



## CITY OF ROCK HILL

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### CITY OF ROCK HILL MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009 7:00 P.M.

- 1) Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) The following members of the Aldermanic Board were in attendance: Mr. Ed Johnson, Mr. TJ Redmond, Mr. Edward Mahan, Ms. Sheri McCann, Ms. Mary Wofford, Mr. Philip Scherry and Mayor Morgan.
- 3) **Emergency Items to be added to the Agenda:** None
- 4) **Citizens to Address the Board:**

**Matt Klaus, 620 County Hills Dr.:** Mr. Klaus is concerned with the possible loss of Rock Hill Park due to the relocation of City Hall and the Fire Department to the park. He asked if the city had a plan to replace the park if City Hall and Fire Department were located there. He also wanted to know why the city would choose the park as a site instead of one of the empty businesses in the city.

**Maryann Musial, 801 Leonard:** Ms. Musial spoke regarding the plan to use Rock Hill Park as the site for the City Hall and the Fire Department. She mentioned that the park is the only one south of Manchester with bathroom facilities and the only one with a toddler park. She mentioned that the park was closed for a portion of last year for construction and is still torn up. She does not feel safe taking her children there because of the remaining construction items. She thinks that taking public lands for a municipal center is a dangerous precedent. She wants the city to look at other areas.

- 5) **Announcements, Presentations, Proclamations, Communications and Invitations:**  
None
- 6) **Old Business:** None
- 7) **Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Alderwoman McCann moved to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2009 meeting. Alderman Sherry seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
- 8) **Treasurer's Report:** Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Ann Robertson summarized the January Warrant. She noted that the city street bond payment check was on the warrant for approval. Alderman Sherry moved to accept the January Warrant. Alderwoman McCann seconded the motion. Alderman Johnson abstained from the vote and all others voted in favor of the motion by a voice vote.
- 9) **New Business:** Alderwoman McCann stated that the recent Parks Survey had been a request of the Parks Department for the past four years. However, it was only last year that the Board allocated money for the survey and the timing of the survey, as it relates to the city's discussions of using Rock Hill Park as a site for City Hall, is coincidence only.

Alderwoman McCann made a motion that the relocation of City Hall and the Fire Department be an agenda item for discussion at the next Board meeting. Alderman Scherry seconded the motion. During discussion of the motion some Board members stated that the discussion of relocation was premature because the city did not have a good timeline as to when or if a relocation would occur. Other Board members stated that they would rather have the discussion now and at the Board meetings to keep the community informed. Further discussion by the Board clarified that the city may not have a specific plan or decision by the next meeting but could have a more general discussion at the next meeting. The City Administrator agreed to include any new developments on the topic as part of his report at the Board meetings. A voice vote of the Board resulted in a tie. The mayor voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

- 10) Bills and Resolutions:** Pursuant to RSMo. 79.130, all bills and resolutions will be read by "title" only. Copies will be available to the General Public at City Hall during regular office hours.

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SECOND READING:**

**Bill No. 1747:** AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE "SHOW ME GREEN SALES TAX HOLIDAY" TO APPLY TO THE LOCAL SALES TAXES OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, MISSOURI BETWEEN APRIL 19 AND APRIL 25, 2009.

Alderman Scherry moved and Alderwoman McCann seconded a motion to approve **Bill No. 1747**. Members of the Aldermanic Board voting in favor of the motion were: McCann, Scherry, Redmond, Mahan, Johnson and Wofford. The motion carried and became **Ordinance No. 1673**.

**11) Departmental Reports**

Fire Department: Acting Chief Kevin Halloran reported the following:

- The department responded to 6-7 fires in January including the recent four alarm fire in Richmond Heights.
- The department will be completing the last module of the Haz Mat training.
- He attended the first session of a three month leadership program at the University of Missouri. The program will conclude in March.
- The department is preparing for spring business inspections.

Police Department: Acting Chief Paul Arnett reported the following:

- His Blackberry is working.
- The police and fire departments will have representatives at Sears' grand opening on Saturday. Police officers will conduct children's fingerprinting from noon to 1 p.m.
- The Boulevard Bank robber was caught.
- He will be attending a fact finding meeting in Ladue for a Code Red system; a reverse 911 system to notify residents of emergencies.

- 12) City Attorney's Report:** City Attorney Ken Heinz reported that Rock Hill had good attendance at the recent Planning and Zoning Seminar hosted by the Municipal League. He prepared a draft of the title loan ordinance which may need a closed session. Alderman Scherry asked for an update on the status of any changes that need to be made to the redevelopment agreement as a result of the developer's request for an extension. Mr. Heinz responded that he is waiting to hear back from the developer's attorney.

- 13) **Mayor's Report:** Mayor Morgan extended a thank you and congratulations to the entire Public Works Department for their work clearing the roads from the recent snow storm. She has received many accolades from residents for their efforts.

She will be attending the Heart of the Community awards ceremony. Alderman Johnson will be awarded with the Citizen of the Year award.

- 14) **City Administrator's Report:** City Administrator George Liyeos stated that he is working on getting another intern from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The intern will be working with the police and fire departments. He also noted that the department heads received new Blackberry phones free of charge through the state contract for a savings of approximately \$200 a month.

Alderman Redmond asked if the city had a contract with Office Depot in light of the recent investigation by the Attorney General into possible price gauging. Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Ann Robertson responded that the city buys products from Office Depot but does not have a contract with them.

- 15) **Citizens to Address the Board:**

**Mickey Croyle, 616 County Hills Dr.:** Ms. Croyle suggested that the location for City Hall be included in the discussions held by those who would be doing the update for the Comprehensive Plan.

**Maryann Musial, 809 Leonard:** Ms. Musial thanked Alderwoman McCann for suggesting that the relocation of City Hall be an agenda item. She agreed with Ms. Croyle's previous statements regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

**Matt Klaus, 620 County Hills Dr.:** Mr. Klaus would like the Board to allow community input as to the relocation of City Hall and Fire Department. He does not think that removing parks for development are in the best interest of the community.

- 16) **CLOSED SESSION: MOTION:** To hold a closed meeting with closed record and closed voting, pursuant to Subsection (1),(2),(3) & (12) of Section 610.021, RSMo, 2004, in order to discuss legal actions, causes of action, or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representative and its attorneys; and leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration thereof; and the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of an employee of a public governmental body; and documents related to a negotiated contract.

Alderwoman McCann moved and Alderman Scherry seconded a motion to hold a closed session for legal matters. Members of the Aldermanic Board voting in favor were: Scherry, Redmond, Mahan, Johnson, Wofford and McCann. The motion carried and the Board went into closed session at 7:52 pm.

- 17) **Return to Open Session**—The Board returned to open session and no actions were taken on the items discussed during the closed session.

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- 18) Alderman Scherry moved and Alderwoman McCann seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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Mayor Julie Morgan

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Jennifer Yackley, City Clerk