

# Council Meeting

Proceeding of the East St. Louis Council Meeting was held Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Second floor of the East St. Louis Municipal Building (Council Chambers), 301 Park Drive, East St. Louis, Illinois

## Mayor Robert Eastern III, Presiding

The meeting was called to order with prayer by Rev. Butler. Roll call to establish a quorum shows the following results.

**Present:** Councilmen: Cason, Mickens, Powell III  
**Absent:** Councilman: Dancy  
**Mayor Robert Eastern III: Present**

**Establish a quorum at 6:03 p.m.**

**Presentation of the minutes from the previous regular scheduled meeting held on Thursday, June 13, 2019**

A motion was made by Mayor Robert Eastern III and seconded by Councilman Powell III to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Eastern III called for the roll call vote.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason, Mickens, Powell III  
**Nays:** Councilman:  
**Absent:** Councilman: Dancy  
**Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye**

**PASSED:**

**Presentation of the Approval of the Purposed Agenda**

A motion was made by Mayor Eastern III to approve the agenda with one addition of 8A to be added, it was second by Councilman Powell III. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Eastern III called for roll call vote.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason, Mickens, Powell III  
**Nays:** Councilman:  
**Absent:** Councilman: Dancy  
**Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye**

**PASSED:**

**Presentation of a Resolution for the Mayor and City Council to enter into an agreement with CJ Randolph CPA, LLC for Financial and Consulting Services**

**Presentation of an Ordinance for the Mayor and City Council to approve a professional service agreement with Thompson Civil, LLC to serve as Infrastructure Consultant on an interim basis**

**Presentation of a Resolution for the Mayor and City Council to approve a professional service Contract for Charlotte R. Moore**

A motion was made by Mayor Robert Eastern III and seconded by Councilman Powell III to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Eastern III called for the roll call vote.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason, Mickens, Powell III  
**Nays:** Councilman:  
**Absent:** Councilman: Dancy  
**Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye**

**PASSED:**

**Presentation of a Resolution approving the City Manager to enter into agreement with Cody Systems for Encrypted Data and Support for the Police Department**

A motion was made by Mayor Robert Eastern III and seconded by Councilman Powell III to approve. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Eastern III called for the roll call vote.

**Ayes:** Councilmen: Cason, Mickens, Powell III  
**Nays:** Councilman:  
**Absent:** Councilman: Dancy  
**Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye**

**PASSED:**

**Old Business: NONE**

**New Business: NONE**

**City Manager Comments: NONE**

**City Council Comments:**

Councilman Mickens posed a question to City Manager Brooke Smith concerning the TIF applications. City Manager addressed the questions

Mayor Eastern III mentioned Events happening in the City on August 10<sup>th</sup> & August 24<sup>th</sup> and asked that all City officials and residents try to attend. He also stated that Regulatory Affairs is been brought up to 95% compliance and he wants to thank both the Police and Regulatory Affairs Departments for their efforts in making this possible.

**Citizens Comments:**

Ms. Kathy Westley was absent

Mr. Phil Hickman from Associates Bank advised of a situation that occurred on May 8, 2019. The Mayor addressed the issue and apologized for any inconvenience this may have caused and gave Mr. Hickman the new Regulatory Affairs Director's name

Ms. Victoria Clay asked is the Code Enforcement Department available, she was advised that code enforcement officers have been hired. She asked that when the contract for Waste Management services be reconsidered that the Council think about a discount for the Seniors, asked if there is any way they could use smaller trunks when picking up the trash because the big trunks are destroying the streets out in Parkside. Mayor Eastern III advised her that all of this will be under consideration when they renew the new Contract

Ms. Pamela Falconer, lives on 24<sup>th</sup> Street, she is complaining about the trash, vacancy and the weeds. She was advised about the swatters law that the City has to abide by and once Regulatory Affairs has followed the proper procedures, the situation will be taken care of

Ms. Patricia Parker is concerned about the property 1741 Belmont, she has been cutting the grass for the last twenty years because the Owner will not cut it. She was advised the City will investigate the situation and get back with her as what will be done

Dr. Butler, who lives at 657 North 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, would like to know if residents be fined for not keeping up with grass cutting. He was referred to Regulatory Affairs Department

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mayor Eastern III and seconded by Councilman Powell III to adjourn. Upon the question of the motion Mayor Eastern III called for the roll call

**Ayes:**

**Councilmen: Cason, Mickens, Powell III**

**Nays:**

**Councilman:**

**Absent:**

**Councilman: Dancy**

**Mayor Robert Eastern III/Aye**

**PASSED TO ADJOURN @ 6:40 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Hamilton-Tidwell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

**Debra Hamilton-Tidwell, City Clerk**