

**Olivette City Council  
Worksession  
March 7, 2023  
Minutes**

Mayor Weil called the meeting to order at 7:00pm on March 7, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Upon Roll Call the following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Weil, ProTem Carl, Councilmember Waldman, and Councilmember Knox. Councilmember Clark arrived shortly after roll call.

Also present were City Manager Sondag, HR Director Denise Mandle. City Attorney Paul Martin and Parks and Recreation Director Beverly Tucker-Knight arrived to the meeting after roll call.

**At 7:02pm Councilmember Waldman made a motion to adjourn to a closed session pursuant to the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri to discuss personnel matters pursuant to Section 610.021(3). Second by Protem Carl.**

Roll Call Vote	
Waldman	Yes
Carl	Yes
Clark	Yes
Knox	Yes
Weil	Yes

**Motion Passed and the Council Adjourned to Closed Session**

**At approximately 8:05 Council returned from Closed Session and resumed the Regular Worksession.**

**Discussion of Five Oaks on Warson Free Use Policy**

Park and Recreation Director Tucker-Knight provided a presentation on a free use policy for rentals at Five Oaks on Warson. Tucker-Knight suggested that free use guidelines be: limited to government agency programs/service, of benefit the whole community, be open to the public, be a city-partner non-profit, be a program/service co-sponsored by the city.

Council agreed with the free use policy outline, but suggested that subdivision associations be allowed two free uses each year.

**Discussion of Planning and Community Design Commission Vacancy**

Councilmember Waldman informed the Council that she had spoken with the one applicant for the PCDC vacancy and suggested that the full Council meet the person prior to their March 14 meeting. Council agreed to interview the candidate at 6:40pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March.

**Discussion of City Council Compensation**

Sondag stated that at request of council, she had provided them with a 2022 compensation study for councilmembers. Councilmember Knox reported that he had asked for the information, as he did not believe the Olivette Council was being adequately compensated for their time. The Council discussed the matter and there was consensus to increase the annual compensation from \$3,600 to \$4,800. However, the matter won't come to the Council until after the April election. As State law prohibits councils from increasing their own wages, this delay means that the rate increase won't take effect until after April elections of 2024.

**Discussion of Chapter 450 Marijuana Facilities**

City Attorney Martin informed the Council that a resident alerted staff to a scrivener's error on the recently approved amendment to Chapter 450. There was some discussion of whether the error

required the Council to reconsider Chapter 450 at an upcoming meeting. Attorney Martin stated that a scrivener's error does not require reconsideration of the ordinance. Martin then requested a closed session.

**At approximately 8:35pm Councilmember Waldman made a motion to adjourn to a closed session pursuant to the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri to discuss privileged attorney-client matters pursuant to Section 610.021(1). Second by ProTem Carl.**

Roll Call Vote

Waldman	Yes
Carl	Yes
Clark	Yes
Knox	Yes
Weil	Yes

**Motion Passed and the Council Adjourned to Closed Session**

**At approximately 9:40 Council returned from Closed Session and resumed the Regular Worksession.**

Upon exiting the closed session, Mayor Weil made a statement informing the public that the Council was satisfied with Chapter 450 as approved and at this time had no intention of taking back up the ordinance.

**At approximately 9:45pm Councilmember Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Chairman ProTem Carl.**

  
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Maxine Weil, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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