

**Olivette City Council
Worksession
February 7, 2023
Minutes**

Mayor Weil called the meeting to order at 7:00pm on February 7, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Upon Roll Call the following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Weil, ProTem Carl, Councilmember Waldman, Councilmember Knox and Councilmember Clark.

Also present were City Manager Sondag, Finance Director Darren Mann, City Attorney Paul Martin, Attorney Mark Spykerman with Gilmore & Bell, and Greg Yawitz.

At 7:02pm Councilmember Waldman made a motion to adjourn to a closed session pursuant to the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri to discuss privileged attorney-client matters pursuant to Section 610.021(1) and real estate matters pursuant to Section 610.021 (2). Second by Protem Carl.

Roll Call Vote

Waldman	Yes
Carl	Yes
Clark	Yes
Knox	Yes
Weil	Yes

Motion Passed and the Council Adjourned to Closed Session

At 7:50 Council returned from Closed Session and resumed the Regular Worksession.

Discussion of Possible Budget Amendment for DEI and City Manager Search Consulting Services

Sondag discussed with the Council an amendment to the FY23 budget that would allow the Council to move into Phase 2 of the Diversity Equity and Inclusion project within the current fiscal year. Council members agreed that an amendment totaling \$40,000 was reasonable. This represents \$20,000 for Phase 1 and \$20,000 for Phase2 for FY23. The Council determined that current budget amounts would be sufficient for the City Manager search expenses.

Discussion of Olivette Reserve Policy

Finance Director Darren Mann discussed with the Council a change to the existing Reserve Policy. The current policy requires a General Fund - Fund Balance of 50% of expenditures in the current year and 75% of expenditures when projecting out five-years. Mann suggested that the policy be amended to 50% in current year and 50% in the five-year look-out. He explained that this change would continue to ensure financial stability of the city, while meeting current needs. The Council was in agreement with the proposal and suggested it be on an upcoming meeting agenda.

Discussion of Mayor-ProTem Selection Process

Council discussed the Charter requirements for selection of Mayor and Chairman ProTem. The Charter requires that each year the Council appoint a Mayor and Chairman ProTem. While past practice has been to rotate the appointment, there is no written regulations outlining that process. City Attorney Martin stated that because the regulation is found in the Charter, he does not believe the Council can create a policy to regulate the process – as the process is regulated by Charter.

Update on Hosting February 23 Metro League Meeting

Waldman discussed plans for food and preparation for the February 23 meeting.

At approximately 8:37pm Councilmember Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Chairman ProTem Carl.

Maxine Weil, Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise M. Mandle
Acting City Clerk