



City Council ACTION

The following is a summary of select City Council action items from the November 13, 2023 City Council meeting.

Boards & Commissions Appointments

The following board and commission nominations were approved:

- Brycen Haggard – Traffic Commission

No board or commission nominations were denied or postponed.

Summarized City Council Actions

Following is an explanation of select items that were taken up by the City Council:

The Shoppes at North Village CID (Item #4) Public Hearing on the request to form “The Shoppes at North Village Community Improvement District (CID). If formed, the CID will have the authority to establish a sales tax of up to one percent for purchases made within the district, provided the proceeds of those sales taxes are used for eligible purposes, to include improvements to parking and roadways through the shopping center. While the CID will include most of The Shoppes at North Village, Sam’s Club, Home Depot, and Target are three large retailers that are excluded from the CID boundaries and, therefore, any special tax imposed by the CID would not apply to those retailers.

Missouri Theater Retail Space Lease (Item #9: Bill #609-22): The City Council approved a one-year lease agreement with The Frog Prince Boutique for use of retail space in the Missouri Theater Office Complex at 112 South Eighth Street. The business will provide a physical space for vendors and artisans to sell their goods while helping with marketing, promotion, and other business needs.

St. Joseph Continuum of Care Planning Grant Acceptance (Item #10: Bill #610-22): The City Council approved acceptance of the Continuum of Care Planning Grant in the amount of \$55,671. The grant is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and supports planning activities for the Continuum of Care, which consists of a group of individuals and agencies working to end and reduce homelessness in the area. The funding is typically used to hire consultants who serve as coordinators for the St. Joseph Continuum of Care. The consultants assist the City in submitting applications, reviewing grant funds, managing all technical requirements, preparing for release of funds, meeting all timelines set by HUD, and informing the Continuum of Care of any changes impacting local policies and programs.

Mobile Message Boards Purchase (Item #11: Bill #611-22): The City Council approved the purchase of two mobile message boards from Ver-Mac Inc. The message boards be used by the Streets Maintenance Division to provide information to the traveling public with advanced warning of detours, hazards, special events, etc. They are mounted on a trailer for short-term use in various locations.

Cook Road Bridge Aesthetics Improvements. The City Council approved up to \$34,900 in funding for aesthetic improvements that the Missouri Department of Transportation will incorporate into their design of a new Cook Road bridge over Interstate 29. The project is scheduled to occur next year. If the aesthetic improvements are incorporated, they will include a package that provides the appearance of a stone veneer and inclusion of signage identifying “St. Joseph” on the north face of the bridge. The actual cost of the aesthetics package will not be known until the Missouri Department of Transportation receives construction bids. In the event costs exceed \$34,900, the City will have the opportunity to terminate the agreement or pay the additional sum that is necessary to include the aesthetic improvements.

Sewer Maintenance Division Equipment Purchase (Item #17: Bill #603-22): The City Council approved the purchase of a Vactor single engine sewer cleaner. The combination sewer cleaning truck is a critical piece of equipment that is used at manholes or sewer inlets to help keep main line sewers clean and clear of debris.

Hood & Associates Audit Services Agreement (Item #13: Bill #614-22): The City Council approved an agreement to confirm and ratify the City’s annual audit services agreement with Hood and Associates. Hood and Associates will complete the City’s annual audit for the third year of a five-year agreement.

City Manager’s Report

City Manager Bryan Carter reported the following:

- City officials have had preliminary conversations with the City’s financial advisor and bond counsel about financing options for a youth sports facility. They are working through a method of financing such a facility using general obligation bond authority without straining the City’s capacity to complete other projects that may occur in the future. As additional information is developed, a full presentation will be provided to the City Council.
- On September 18, the City Council held a work session and provided guidance on final American Rescue Plan Act projects. Staff has been working on analyzing approved expenditures and will bring a final approval resolution to the City Council for the City Council meeting on November 27. The final resolution will propose to include a wireless network upgrade project that was not previously included in the preliminarily-endorsed list. The project would cost \$195,000 and has elevated to a primary need due to issues that have been developing with older technology infrastructure. The list presented to the City Council will also remove a \$20,000 expenditure for security at Patee Market. The Health Department has identified alternative grant funding for that expenditure.