



City of Berkeley, Missouri
City Council Meeting
Special Meeting
April 23, 2020
Minutes

Mayor Hoskins called the special meeting to order and request the reading of the notice at 1:00 pm.

Special Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Berkeley, Missouri shall hold a Special Virtual Meeting with a vote to go into closed session on: Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

This meeting is called for the following purposes:

- 1) Discussion - Budget
- 2) Closed Session: Litigation-RSMo. 610.021(1), Real Estate-RSMo. 610.021(2), Personnel-RSMo. 610.021(3)

In light of the current public health crisis and the Federal, State, and County Emergency Declarations, and in accord with the provision of Sec. 610.020, RSMo., the City recognizes that it would be dangerous and impractical, if not impossible, for meetings to be physically accessible to the public. The City also recognizes the need for the public's business to be attended to in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. In order to balance both the need for continuity of government and protection of the health and safety of our residents, business persons, and employees, this meeting of the City of Berkeley was not open to public attendance in person. The meeting was accessible by the public in real time ONLY by video/audio webinar. Councilwoman Mitchell's camera not facing the correct direction. Councilwoman Williams partially seen, camera not working for a portion of the meeting. Councilwoman Hoskins camera was out the majority of the meeting. Councilwoman-at-Large Greene not seen until the end of the meeting.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Mitchell (W1)	present – not seen	Councilwoman Williams (W2)	present – partially seen
Councilwoman Hoskins (W3)	present – not seen	Councilwoman Anthony (W4)	present – seen
Councilman Hindeleh (W5)	present – seen	Councilwoman-at-Large Greene	present – partially seen
Mayor Hoskins	present – seen	Quorum established.	

City Manager Irvin, Finance Director Camp and City Clerk Jones were in attendance.

Councilwoman Greene moved and Mayor Hoskins seconded the motion to cut the councils gasoline allowance by 50%.

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilwoman Mitchell seconded the motion to amend the 1st motion to 100%. Roll Call: Mayor-Aye-seen, Hoskins-Aye-seen, Mitchell-Aye-not seen, Williams-Aye-not seen, Greene-Nay-not seen, Hindeleh-Aye-seen, and Anthony-Aye-seen (Aye-7). Approve the amended motion. Roll Call: Mayor-Aye-seen, Hoskins-Aye-not seen, Mitchell-Aye-not seen, Williams-Not seen/heard, Greene-Nay-not seen, Hindeleh-Aye-seen, and Anthony-Aye-seen (Aye-6, Nay-1).

Councilwoman Mitchell moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to eliminate the annual dinner (includes food for special meetings) in the FY2021. Roll Call: Mayor-Aye-seen, Hoskins-Aye-not seen, Mitchell-Aye-not seen, Williams-Aye-not seen, Greene-Nay-not seen, Hindeleh-Aye-seen, and Anthony-Aye-seen (Aye-6, Nay-1).

Council's Budget Eliminate the following:

- 6531 – Stabilization \$75,000 (Eliminate total cost minus the \$18,000 incurred)
- 6535 – Summer City Events \$20, 000
- 6529 – Music Fest \$15,000
- 6517 – City Wide Events \$10,000
- 6410-6416 – All council travel

Councilwoman-at-Large Greene moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to freeze the council travel for 2020 and retain the budgeted amount for 2021. Roll Call: Mayor-Aye-seen, Hoskins-Aye-seen, Mitchell-Aye-not seen, Williams-Aye-not seen, Greene-Nay-not seen, Hindeleh-Aye-seen, and Anthony-Aye-seen (Aye-7).

Councilwoman-at-Large Greene moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to freeze council expenses for 2020, and keep the budgeted amount for 2021. Roll Call: Mayor-Aye-seen, Hoskins-Aye-not seen, Mitchell-Aye-not seen, Williams-Aye-not seen, Greene-Nay-not seen, Hindeleh-Aye-seen, and Anthony-Aye-seen (Aye-7).

Councilwoman Williams moved and Councilwoman Mitchell seconded the motion to reduce the Betterment Commission's budget to \$3,000. Roll Call: Mayor-Aye-seen, Hoskins-Aye-not seen, Mitchell-Aye-not seen, Williams-Aye-not seen, Greene-Nay-not seen, Hindeleh-Aye-seen, and Anthony-Aye-seen (Aye-7).

Mayor Hoskins moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to eliminate the funding for the stabilization grant, summer city events, music fest, and city-wide events. Roll Call: Mayor-Aye-seen, Hoskins-Aye-not seen, Mitchell-Aye-not seen, Williams-Aye-not seen, Greene-Nay-not seen, Hindeleh-Aye-seen, and Anthony-Aye-seen (Aye-6, Nay-1).

The council will have to review the cost of the health insurance impact on the city and the employees. The council agreed to keep the current insurance carrier at the 5.5% increase.

Councilwoman-at-Large Greene moved and Councilwoman Mitchell seconded the motion to keep the legal budgeted line that same. Roll Call: Mayor-Nay-seen, Hoskins-Nay-not seen, Mitchell-Aye-not seen, Williams-Aye-seen, Greene-Aye-not seen, Hindeleh-Nay-seen, and Anthony-Aye-seen (Aye-5, Nay-3).

Mayor Hoskins moved and Councilman Hindeleh seconded the motion to bid for the Workmen's Compensation Insurance. Roll Call: Mayor-Aye-seen, Hoskins-Aye-not seen, Mitchell-Aye-not seen, Williams-Aye-seen, Greene-Aye-not seen, Hindeleh-Aye-seen, and Anthony-Aye-seen (Aye-7).

There was discussion on the fact that half of the council members were not seen during the virtual meeting and votes. The Council feels this meeting was not valid and all votes are null and void.

The council wants the Finance Director and City Manager to cut the budget by 25%.

Mayor Hoskins moved and Councilwoman-at-Large Greene seconded the motion to hold a virtual budget meeting Wednesday, April 29th at 1pm. Roll Call: Mayor-Aye-seen, Hoskins-No Vote, Mitchell-No Vote, Williams-Aye-seen, Greene-Aye-seen, Hindeleh-Aye-seen, and Anthony-Aye-seen (Aye-5).

Meeting was adjourned at 2:41pm.

Approved: This 18th day of May 2020.

Attest:

Theodore Hoskins, Mayor

Deanna Jones, City Clerk