

MINUTES

STUDY SESSION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI March 5, 2009

INTRODUCTORY

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri met for a study session in the Municipal Courtroom of the City Hall on March 5, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. The following members were present:

Mayor Presley presiding, Rick Davis, Sandra Williams, Stephen Marshall, Cris Bohinc and Bob McDowell present. Absent: Stan Barker

Also present from the City were: City Administrator Dean Kruithof, City Clerk Lisa Westfall, Acting City Attorney William Duston, Director of Communications Jerry Adams, Director of Engineering David Miller, Police Chief Caroll McCullough, Director of Public Works Larry VanGilder, Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning Ruth Denham, Director of Parks Cindy Shook and Director of Finance Lori Helle.

Discussion regarding the Basketball Challenge.

Administrator's Report.

Discussion of previous Study Session items.

Review of March 10, 2009 Agenda.

Discussion regarding the Bond Purchase Agreement for Tourism Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2009.

Review of landscaping fees. Mark Weisz stated there was a proposal to increase the cost per tree currently set at \$100.00 to \$750.00 which is an incentive to developers to do the job right. The Tri-Lakes Board of Realtors has taken an official Board of Directors position against any increase in the tree removal fees. He said they have looked to see where the funds were coming from and going and discovered they were used for the center of the roundabout and some re-grading of Stockstill Park. He said there is enough incentive in the current program to encourage developers to do the right thing.

Review of taxi cab ordinance.

Discussion regarding amendments to agenda items. Mark Weisz, stated if an amendment affects the quality of the project then the Planning and Zoning Commission may want to look at it again but in this instance the quality improved. He said in the minutes of the P & Z meeting there was discussion about lowering it to various heights so it was in line with discussion regarding the project. He stated that if an amendment improves the quality of the project the Planning and Zoning Commission is fine with an amendment due to timing issues involved with real estate. Brent Butler stated the Planning and Zoning Commissioners have a high degree of trust in the Board of Aldermen and feel comfortable with the decisions they make in the best interest of the public.

Mayor's Report.

Board of Aldermen requests for agenda items to be placed on future agendas.

ADJOURN

Mayor Presley asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Marshall so moved, seconded by Alderman McDowell. Voting aye: Davis, Williams, Marshall, Bohinc and McDowell. Nays: none. Absent: Barker. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Raeanne Presley
Mayor

Lisa K Westfall
City Clerk