STUDY SESSION – October 21, 2024

NO ACTION TAKEN DURING THE STUDY SESSION

The Cape Girardeau City Council held a study session at the Cape Girardeau City Hall on Monday, October 21, 2024, starting at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor Stacy Kinder presiding and Council Members Mark Bliss, David J. Cantrell, Ryan Essex, Dan Presson, Tameka Randle and Nate Thomas present. City Clerk Gayle Conrad administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Ward 5 Council Member Ryan Essex.

REGULAR SESSION – October 21, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Cape Girardeau City Council convened in regular session at the Cape Girardeau City Hall on Monday, October 21, 2024, starting at 5:15 p.m. with Mayor Stacy Kinder presiding and Council Members Mark Bliss, David J. Cantrell, Ryan Essex, Dan Presson, Tameka Randle and Nate Thomas present.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A Motion was made by David J. Cantrell, Seconded by Tameka Randle, to approve and adopt the agenda.

Motion passed. 7-0. Ayes: Bliss, Cantrell, Essex, Kinder, Randle, Presson. Thomas.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A public hearing to consider a proposed amendment to Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, regarding Accessory Structures and Uses. Mayor Stacy Kinder opened the public hearing.

There being no appearances, the public hearing was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the October 7, 2024, City Council Regular Session Minutes.

BILL NO. 24-98, an Ordinance annexing land located at 560 Silverado Trail into the city limits of the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Second and Third Readings.

BILL NO. 24-99, an Ordinance amending Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, by zoning newly annexed property located at 560 Silverado Trail as R-1, Single-Family Suburban Residential District. Second and Third Readings.

BILL NO. 24-100, an Ordinance extending the boundaries of Ward 4 to include property newly annexed into the city limits of the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Second and Third Readings.

BILL NO. 24-102, an Ordinance approving the record plat of Cape West Crossing East – Third Subdivision. Second and Third Readings.

Accept the Improvements and Authorize Final Payment to Lappe Cement Finishing, Inc., for the Pedestrian Walkway and Kingshighway Intersection Improvements, TAP-1501(020)

A Motion was made by Mark Bliss, Seconded by Dan Presson, to approve and adopt. Motion passed. 7-0. Ayes: Bliss, Cantrell, Essex, Kinder, Randle, Presson. Thomas.

BILL NO. 24-98 will be Ordinance NO. 5779; BILL NO. 24-99 will be Ordinance NO. 5780; BILL NO. 24-100 will be Ordinance NO. 5781; BILL NO. 24-102 will be Ordinance NO. 5782.

ITEMS REMOVE FROM CONSENT AGENDA

BILL NO. 24-101, an Ordinance granting a special use permit to KEENMAC, LLC for the purposes of constructing, maintaining, and operating a restaurant drive-through at 716 and 718 Broadway, in the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Second and Third Readings. Mayor Kinder called for public appearances regarding this Bill.

Ms. Nancy Brown, Attorney for Joe Uzoaru and Athena Properties, spoke in opposition to the special use permit.

Mr. Jay Meystedt, Shilo Properties, 915 Broadway, spoke in opposition to the special use permit.

Mr. Lee Schlitt, 710/714 Broadway spoke in opposition to the special use permit.

Mr. Joe Uzoaru, 612 Deevers Crossing and property owner adjacent to the alley spoke in opposition to the special use permit.

Ms. Liz Haynes, Executive Director of Old Town Cape, spoke in favor of Roni's Mac Bar being located in the downtown area.

Mr. Brandon Beninati of Todt Roofing and general contractor for Roni's Mac Bar appeared in favor of the special use permit.

Ms. Grace Keen, 1112 Meadow Lane and owner of Ronis' Mac Bar, spoke in support of the request and stated this was the only property in the downtown area that could accommodate this restaurant and drive-thru. She stated she is willing to work with the surrounding property owners for a solution.

Dr. Stephen Hoffman of Southeast University Historic Preservation Program spoke regarding challenges of historic downtown buildings and issues with putting them back into service as a new business.

David Atkins, 133 E. Cape Rock Drive spoke in favor of repurposing historic downtown buildings.

Kelly Downes, Executive Director of the Arts Council, expressed concern with pedestrian safety on Broadway.

A Motion was made by Dan Presson, Seconded by Mark Bliss, to approve and adopt BILL NO. 24-101.

Following discussion by Council and staff, a Motion was made by Nate Thomas, Seconded by David Cantrell, to postpone consideration of the prior motion to the November 4 City Council meeting.

Motion to postpone passed. 4-3. Ayes: Cantrell, Essex, Randle, Thomas. Nays, Bliss, Kinder, Presson.

NEW ORDINANCES

BILL NO. 24-104, an Ordinance amending Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, regarding Improvement of Parking Areas. First Reading. Mayor Kinder called for public appearances regarding this Bill. No one appeared.

A Motion was made by Dan Presson, Seconded by Tameka Randle, to approve. Motion passed. 7-0. Ayes: Bliss, Cantrell, Essex, Kinder, Randle, Presson. Thomas.

BILL NO. 24-105, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, regarding Access Management. First Reading. Mayor Kinder called for public appearances regarding this Bill. No one appeared.

A Motion was made by Mark Bliss, Seconded by Dan Presson, to approve. Motion passed. 6-0. Ayes: Bliss, Cantrell, Kinder, Randle, Presson. Thomas.

BILL NO. 24-106, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, regarding Utilities. First Reading. Mayor Kinder called for public appearances regarding this Bill. No one appeared.

A Motion was made by Dan Presson, Seconded by Nate Thomas, to approve. Motion passed. 7-0. Ayes: Bliss, Cantrell, Essex, Kinder, Randle, Presson. Thomas.

BILL NO. 24-107, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, regarding Accessory Structures and Uses. First Reading Mayor Kinder called for public appearances regarding this Bill. No one appeared.

A Motion was made by Mark Bliss, Seconded by Dan Presson, to approve. Motion passed. 7-0. Ayes: Bliss, Cantrell, Essex, Kinder, Randle, Presson. Thomas.

BILL NO. 24-108, an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Tax Bills for various properties for the demolition of dangerous buildings, located in the City and County of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. First Reading. Mayor Kinder called for public appearances regarding this Bill. No one appeared.

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A Motion was made by Dan Presson, Seconded by David J. Cantrell, to approve. Motion passed. 7-0. Ayes: Bliss, Cantrell, Essex, Kinder, Randle, Presson. Thomas.

BILL NO. 24-109, an Ordinance accepting Easements from various property owners for Whitener Street Sanitary Sewer relocation, in the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. First Reading. Mayor Kinder called for public appearances regarding this Bill. No one appeared.

A Motion was made by Dan Presson, Seconded by Nate Thomas, to approve. Motion passed. 7-0. Ayes: Bliss, Cantrell, Essex, Kinder, Randle, Presson. Thomas.

APPOINTMENTS

Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

A Motion was made by Nate Thomas, Seconded by Dan Presson, to appoint Emily McElreath to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term expiring November 1, 2026, and to appoint Scott Blank and Robbie Guard for terms expiring November 1, 2028.

Motion passed. 7-0. Ayes: Bliss, Cantrell, Essex, Kinder, Randle, Presson. Thomas.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made to adjourn by Tameka Randle, Seconded by Ryan Essex. Motion passed. 7-0. Ayes: Bliss, Cantrell, Essex, Kinder, Randle, Presson. Thomas.

The regular session ended at 6:49 pm.

Stacy Kinder, Mayor

Gavle I. Conrad, City Clerk

