

City of Berkeley, Missouri City Council Meeting

October 7, 2024 Minutes

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Deinbo called the council meeting to order at 7:22pm.

Roll Call:

(W1) VacantCouncilwoman Williams (W2)presentCouncilman Hoskins (W3)presentCouncilwoman Anthony (W4)presentCouncilman Hindeleh (W5)presentCouncilwoman-at-Large Crawford-Grahampresent

Mayor Deinbo present Quorum established.

City Manager Mai-Lombardo, City Attorney Smith, Chief Jackson, Chief Linhardt, City Planning Director Liebson, Finance Director Ford, Street Supervisor White and City Clerk Jones were in attendance.

Approval of the Minutes:

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Mayor Deinbo seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the 09-09-24 regular meeting and 09-24-24 special meeting with corrections. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Present, Anthony-Present, Hindeleh-Aye, Crawford-Graham-Abstain, and Mayor-Aye (Aye-3) motion failed.

Public Hearings:

Community Development Block Grant FY2025

Mayor Deinbo opened the CDBG Public Hearing to the council and public for questions and answers about the 2025 funds. The program has been changed to every 3 years instead of every year, which backdated to the FY2023. The 2023 funds were already allocated, so the 2025 funds include 2 years only = \$243,200. The CDBG funds along with other funding will go towards extending Wabash Ave from Tyndall to Airport Road through a portion of the old Airport School lots.

Citizens Hearing:

Presentation by Tayah Jones with Inspired STL

Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilwoman Anthony seconded the motion to approve Inspired STL program with a donation of \$500 towards food and permission to use the Civic Center at no charge for Halloween event. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, Crawford-Graham-Aye, and Mayor-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilwoman Anthony seconded the motion to approve Kenndis Joy request for an openair event to hold the Kidz of Joy annual Halloween event with a portion of Madison closed on Oct 26th from 11am-4pm. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, Crawford-Graham-Aye, and Mayor-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed.

Political signs are not allowed to be placed on public property at intersections. They can only be put on private property with permission from the owner.

Councilman Hindeleh moved, Mayor Deinbo seconded, and the motion carried to close the citizen hearing session of the meeting.

Resolutions:

Petitions:

Unfinished Business:

Bill #5060 – An Ordinance Approving the Purchase of Properties Located at 8500 Airport Rd, 6132 Hancock Ave, and 6133 Evergreen Blvd, from Tabernacle of Faith and Deliverance COGIC, by the City of Berkeley, St. Louis County, MO (City Manager)

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Mayor Deinbo seconded the motion for the 3rd reading of Bill #5060 by title only and adoption. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, Crawford-Graham-Aye, and Mayor Deinbo-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed. *Ordinance* 4891

Bill #5062 – An Ordinance of the City of Berkeley Amending the Financial Policy and Procedures Manual by Creating a Credit Card Use Policy (City Manager)

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Mayor Deinbo seconded the motion for the 3rd reading of Bill #5062 by title only and adoption. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Present, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, Crawford-Graham-Abstain, and Mayor Deinbo-Aye (Aye-4) motion passed. *Ordinance* 4892

New Business:

Fire Dept Organization (W3 Hoskins)

Request that Kinlock Fire Chief be present at the next council meeting.

Fire Dept Dispatch (W3 Hoskins)

Feels the Fire Dept needs to sue about the organization structure.

Introduction of Bills:

Bill #5063 – An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with E. Meier Contracting for Mills & Overlay, on Graybirch Dr, Redfir Dr, Buckthorn Dr, and Gedde Ave (City Manager)

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Mayor Deinbo seconded the motion for the 2nd reading of Bill #5063 by title only. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, Crawford-Graham-Aye, and Mayor Deinbo-Aye (Aye-6) motion passed. At Evergreen and January, a slab was missed. Jefferson repair work needs to be looked at. January pot holes need to be addressed.

Bill #5064 – An Ordinance of the City of Berkeley, MO, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Attached Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Municipal for Fiscal Year 2025 (City Manager)

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Mayor Deinbo seconded the motion for the 2nd reading of Bill #5064 by title only. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, Crawford-Graham-Aye, and Mayor Deinbo-Aye (Aye 6) motion passed.

Bill #5065 – An Ordinance of the City of Berkeley, MO, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Attached Marxam Postage Meter and Maintenance Agreement (Mayor)

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Mayor Deinbo seconded the motion for the 2nd reading of Bill #5065 by title only. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, Crawford-Graham-Nay, and Mayor Deinbo-Aye (Aye-5, Nay-1) motion passed.

Bill #5066 – An Ordinance of the City of Berkeley, MO, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc for Financial Advisory Services (City Manager)

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Mayor Deinbo seconded the motion for the 2nd reading of Bill #5066 by title only. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskin-Nay, Anthony-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, Crawford-Graham-Nay, and Mayor Deinbo-Aye (Aye-4, Nay-2) motion passed.

Bill #5067 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Amended Employment Agreement with Nathan Mai-Lombardo, as City Manager for the City of Berkeley (Mayor)

Motion 1: Councilman Hindeleh moved and Mayor Deinbo seconded the motion for the 2nd reading of Bill #5067 by title only. Motion 2: Councilwoman-at-Large Crawford-Graham moved and Councilman Hoskins seconded the motion to postpone Bill #5067 until after personnel meeting.

Councilwoman Anthony left the meeting at 9:06, during the lengthy discussion.

Motion 3: Mayor Deinbo moved and Councilman Hoskins seconded the motion to table Bill #5067 until the next meeting for further clarification. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Absent, Hindeleh-Aye, Crawford-Graham-Aye, and Mayor-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

All other motions and seconded were withdrawn.

Communications:

Reports and Recommendations from the City Manager:

Councilman Hoskins moved and Councilwoman-at-Large Crawford-Graham seconded the motion to hold a closed session for legal. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Absent, Hindeleh-Nay, Crawford-Graham-Aye, and Mayor-Aye (Aye-4, Nay-1) motion passed.

Reports from the Clerk:

Reports from the City Attorney:

Reports from the Special Committees:

Reports from the Standing Committees:

Councilwoman-at-Large Crawford-Graham moved and Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion to receive and file the minutes for the City Plan Commission 08/21/24, Betterment Commission 09/04/24 and Pension Board 05/30/24. Roll Call: Williams-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Anthony-Absent, Hindeleh-Aye, Crawford-Graham-Aye, and Mayor Deinbo-Aye (Aye-5) motion passed.

Reports from the Council:

6100 block of Jefferson feeling unsafe due to the extra activity.

The council should consider bring back the 30% rental per block ordinance.

Request gentrification information for the area.

Some asphalt issues in Ward 5 need to be addressed.

Adjourn:

Councilman Hindeleh moved, Mayor Deinbo seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 pm.

Closed Session:

Mayor Deinbo opened the closed session at 9:29pm for legal. A call for roll was performed and a quorum established with Williams, Hoskins, Hindeleh, Crawford-Graham, and Mayor Deinbo present. City Manager Mai-Lombardo, City Attorney Smith and City Clerk Jones were also in attendance.

No actions taken during or after the discussion.

With no further business, Councilman Hindeleh moved, Mayor Deinbo seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 09:44pm.

Babatunde Deinbo, Mayor