



# City Council ACTION

The following is a summary of select City Council action items from the December 9, 2024 City Council meeting.

## Boards & Commissions Appointments

No board or commission nominations were considered.

## Summarized City Council Actions

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

**Missouri Department of Public Safety Funding** (Item #8 Bill #1085-22): The City Council approved acceptance of funding received from the Missouri Department of Public Safety to be used for Police Officers POST training requirements. Forty-eight hours of POST training is required for each Police Officer, to be completed over a three-year period. Any public law enforcement agency operating under Chapter 590, RSMo, contributing to the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission Fund is eligible to receive reimbursement from the fund if certain requirements are met.

**Final ARPA Funding Allocations** The City Council approved the final allocations utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funding which must be allocated by the end of December 2024. Those items are as follows:

- Item #9 Bill #1086-22: Execution of an Agreement with Auxier Construction, Co. for renovations to the St. Joseph Animal Shelter site being developed at 3405 South Belt Highway.
- Item #10 Bill #1087-22: Execution of a Purchase Order with Midmark for the purchase of caging and kennels for the new St. Joseph Animal Shelter site.
- Item #13 Bill #1090-22: Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Sports Facilities Development, LLC to provide consulting services related to the planning, design, development, construction, marketing, and operation of a youth sports and recreation complex in St. Joseph.

**Transportation Planning Grant Agreement** (Item #12 Bill #1089-22): The City Council approved a Transportation Planning Consolidated Grant Agreement with the Missouri Highways & Transportation Commission to assist in the Metropolitan Planning Organization's transportation planning activities. Grant funds will assist in funding the MPO administrative costs, long-range transportation planning, short-range planning, inter and multi-modal transportation planning, and special projects involving the metropolitan planning organization for the St. Joseph urbanized area.

**Phil Welch Scoreboard Purchase** (Item #14 Bill #1092-22): The City Council approved acceptance of a donation from the George Bode, Jr. Benevolent Trust to be used for the purchase of a new electronic scoreboard system with associated electronics from Daktronics, Inc. for Phil Welch Stadium. During the Parks Sales Tax project selection process, a new scoreboard unit for Phil Welch Stadium was placed on the project list by the Park Tax Citizen Committee with the stipulation that the St. Joe Mustangs match up to \$65,000 provided through Park Sales Tax funds. The Mustangs have obtained the matching funds from a fundraising campaign that includes \$10,000 in personal and corporate donations, as well as a \$55,000 commitment from the Bode Trust.

**2922 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street Rehabilitation** (Item #18 Bill #1096-22): The City Council approved an agreement with HIIP 1, LLC for a Housing Rehabilitation Grant to renovate the home at 2522 South 11th Street. Currently owned by HIIP 1, LLC, the property will be sold to an income-eligible household once the rehabilitation is complete. The project will be funded through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, aimed at eliminating blighted conditions, addressing housing code violations, and supporting housing improvements. These funds will cover the cost of construction materials, such as lumber and sheetrock, for the renovation. HIIP 1, LLC is partnering with St. Joseph Youth Alliance to complete the rehabilitation.

**YMCA Memorandum of Understanding** (Item #19 Bill #1097-22): The City Council approved an MOU with the YMCA, enabling the City to simultaneously explore pool construction costs by soliciting bids for design work while the YMCA applies for grant funding to bridge the budget gap for constructing an indoor pool. The City will initiate the procurement process to request proposals for designing and constructing an aquatic facility on City-owned property located at the Noyes Complex. Proposals must include options for both indoor and outdoor aquatic facilities. Once construction costs are determined, the City Council will decide whether to proceed with the development of an aquatic facility at (i) the Noyes Complex location, or (ii) the site adjacent to the existing YMCA location.

**Water Protection Blower Replacement** (Item #20 Bill #1098-22): The City Council approved a Work Order with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the design and bid phase of the Domestic Blower Replacement Project at the Water Protection Division. The existing blowers, installed in 1974, have exceeded their expected lifespan, with only two of the original ten still functioning. This project seeks to replace them with energy-efficient blowers designed to lower energy costs and provide a stable air supply to the aeration basins. The upgrade will help Water Protection maintain compliance with the discharge limits set by the state-issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

## **City Manager's Report**

Interim City Manager Clint Thompson reported the following:

- The community is invited to meet the four finalists for the next City Manager during a meet-and-greet event scheduled for tomorrow, December 10th, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM in the City Hall lobby.
- Please take note that the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on December 23<sup>rd</sup> has been cancelled, the next scheduled Council Meeting will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.