

# MEETING NOTICE

DATE:

September 20, 2024

TO:

Mayors, Board Chairmen Chief Administrative Officers

& Affiliate Members

FROM:

Pat Kelly, Executive Director

RE:

Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm, Thursday, September

26, 2024, at the Des Peres Lodge. Refreshments will be

served at 6:30 pm

The first League meeting of the fall will be held at the above time and location. The address is 1050 Des Peres Road, 63131.

**Program:** The speaker will be Tom Blair, MODOT District Engineer for the St. Louis Region. His topic will be the planned \$2.8 billion improvements to I-70 across the State.

Enclosed for your review are the Minutes of the April meeting.

We hope you will be able to join us for this informative presentation.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President Tim Lowery Mayor City of Florissant

Vice President David Dimmitt Mayor City of Brentwood

Finance Chair Edward Mahan Mayor City of Rock Hill

Laura Arnold Mayor City of Webster Groves

Darlene Bell Alderwoman City of Moline Acres

Chuck Caverly Councilmember City of Maryland Heights

Mike Clement Mayor City of Manchester

Mark Harder Councilman St. Louis County

Michelle Harris Mayor City of Clayton

Robert Hoffman Mayor City of Creve Coeur

Marty Little Mayor City of Overland

Marcieta Reed Alderwoman City of Vinita Park

Mike Roemerman Mayor City of Ellisville

Missy Waldman Mayor City of Olivette

Terry Wilson Councilmember City of Jennings

Pat Kelly Executive Director

#### MINUTES

# MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OF METRO ST. LOUIS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 25, 2024

## Armstrong Teasdale Law Office, Clayton

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Michelle Harris at 7:03 pm.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the March 28, 2024, meeting were approved.

#### III. REPORT OF THE FINANCE CHAIRMAN

Finance Chairman David Dimmitt gave the monthly Financial Report as follows: Expenditures during the first nine months of the fiscal year, July 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, totaled \$315,955.24 and were allocated as follows: General Expenses - A. Personnel Expenses \$199,852.25; B. Operating Expenses \$114,126.29; Special Events & Training Academy \$1,976.70. The total unexpended General Fund budgeted balance is \$132,243.76 – 29% of the budget with 25% of the fiscal year remaining. General Fund cash and investments as of March 31 totaled \$664,916.35. Expenses from the restricted settlement fund totaled \$42,812.71. The Settlement fund balance as of March 31 is \$639,335.04.

#### IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. President Harris congratulated all of the newly elected officials and invited those attending their first League meeting to introduce themselves.
- B. She announced that the Annual Newly Elected Officials Seminar is scheduled for Monday, April 29. The speakers were attorneys from the Curtis Heinz Garrett & O'Keefe law firm.
- C. President Harris indicated that the MML will be holding a regional meeting on May 14 at the Arnold Recreation Center in Jefferson County. All elected officials and staff are invited.
- D. President Bell reminded members that the Annual Installation of Officers Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, May 23 at the Renaissance Hotel in Berkeley. Registration information will go out to municipal clerks soon. The guest speaker will be Dr. Jody Sowell, President of the Missouri History Museum.

## V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Mr. Kelly announced that this is the last membership meeting for Assistant Director Steve Ables, who will be retiring at the end of June. He introduced the new Assistant Director Colin Kinkade, who was hired from the Missouri Municipal League.
- B. Mr. Kelly said that a Training Academy session was held today on police records was presented by Attorney Paul Rost with the Cunningham, Vogel and Rost law firm. Over 80 people registered.
- C. He reminded members that the Municipal Park Grant Commission will open a new grant round in early June.
- D. Mr. Kelly updated the membership on legislation of interest including video service fees, TDDs and CIDs election laws and land bank legislation.
- E. Mr. Kelly reminded members that there are no meetings in the summer. They will resume in September.

## VI. PROGRAM

President Harris introduced Dr. Adam Pearson, Director of the St. Louis City Department of Human Services, who had been invited to discuss strategies for dealing with the unhoused. Dr. Pearson stated that his office applies for grants and distributes these funds on behalf of city agencies, including those delating the unhoused. He noted that homeless advocates conduct annual point-in-time surveys of unhoused residents each January. In

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2024, 1617 were counted. There are currently 1617 beds available. In a zip code analysis of the unhoused, the largest numbers of people came from St. Charles and Jefferson Counties. He stated that the average length of time for those unhoused is 2 years.

Currently planned is a regional housing summit which will lead to the development of a regional collective initiative. The goal is to try to reduce homelessness, not just manage it. He noted that the city has sufficient stock of shelter beds if the previously unhoused could be moved to housing. He believes that regional cost sharing is needed to help fund the problem.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - There was no Unfinished Business to consider.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Report of the Nominating Committee – Alderwoman Darlene Bell, the Committee Chair, expressed her appreciation to the other Committee members for their work. They are: Councilman Chuck Caverly of Maryland Heights; Mayor Robert Hoffman of Creve Coeur and Mayor Missy Waldman of Olivette. She noted that the report had been sent to the membership.

MOTION by Alderwoman Bell to elect Mayor Tim Lowery of Florissant as President. There being no other nominations, President Harris indicated that the nominations were closed and asked that Mayor Lowery be elected by acclamation. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A VOICE VOTE.

MOTION by Alderwoman Bell to elect Mayor David Dimmitt of Brentwood as Vice President. There being no other nominations, President Harris indicated that the nominations were closed and asked that Mayor Dimmitt be elected by acclamation. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A VOICE VOTE.

MOTION by Alderwoman Bell to elect Mayor Edward Mahan of Rock Hill as Finance Chairman. There being no other nominations, President Harris indicated that the nominations were closed and asked that Mayor Mahan be elected by acclamation. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A VOICE VOTE.

MOTION by Alderwoman Bell to elect Mayor Laura Arnold of Webster Groves, Mayor Marty Little of Overland and Alderwoman Marcieta Reed of Vinita Park for three-year terms on the Board. There being no other nominations, President Harris indicated that the nominations were closed and asked that Mayors Arnold and Little and Alderwoman Reed be elected by acclamation. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A VOICE VOTE.

MOTION by Alderwoman Bell to elect Mayor Mike Roemerman of Ellisville to a two-year term on the Board. There being no other nominations, President Harris indicated that the nominations were closed and asked that Mayor Roemerman be elected by acclamation. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A VOICE VOTE.

President Harris thanked the members of the Nominating Committee and congratulated the new and reelected officers and Board members.

B. There was no other New Business to discuss.

#### IX. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS - None

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Armstrong Teasdale law firm, the co-host for the meeting. Mr. Dalton welcomed the membership and stated that he values the work of the League and complimented the legislative efforts of Executive Director Kelly.

## X. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Attendance Record – Representatives from the following members signed the register:

Bel-Nor Berkeley Black Jack Brentwood Bridgeton Calverton Park Clayton Crestwood Creve Coeur Dellwood Ellisville Florissant Jennings Manchester Maplewood Maryland Heights Moline Acres Olivette Overland Richmond Heights Rock Hill St. Louis Town & Country Vinita Park

Also in attendance were representatives from:

Ameren Missouri Chameleon Integrated Systems Curtis Heinz Garrett & O'Keefe