

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

June 19, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. The following members of the Board were present:

Mayor E. William Bergfeld, Jr.
Gordon Gosh
Judy Pohl
Mark Wittich
George Bruenning
Mike Andrews
David Aitken
Matt Witte
Larry Howe

Absent:

Also present were City Attorney, Marvin Young, Assistant City Attorney, Paul Rost, Chief Robert Stanczak, City Clerk, Kathy Mahany, Building Commissioner, Elijah Cunningham, City Engineer, Ken Lichtenheld and Park Commissioner, Gerry Murphy. Mayor Bergfeld called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING—May 15, 2007

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich, that the Minutes be accepted as submitted. Alderman Pohl stated that the Personnel minutes were incorrect. They should read “Board action on the minutes be held until the June meeting. This would allow the Finance Committee time to bring its recommendations to the Board also”. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved as amended.

Finance Committee—June 4, 2007

Alderman Witte moved, seconded by Alderman Pohl, that the Minutes be accepted as submitted. On Voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Board of Adjustment—June 5, 2007

Alderman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews, that the Minutes be accepted as submitted. On Voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT—May 2007

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning that the Treasurer’s report be received as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

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BILLS AND RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED

Alderman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews, that the Bills with the addendum be approved as submitted. Alderman Witte discussed holding \$409.26 of the swim club utility reimbursement until July 1st because it is over the allotted \$10,000.00 for this fiscal year. By reimbursing the swim club the \$409.26 after July 1st it will be in the next fiscal year and we will not be over budget for this year. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

GLENDALE FIRE REPORT—No action required.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT—No action required

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS—Mr. Paul Gund, 531 Meadow Creek, thanked Alderman Wittich for taking quick action in putting up new “no though truck” signs on Woodlawn. After a short discussion the Police Chief stated that the department will continue monitoring trucks going through to Ladue.

MISC. REPORTS

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, noting to report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Elijah Cunningham reported that 6 permits were issued during the month. They were the usual kitchen and bath remodels for a total of over \$100,000.00. Next he stated that 1630 Andrew has been demolished but he has not received the final plans and is not ready to move on to the next phase of approval to the P&Z Commission. Lastly he stated he has been in discussions with the residents of 1480 Dearborn regarding a major renovation of over \$290,000.00 but they are still in the planning stages it will be possibly 3 months before they are ready for the P&Z Commission.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Gerry Murphy reported that the entry restrictions to the tennis courts have not caused any problems. The programs are in full swing and are going well. Last he mentioned that Gamma Shield Shade Tree Service came in and cleaned out the creek bed.

CITY ENGINEER—Ken Lichtenheld reported that the gutter on Andrew and Warson Woods Drive had collapsed. He asked Benz/Parks to give him a bid to replace it. He then thanked Steve for his quick action on securing the location. Alderman Pohl asked what he thought caused it to collapse. He stated most likely it was settlement. Next he said sealing will begin in Ward 2 soon. He then updated everyone on the progress of the park renovation. Lastly he referred to a draft report on the storm water management program he circulated to everyone by stating there will be a final version from the engineering company by the end of July. Then we should schedule a Public Works meeting to discuss the findings and prioritize the problems. Alderman Pohl asked him to have MSD look into repairing the gabion wall in the creek bed. He said he would.

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CITY ATTORNEY—Marvin Young, nothing to report.

ASST. CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost, nothing to report.

TREASURER—Bill O’Neil, absent

MAYOR— E. William Bergfeld, Jr., discussed the “mock earthquake” which was held today by several Fire Departments in the St. Louis area. The information Glendale Fire Department submits will be evaluated by SEMA.

Next a discussion was held regarding going out for bid for a generator for City Hall. Alderman Howe moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh to go out for bids to purchase a new generator for City Hall. Aldermen Gosh, Bruenning, Wittich, Howe, Aitken and Andrews yes. Alderpersons Pohl and Witte no. On Voice Vote the motion carried 6-2.

OLD BUSINESS-

Ordinance Entering into an Agreement with the City of Glendale for a Joint Emergency Operations Center. Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews that Bill 1442 was read two times by title only becomes Ordinance No.1390.

After discussion by Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Andrews	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Gosh	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Bruenning	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Pohl	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Howe	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Wittich	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Aitken	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Witte	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____

The Ordinance was announced passed. 8-0.

At this time a discussion was held regarding adopting an ordinance which would place guidelines on AT&T and others requesting placing utilities in the right-of-way. Assistant City Attorney, Paul Rost said he will have an ordinance ready for the July 17th Regular Board meeting.

MISC. OLD BUSINESS—

Alderman Pohl discussed the recommendations of the Personnel Committee for salaries and an increase in the pension.

Alderman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Witte to accept the recommendation of the Personal Committee to give step employees a 1.7% increase and all other employees a 4.7% increase. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

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MISC. OLD BUSINESS-Cont.

Alderman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Witte to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to raise the SEP from 4.5% per month to 5.5%. A discussion was held and Alderman Andrews agreed to look into other options. On Voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS –

Ordinance Amending the 2006 – 2007 Fiscal Budget. Alderman Witte moved, seconded by Alderman Howe that Bill 1443 was read two times by title only becomes Ordinance No.1391.

After discussion by Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Witte	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Gosh	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bruenning	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pohl	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Howe	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Wittich	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Aitken	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Andrews	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

The Ordinance was announced passed. 8-0.

Ordinance Setting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2007 – 2008. Alderman Witte moved, seconded by Alderman Howe that Bill 1444 was read two times by title only becomes Ordinance No.1392.

After discussion by Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Gosh	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Witte	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bruenning	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pohl	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Howe	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Wittich	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Aitken	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Andrews	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

The Ordinance was announced passed. 8-0.

Ordinance Amending Title II Section 255.010 and Title IV Section 645.010 “General Penalty Prescribed” Bill No. 1445 was tabled to the July Regular board meeting.

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Ordinance Regulating Persons Playing in Open Sewer Systems. Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Witte that Bill 1446 was read two times by title only. After discussion by Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Bruenning	_____	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Witte	_____	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Gosh	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pohl	_____	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Howe	_____	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Wittich	_____	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Aitken	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Andrews	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

The Ordinance was announced failed 3-5.

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Pohl to approve the appointments of Neil Jones and Bob Kreckler to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Mark Boland to the Solid Waste Committee. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance Entering into a Contract with St. Louis County Department of Health for Mosquito Control. Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich that Bill 1447 was read two times by title only becomes Ordinance No. 1393.

After discussion by Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Pohl	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Witte	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Gosh	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bruenning	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Howe	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Wittich	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Aitken	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Andrews	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

The Ordinance was announced passed. 8-0.

Ordinance Entering into a Contract with St. Louis County for the Collection of Real Estate and Lateral Sewer Fees. Alderman Witte moved, seconded by Alderman Pohl that Bill 1448 was read two times by title only becomes Ordinance No. 1394.

By Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Howe	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Witte	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Gosh	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pohl	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

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BILL NO. 1448 Cont.

Bruenning	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Wittich	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Aitken	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Andrews	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The Ordinance was announced passed. 8-0.

Ordinance Entering into a Contract with St. Louis County for the Collection of Auto Fees. Alderman Witte moved, seconded by Alderman Howe that Bill 1449 was read two times by title only becomes Ordinance No. 1395.

By Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Aitken	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Witte	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gosh	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Pohl	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Bruenning	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Wittich	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Howe	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Andrews	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The Ordinance was announced passed. 8-0.

Ordinance Entering into a Contract with St. Louis County for the Collection of Nuisance Fees. Alderman Witte moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews that Bill 1450 was read two times by title only becomes Ordinance No. 1396.

By Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Wittich	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Witte	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gosh	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Pohl	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Bruenning	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Aitken	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Howe	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Andrews	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The Ordinance was announced passed. 8-0.

MISC. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Pohl began by asking the City Engineer to ask MSD to fix the creeks gabion wall. She then asked the Police Chief if the motorized scooters are legal or not. The Chief replied they are legal because the motor is under 49 cc's.

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MISC. BUSINESS--Cont.

Alderman Witte asked the City Engineer to have to contractors who do the street work this year to do a better job of repairing resident's property if they damage it. The City Engineer asked Alderman Witte to give him the addresses where they did a bad job. Next he discussed having several of his constituents requesting him do something about a resident who runs a business out of his home and has a white van parked in his driveway put the van in the garage. A lengthy discussion was held with the outcome being he and Alderman Wittich will visit the resident in question and ask him to put his van in the garage.

Alderman Gosh asked if the plumbing problem with Starbucks has been fixed. The Chief answered the part that failed has been fixed but the entire pipe has not been replaced so there is still a chance of it happening again.

Alderman Wittich asked the City Engineer if the striping at Flanders and Doral is still on the schedule. The City Engineer said yes it is.

Alderman Andrews suggested we remove the signs around Royal Oak Park saying the park will be closed beginning April 29th for renovation. It was agreed to have Steve remove the signs.

Chief Stanczak discussed the traffic survey he circulated to the Board. A short discussion followed.

City Clerk Kathy Mahany asked if she should bill Breihan Properties for the overtime caused by the Starbucks repair work. She was directed to send Breihan Properties a bill for the overtime.

Adjournment

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Aitken, the meeting is adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany
City Clerk

E. William Bergfeld, Jr.,
Mayor