



**MINUTES FROM CITY COUNCIL**  
**WORKSHOP**  
**August 25, 2011**

- A. A City Council workshop was called to order by Mayor Bill Hennessy at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 100 North Main Street, O'Fallon, Missouri, on August 25, 2011. Approximately 32 people were in attendance.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Councilman Gardner	Present
Councilman Pepper	Present
Councilwoman Haman	Excused
Councilman Lucas	Present
Councilwoman Mack	Present
Councilman Howell	Excused
Councilman Battelle	Excused
Councilman Phenev	Present
Councilman Schwentker	Arrived at 5:35 p.m.
Councilman Perkins	Present
Mayor Hennessy	Present

- C. Mayor Hennessy asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Pepper asked to add an additional Discussion Item #6 – Water Meters. Mayor Hennessy asked for a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion made to approve the agenda as amended by Councilman Gardner; seconded by Councilman Pepper.

**All Council members present signed aye, motion to approve the agenda passes**

**D. Discussion of Council agenda items.**

Council woman Mack would like to see the Committee and Commission reports/minutes sooner and would like to see more information on the minutes if possible. Staff will review and correct these items.

**E. Discussion Items**

**1. Discuss the establishment of a Festival Committee – Cindy Springer**

Cindy Springer, Managing Director of Parks and Recreation, presented the idea of establishing a Festival Committee for Council's input and discussion. This Committee will provide more citizen input on the planning of the City's festivals. The Committee would be a subcommittee of the current Parks Board and would consist of three (3) Parks Board members, one (1) O'Fallon Convention and Visitors Board member, two (2) Park & Recreation employees, and one (1) Public Relation employee.

**2. Discussion of proposed Resolution regarding "Rule of Law" Community – Council member Pepper**

Councilman Pepper asked for any questions regarding the newest version of this Resolution (attached). He requested that this Resolution show that it is sponsored by both Councilman Howell and Councilman Pepper.

**3. Discuss proposed Ordinance regarding employment of illegal aliens – Council member Pepper**

Councilman Pepper requested City Attorney, Kevin O'Keefe, explain the law and problems Arizona had with the U.S. Supreme Court concerning this type of Ordinance. Councilman Pepper would like to hold this Ordinance (attached) for further discussion and review by legal counsel.

**4. Presentation by the Parks and Recreation Repositioning Committee**

Cindy Springer, Managing Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced Park and Recreation employees Sarah Davis, Paula Creech, Paul Cook, and Brian Berger (not present), who were assigned to the Parks and Recreation Repositioning Committee. The Committee presented a PowerPoint on the values and current mission of the Committee.

**5. Request Staff review the removal of unnecessary stop signs throughout the City – Council member Pepper**

Councilman Pepper stated that there seemed to be a lot of unnecessary stop signs throughout his neighborhood that were apparently put into place to promote traffic calming. He stated that the installations of these stop signs are a waste of City funds as well as not being environmentally conducive. Mayor Hennessy explained that the previous Council voted on many of these signs due to residents requesting them, even though they were informed by Staff that many of them were being placed in areas that did not warrant a stop sign. Mayor Hennessy asked that each Council member bring unwarranted stop signs to the attention of Keith Riesberg, City Administrator, and a study would be done by the Public Works Department. He also asked that they keep in mind that it could now be considered a safety issue to remove these signs since they have been in place for 4 – 5 years.

**6. Water Meters – Council member Pepper**

Councilman Pepper asked whether the Parks Facilities, Senior Center, City Hall, and Public Works Facilities are all metered and pay for their water usage. All buildings on the North side of O'Fallon are all on O'Fallon Water and Sewer meters, but on the South side of O'Fallon they are metered through either MO Water or PWSD #2. He doesn't feel that the North side residents should be the only resident's subsidizing the City's water usage. Mayor Hennessy asked Councilman Pepper to send his specific questions to Keith Riesberg, City Administrator.

**F. Other Items for Consideration**

Councilman Schwentker asked for an update and status on the Wage and Benefit Plan. Keith Riesberg, City Administrator, said that he will have a report prepared at the September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 meeting.

Councilman Schwentker asked if the next Workshop, September 8, 2011, would take place in the Multi-Purpose Room as discussed at the August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Workshop. Keith Riesberg said that there were still a few logistical items to be figured out but currently the plan to hold future City Council Workshops in the MPR was scheduled to begin at the September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011, meeting.

Councilman Schwentker asked for the amount it costs for an O'Fallon Police Officer, as well as Conan Stott, Liaison to the Council, to present the DARE Program in O'Fallon's schools. Councilman Schwentker would like to see O'Fallon continue presenting the DARE Program, but would like to see the schools share the cost. Staff will put the numbers together through the 2012 Budget process.

**G. Motion to adjourn Workshop and enter into closed session by Councilman Schwentker, seconded by Councilman Perkins.**

**All Council members present signed aye,  
Motion passes**

Workshop was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



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Susan D. Lane  
Deputy City Clerk