

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 14, 2023
5:30 p.m.
Councilman Denny Wayne Conference Room,
4th Floor Conference Room

PRESENT: Monica Horton, Chair, Brandon Jenson, and Abe McGull.

ABSENT: Matthew Simpson

VACANT: None

STAFF: Anita Cotter, City Clerk and Regina Crumrine, Executive Secretary

GUEST: None

Councilwoman Monica Horton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and roll was taken.

Councilman Brandon Jenson made the motion to accept the minutes from the May 30, 2023 Public Involvement Committee meeting as presented. Councilman Abe McGull seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, McGull, and Horton. Nays: None. Absent: Simpson. Abstain: None.

Anita Cotter, City Clerk, briefed the Committee on recruitment efforts that are underway. She discussed the upcoming Good Neighbor Week events and shared a draft copy of a recruitment letter (Exhibit A) that will be sent to a group of approximately 180 Springfield attorneys soon. This same letter will be adjusted and sent to construction trades people.

Ms. Cotter informed the Committee of the status of each of the Boards and Commissions under the purview of the Public Involvement Committee. Ms. Cotter discussed the ordinance creating the Public Building Corporation (Special Ordinance 21529 – Exhibit B) and pointed out “the directors shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Springfield, Missouri, with the advice and consent of the City Council of the City of Springfield, Missouri.” Therefore, the Public Involvement Committee will no longer be reviewing and making appointments for this board.

Councilman Jenson moved to appoint Christina Pike to replace Kate Stockton on the Citizens’ Advisory Committee for Community Development. Councilman McGull seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, McGull, and Horton. Nays: None. Absent: Simpson. Abstain: None. Vacant: None.

Councilman Jenson moved to appoint Debra Whitt to replace Shawna Batty on the Citizens’ Advisory Committee for Community Development. Councilman McGull seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, McGull, and Horton. Nays: None. Absent: Simpson. Abstain: None. Vacant: None.

Councilman McGull moved to appoint Braylon Williams to replace Matthew Whitehead on the Citizens’ Advisory Committee for Community Development. Councilman Jenson seconded the motion, and it

was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, McGull, and Horton. Nays: None. Absent: Simpson. Abstain: None. Vacant: None.

Councilman Jenson moved to appoint Jeremy Dean to replace Larry Flenoid II on the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development. Councilman McGull seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, McGull, and Horton. Nays: None. Absent: Simpson. Abstain: None. Vacant: None.

Councilman Jenson moved to appoint Jesse Nix to replace Paden Chambers as the Commercial Street Representative on the Landmarks Board, contingent on the passage of the Landmark Board amendment on Monday, September 18 by City Council. Councilman McGull seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, McGull, and Horton. Nays: None. Absent: Simpson. Abstain: None. Vacant: None.

Councilwoman Horton moved to appoint Jessica Ricci to replace Phillip Pulliam on the Personnel Board. Councilman McGull seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, McGull, and Horton. Nays: None. Absent: Simpson. Abstain: None. Vacant: None.

Councilman McGull moved to adjourn from the Public Involvement Committee meeting. Councilman Jenson seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Jenson, McGull, and Horton. Nays: None. Absent: Simpson. Abstain: None. Vacant: None.

With no additional business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:01 p.m.

Written by Regina Crumrine.