

**APPROVED MINUTES
DES PERES BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 6, 2010, 6:00 PM
THE LODGE DES PERES - OAK ROOM
1050 DES PERES ROAD**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Des Peres, Missouri was called by Mayor Lahr during its scheduled summer break in order to act on a limited Agenda. The meeting was held at The Lodge Des Peres, 1050 Des Peres Road commencing at 6:00 PM Tuesday, July 6, 2010. The Municipal Court was in session which predicated the change of venue to The Lodge.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk took roll with the following board members present: Mayor Lahr, Alderman Gmelich, Alderman Pound, Alderman Raczkiewicz, Alderman Doering and Alderman Fingerhut. Alderman Kleinschmidt was absent with excuse.

Staff members present include: City Administrator and City Clerk. The City Attorney, Directors of Public Safety, Parks & Recreation, and Director of Public Works were excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Lahr advised that an Amended Warrant list dated July 6, 2010 is the sole item on the Consent Agenda and asked for Board approval of same.

Alderman Gmelich moved to approve the Amended Warrant List, second by Alderman Raczkiewicz. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Doering, Aye, Alderman Fingerhut, Aye; Alderman Gmelich, Aye; Alderman Pound, Aye; Alderman Raczkiewicz, Aye. Vote in favor being unanimous, motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Appointments – Boards and Commissions:

Mayor Lahr reviewed with the Board the various committee appointments and advised that he wanted to be in a position to firm up all boards and commission appointments at the July 26th regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

The Board discussed expanding the number of members on the Audit & Finance Commission from one to two members from each Ward of the City. Staff was directed to draft legislation for introduction at the July 26th meeting of the Board to effect this change; and directed to advertise in the next Des Peres Newsletter that the city is looking for ‘qualified individuals’ with a background in finance to serve on the Audit & Finance Commission.

Discussion on hiring a Director of Finance:

Mayor Lahr advised that the selection process for hiring a new Director of Finance had been completed, that a conditional offer of employment was made to Ms. Tracy Perry who has accepted the terms outlined in the offer pursuant to Board approval; and that he was now in a position to recommend Ms. Perry to serve in that capacity. Ms. Perry is a certified public accountant and has been employed since 2006 as Controller with the Congregation Banai' Amoona located in Creve Coeur.

After discussion of Ms. Perry's qualifications to serve as Director of Finance Mayor Lahr called her into the meeting to introduce her to the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Lahr presented Ms. Perry with his offer of employment and welcomed her to the city. Ms. Perry thanked the Mayor and Board and advised that she would be giving notice to her current employer in the morning and would be in a position to commence her employment with the City on August 2, 2010. Ms. Perry was excused from the meeting.

Alderman Gmelich moved to formally approve the appointment of Ms. Perry, as submitted by Mayor Lahr, second by Alderman Raczkiewicz. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Pound, Aye; Alderman Doering, Aye; Alderman Gmelich, Aye; Alderman Fingerhut, Aye; Alderman Raczkiewicz, Aye. Vote in favor being unanimous, motion carried 5-0.

City Administrators Report on the Past Director of Finance

The Board asked the City Administrator to update them on the proceedings involving the past Director of Finance, Laura Beeler.

Mr. Harms advised that the forensic audit performed by Hochschild, Bloom, & Company LLC, as authorized by the Board of Aldermen, is now complete and has been turned over to the St. Louis County Detective in charge of the criminal investigation of Ms. Beeler. Once the criminal investigation is complete the file will be turned over to the County Prosecutor for his review. Any further action will be taken under the direction of the St. Louis County Prosecutor.

Mr. Harms advised that the current edition of the Newsletter will feature, within the Mayors article, mention of the misappropriation of funds by Ms. Beeler. Mr. Harms advised that the Newsletter had not been released for mailing todate. Mayor Lahr instructed the City Administrator to proceed with releasing the publication for mailing to the residents.

Summer Concert – Ticket to the Beatles

Mayor Lahr advised that the second summer concert, Ticket to the Beatles, is scheduled for Friday night, July 9th in Des Peres Park.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen a motion to Adjourn was made by Alderman Raczkiewicz, second by Alderman Fingerhut. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Gmelich, Aye; Alderman Doering, Aye; Alderman Fingerhut, Aye; Alderman Pound, and Alderman Raczkiewicz, Aye. Vote in favor being unanimous, motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned At 6:45 PM.

Linda M. Schulte

Linda M. Schulte, City Clerk

Approved this 26th day of July, 2010.

Richard Lahr

Richard Lahr, Mayor

ATTEST:

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