrary Creek as part of the coordinated clean-up effort through June 30, 2022, was read and adopted.
- 46131 (Resolution No. 46131 – 4748) A Resolution (#1151-18) authorizing execution of a lump sum contract with Pro Track and Tennis, Inc. in the amount of \$33,000.00 for the renovations of outdoor athletic courts at Bode Sports Complex, was read and adopted.

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- 46132 (Resolution No. 46132 – 4749) A Resolution (#1153-18) establishing a six member citizens recommendation committee to review applications received for funding allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act, was read and adopted.
- 46133 (Resolution No. 46133 – 4750) A Resolution (#1154-18) appointing individuals to serve as members of the one-half cent Parks Sales Tax Citizens Committee to review parks improvements projects to be included in the sales tax initiative, was read and adopted.
- 46134 (Resolution No. 46134 – 4751) A Resolution (#1156-18) authorizing the purchase of one (1) Model E-ABC 1200 incline drag conveyor for use at the Water Protection Facility in the amount of \$51,000.00 from Adams Fertilizer Equipment, was read and adopted.

***** END OF CONSENT AGENDA *****

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

None.

BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

None.

EMERGENCY BILLS FOR PASSAGE:

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

None.

BILLS FOR FIRST READING:

- 46135 A Bill (#1127-18) sponsored by Councilmember Myers authorizing the execution of an Agreement for Professional Services with Cochran Head Vick & Co., P.C. to perform the City’s annual audit, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46136 A Bill (#1132-18) sponsored by Councilmembers Myers and Novak amending Section 15-51 “Use of solid waste storage containers required” of Chapter 15 “Exterior Property Maintenance” of the Code of Ordinances to eliminate the storing of trash bags outside of trash containers that prohibit the contents from being disturbed by animals, insects or wind, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46137 A Bill (#1133-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the acceptance of a Deed of Gift for street and storm sewer infrastructure in Mitchell Woods East Subdivision located east of Ag Expo Drive and south of US 36 from Steven L. Craig, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46138 A Bill (#1134-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the acceptance of Deeds of Gift from DDJ Development, LLC, for street improvements and public sanitary sewer infrastructure, both located in the Button Hill Subdivision, was introduced and read the first time.

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- 46139 A Bill (#1135-18) sponsored by Councilmember Roach authorizing the acceptance of permanent sanitary sewer easements from Christopher D. and Melanie A. Barnes located at 9 Eastwood Drive and Walter H. and Rebecca Ann Wieners located at 48 Eastwood Drive for sanitary sewer maintenance, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46140 A Bill (#1136-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing an amendment to the budget to transfer the amount of \$70,000.00 from the Streets Maintenance Fund to the General Fund to replace overtime funds used during the 2020 flood from unused employment services funds, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46141 A Bill (#1137-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the submission and execution of the Federal Transit Administration American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding grant application for transit operating assistance, execution of an agreement to receive said grant funds and an amendment to the Mass Transit Fund budget all in the amount of \$2,661,499.00, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46142 A Bill (#1142-18) sponsored by Councilmember Myers amending Chapter 7 “Buildings and Building Regulations” of the Code of Ordinances to add Division 2 to Article VII “Dangerous Buildings” to implement new regulations that are intended to preserve historic buildings and structures and sites through a review process, was introduced and read the first time. (See Agenda No. 46152 under “Other Business.”)
- 46143 A Bill (#1143-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis amending Chapter 30 “Vehicles for Hire” of the Code of Ordinances to enact a new Article IV entitled “Dockless Vehicles – Electric Scooters” providing regulations for any business desiring such an operation with the City, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46144 A Bill (#1144-18) sponsored by Councilmember Moore authorizing an amendment to the General Fund Community Health Services Program budget to appropriate revenues received from a “HIV Epidemic; Integrated HIV Programs for Health Departments” grant from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in the amount of \$62,647.00 to be used for prevention activities, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46145 A Bill (#1146-18) sponsored by Mayor McMurray adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget for the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, as set forth in Exhibits “A” & “B,” was introduced and read the first time.
- 46146 A Bill (#1147-18) sponsored by Councilmember O’Dell approving the final plat entitled “Mitchell Woods East Plat 3, a Replat of Lot 1A of Mitchell Woods East Plat 2,” a major commercial subdivision consisting of one (1) lot proposed for the property located on Corporate Drive identified as Parcel Number 07-4.0-17-003-000-006.002, as requested by Shawn Duke on behalf of Steven Craig, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46147 A Bill (#1148-18) sponsored by Councilmember O’Dell approving the final plat entitled “St. Florian’s” a major commercial subdivision consisting of one (1) lot proposed for the property located at 4500 Mitchell Avenue as requested by the City of Saint Joseph, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46148 A Bill (#1150-18) sponsored by Councilmember Roach authorizing an amendment to the budget to transfer funds from the Water Protection Fund to the General Fund Street Enhancement Use Tax and execution of Change Order No. 3 with Herzog Contracting Corporation in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the resurfacing of the Wastewater Treatment Plant parking lots and interior roadways, was introduced and read the first time.

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- 46149 A Bill (#1152-18) sponsored by Councilmember Kovac amending Section 21-55 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Swimming Pools" to remove fees for the Hyde Park swimming pool and change the ages for junior and regular admissions, was introduced and read the first time.
- 46150 A Bill (#1155-18) sponsored by Councilmember Davis authorizing the acceptance of a Permanent Drainage Easement, Temporary Construction Easement and the execution of an Agreement for Sale of Permanent Drainage Easement and Temporary Construction Easement with Farber Partnership, LLC for the Bonds for Bridges Woodbine Road Culvert Replacement Project in the total amount of \$963.37, was introduced and read the first time.

REPORTS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Filed 5/12/21: Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting held April 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Filed 5/19/21: Minutes of the Housing Authority meeting held February 18, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Housing Authority office, 2902 S. 36th Street via video conferencing.

Filed 5/20/21: Minutes of the Library Board Budget Committee meeting held May 20, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Downtown Library, 927 Felix Street via video conferencing.

Filed 5/21/21: Minutes of the Housing Authority meeting held March 25, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Housing Authority office, 2902 S. 36th Street via video conferencing.

Filed 5/25/21: Minutes of the Library Board meeting held May 24, 2021, at 4:45 p.m. at the Downtown Library, 927 Felix Street via video conferencing.

WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY CLERK’S OFFICE:

Filed 5/14/21: Minutes of the Council Work Session held May 11, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Filed 5/19/21: Minutes of the Council Work Session held May 12, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Filed 5/25/21: Minutes of the Council Work Session held May 13, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

Filed 5/14/21: Memorandum in re: Budget Work Session Report.

Filed 5/19/21: Memorandum in re: Interim City Attorney.

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS:

None.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Filed 4/28/21: St. Joseph Community Survey Findings Report, April 2021, conducted by ETC Institute.

Filed 5/13/21: The Social Welfare Board “The Clinic Beat” newsletter, April 2021.

Filed 5/13/21: Letter from Timothy P. McGrail, Deputy Director, Missouri Gaming Commission, in re: State/Local Allocation of Gaming Revenues for April 2021.

Filed 5/14/21: City Link, May 13, 2021.

Filed 5/14/21: Minutes of the St. Joseph Museums Executive/Finance Committee meeting held April 15, 2021, at 4:01 p.m., at St. Joseph, Museums, 3406 Frederick Avenue.

Filed 5/14/21: Memorandum from Rich Karleskint, Budget & Financial Analyst, in re: Summary of budget changes to the FY2022 Proposed Budget.

Filed 5/14/21: Police Department Monthly Activity Highlights Report, April 2021.

Filed 5/17/21: Memorandum from Clint Thompson, Planning & Community Development Director, in re: Update on St. Joseph HUD CARES Act Fund Appropriation.

Filed 5/18/21: Email from Michelle Haynes, 1400 Sylvania Street, in re: Resignation from Museum Oversight Board effective May 21, 2021.

Filed 5/20/21: Minutes of the Police Pension Board meeting held April 21, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Filed 5/21/21: Encumbrances \$5,000 - \$25,000 Report, April 2021.

Filed 5/21/21: City Link, May 20, 2021.

Filed 5/24/21: Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Department Monthly Update, April 2021

Filed 5/24/21: Email from Isobel McGowan, 809 Hall Street, in re: Resignation from Administrative Violation Review Board.

Filed 5/24/21: Commendations regarding Police Department staff.

Filed 5/25/21: Minutes of the Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee meeting held May 19, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., at City Hall via video conferencing.

OTHER BUSINESS:

46151 City Manager’s Report – City Manager Bryan Carter said there will be a delay in the opening of the Liberty Oak Splash Park. The City participated in the United Way Book Drive for children Kindergarten to 6th grade and so far, City employees have donated 1,385 books.

46152 It was moved by Councilmember Novak and seconded by Councilmember Myers that City staff prepare a substitute ordinance for Bill #1142-18 to change “50 years” to “100 years” throughout the ordinance for the next meeting. Motion carried. Ayes, Novak, O’Dell, Roach, Blessing, McMurray, Moore, Myers--7. Nay, Davis--1. Absent, Kovac--1. (See Agenda No. 46142.)

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Councilmember Roach said the Mustangs season starts tomorrow and hopes everyone gets out to support them and they have a good 2021 season.

Councilmember Davis said this is Fire Chief Mike Dalsing's last Council meeting and thanked him for his service to the community for over 40 years. Mayor McMurray said a reception will be held on June 8 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Lobby.

Councilmember Blessing said it would be nice to go back to the Councilmembers regular seating. No one objected.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Kelly, 2837 Renick St., asked about going back to 7:00 p.m. meeting times. She would like to see an ordinance passed that boarded up commercial buildings have to be inspected to ensure that no utilities are hooked up and people can't get inside. She thinks a permit should be required to collect money at street corners. She would like the position of horticulturist added back to the Parks Department budget. She wants to make sure the sales tax is used strictly for the Parks Department and suggested that some buildings that are currently the Park Department's responsibility be assigned to other departments. On June 19th volunteers will be scrapping and painting the rail at Krug Park and maybe painting the restrooms. Anyone that wants to help are welcome.

The City Manager was asked to look into requiring panhandlers to get a permit.

John Holland, 5218 Miller Road, said something needs to be done about the abandoned houses and the panhandler issue needs to be addressed. He asked if there is going to be a public meeting to discuss the hike/bike trail in the north end so it can hopefully get figured out. If this trail is constructed, he would like the bike lane removed along St. Joseph Avenue.

Travis Smith, 1908 Blackwell Road, said he is not in favor of a hike/bike trail south of his property and would like it to stop south of the railroad bridge by Savannah Road and Elm Street. Mayor McMurray asked the City Manager to schedule a work session on this subject. The work session will be held June 14, at 4:00 p.m.

NOTES:

Agenda No. 46100 – Mayor McMurray read the proclamation.

Agenda No. 46101 – Councilmember Davis read the Special Recognition Award.

Agenda No. 46103 – Jim Weidinger, 4614 Iris Avenue, would like the Council to consider that we are getting off track on the basics of the budget. In his opinion, those basics are public safety and streets and they should be funded to the fullest level; then if there is anything left over parcel it out.

Aaron Armstrong, 6411 Grant St., and Stacy Swinney, 1404 W. Joseph St., thanked the City Council for waiving the landfill fees when they remove the brush along Contrary Creek.

ADJOURNMENT:

46153 By general consent, the Council adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk.