

**SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 12, 2020 – 7:00 – 9:00PM**

**BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS
WILL CONVENE FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED MEETING
VIA ZOOM.**

PRESENT: Mayor Tommie Pierson, Alderwoman Barbara West, Alderman James Carroll, Alderman James Thomas, (arrived at 7:04PM) Alderman Jim Christian, Alderwoman Alease Dailes, Alderwoman Miranda Avant-Elliott, City Attorney Dorothy White-Coleman, Police Chief Jeremy Ihler, City Clerk Fran Stevens.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pierson at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Stevens called the roll and all BOA members were present except Alderwoman Tatman, Ward 1 and Alderwoman Reed, Ward 2.

APPROVE AGENDA – Motion to amend the agenda and remove workshop from the title and approve the agenda made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman West. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 5-1 vote.**

Motion for the agenda to be accepted as amended made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 5-1 vote.**

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Meeting was opened to the public to speak 3 minutes each.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES OVER \$500.00 – Motion to approve the invoices over \$500.00 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Christian. **Motion to** amend the motion to add approval of over \$500 for a total of 2084.60 made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-abstain, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 5-1 vote.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08 – STL CO. MUNICIPAL PARKS GRANT – ALDERWOMAN DAILES

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-08 made by Alderwoman Dailes seconded by Alderman Thomas. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderman Carroll-no, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-no, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-no. Mayor stated the **Motion failed with 4-2 vote.**

Motion that all park grants go to Parks and Recreation Commission for discussion, a plan, and budget to be presented to the board before approval made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 4-2 vote.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09 – CENSURING ALDERWOMAN DAILES FOR MISCONDUCT – ALDERMAN CARROLL

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-09 made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman West. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 4-2 vote.**

BILL NO. 2599 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CURTIS, HEINZ, GARRETT & O'KEEFE, PC. TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF THE LAW FIRM AND HELMUT STARR TO ACT AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE CITY REGARDING VARIOUS CITY LEGAL ISSUES – ALDERWOMAN AVANT-ELLIOTT

Motion to read Bill No. 2599 for the first time made by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 4-2 vote.**

DISCUSSION OF ESTABLISHING THE BISSELL HILLS SHOPPING CENTER AS A COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CID) – ALDERMAN CARROLL

Motion to table the discussion of the Bissell Hills Shopping Center as a Community Improvement District to the November 19, 2020 Regular BOA Meeting made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman West. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR MR. KELLY TO COME AND PRESENT/TRAIN/MEDIATE AT THE DECEMBER 10TH SPECIAL BOA MEETING AT 7P – ALDERMAN CARROLL

Motion to approve Mr. Kelly to attend the December 10th Special BOA Meeting to present/train/mediate amongst the elected officials of the city made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

WILLIAM SIMMONS – SHERWOOD HILLS SUBDIVISION

Motion to table this discussion to the November 19, 2020 Regular BOA Meeting made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman West. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 6-0 vote**.

APPROVAL OF A CONSULTING ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE THE CITY'S RESPONSE TO THE SUNSHINE COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE AUGUST 6TH AND AUGUST 12TH BOA MEETINGS

Motion to appoint that the BOA approve a Consulting Attorney to provide the City's response to the Sunshine complaints concerning the August 6th and August 12th, 2020 BOA meetings and for Alderwoman Avant-Elliott to obtain these services made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 4-2 vote**.

Motion to appeal the Chair's decision that Alderman Carroll is out of order made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderwoman Avant-Elliott. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-yes, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-no, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-no, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 4-2 vote**.

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Motion to include the citizen's comments back into the minutes made by Alderman Thomas seconded by Alderman Christian. **Motion to** amend the motion to place the discussion of citizen's comments on the next regular board meeting under new business made by Alderman Thomas seconded by Alderman Carroll. **Votes are as follows:** Alderwoman West-no, Alderman Carroll-yes, Alderman Thomas-yes, Alderman Christian-yes, Alderwoman Dailes-yes, Alderwoman Avant-Elliott-yes. Mayor stated the **Motion passed with 5-1 vote**.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Carroll seconded by Alderman Thomas. Mayor asked for **yeas and nays**. Mayor stated the **Motion passed**.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

Attest:



Fran Stevens, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Alderpersons: Nov, 19, 2020