

**MINUTES  
LOUISVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
MONDAY AUGUST 15, 2016  
6:00 P.M.**

Louisville City Council met in a special work session with Mayor-Council Member Fallot presiding.

COUNCIL MEMBER CASAR MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ALJANCIC, and the motion carried to approve the August 15, 2016 Work Session agenda. The vote: All yea.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Patricia A. Fallot, Mayor-Council Member  
Joanie Aljancic, Council Member  
Cheryle Casar, Council Member  
Richard Flory, Council Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Rick Guiley, Council Member

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT**

E. Thomas Ault, City Manager  
Peggy Howald, City Clerk  
Robert Duffrin, Law Director  
Vince Marion, Director of Planning and Zoning  
Rod Bordner, Fire Chief  
Service Director, William Glick  
Tiffany Justice, Deputy City Clerk

Council bowed their heads for a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor-Council Member Fallot presented the City Clerk's Certificate of Open Meeting.

## DISCUSSION

City Council had a discussion regarding the implementation of a Sidewalk Program

City Manager Tom Ault created guidelines for selecting a course of action:

- Where there is no existing curb or sidewalk installation will not be required until the street is improved, including curbs
- Where there is no existing curb and sidewalk already exists: a) sidewalks must be maintained to approved standards, with the exception of width b) extension of existing will not be required c) repair or replacement can be done to the existing width with the width standard waived until curb is installed.
- Where there is existing curb and no sidewalk: a) adjacent to developed lots, sidewalk shall be installed to the standard b) where the adjacent lot is not developed sidewalk is not required until the lot has been built c) the definition of a “developed lot” shall include all lots where a home or accessory structure has been built. A “developed lot” shall also include lots adjacent to and owned by the same person(s) as a lot with a primary structure.
- Trees: A tree in the tree lawn that was deemed to cause sidewalks to become uneven, the City will remove the tree and grind the stump at City expense b) replacement/repair of sidewalk shall be the responsibility of the adjacent property owner

Additional Items:

- At all intersections of streets and pedestrian crosswalks, the sidewalks shall be extended to the curb and accessible for people with disabilities.
- At each intersection, the portion of the sidewalk within the radius of the intersection shall be the responsibility of the City to repair/replace
- When the property owner disagrees with the marking and issuing of repair, a written appeal may be submitted within 30 days of notice and the City Manager will re-examine the sidewalks and make the final determination

Jim Courtney is the Code Enforcement Officer that will be determining and marking sidewalks. City Manager Ault recommends, after observing the City’s current sidewalks with Mr. Courtney, dividing the City into 7 divisions. One year to assess each section. City Manager Ault asked Council’s guidance on how to choose which section first.

City Manager Ault asked the following questions to Council:

- Sidewalk required in all residential districts? City Manager Ault recommends yes
- Sidewalk required in commercial districts?
- Sidewalk required on both sides of the street? City Manager Ault strongly recommends
- After City contractor has installed, assess cost to property taxes for four or five years?

Council Member Flory questioned if they repair/replace sidewalks themselves do we have standards to give them? City Manager Ault replied that standards will have to be set.

Mayor-Council Member Fallot recommended putting the lien on taxes for 5 years. Mr. Ault stated that the cost to the City will initially be higher while paying the Contractor for a few years until assessed to taxes.

Council Member Casar questioned when will we begin informing residents that a sidewalk program is being developed? She recommends multiple outlets and to inform them sooner rather than later. Mayor-Council Member Fallot suggested that she could write something in her column in the Herald. City Manager Ault suggested the City website and newsletter.

City Manager Ault informed Council that the property owner's, sent to tax mailing address from the Auditor's website if a rental, will be mailed regular and certified to keep track of receipt.

Mark Ruder of 205 N. Nickelplate suggested talking to Stark Parks about possibly installing bike lanes instead of sidewalks especially on Nickelplate leading to Metzger Park.

Council Members are in agreement that the guidelines need to be established and the Sidewalk Program needs implemented by the first of the year.

Council Member Aljancic asked how street sweeping was handled. Service Director Bill Glick explained that the cost of a street sweeper is expensive and the maintenance is extremely expensive. We contract out at around 40 hours.

Council Member Aljancic asked who is responsible for putting a streetlight on Enterprise Circle? City Manager Ault answered that AEP installs streetlights and he can contact them.

Council Member Aljancic commended St. Louis on updating the parking lot and facade helping downtown to look nice.

City Manager Ault informed Council that he is looking into Constitution Town and summer themed banners to hang downtown. Brackets will need to be purchased, many are not functional.

Council Member Aljancic questioned City Manager Ault if the City Hall architect plans were brought to the meeting. City Manager Ault informed Council that he would bring those to the September 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Council Member Aljancic said she was talking to 3 Louisville business owners who were upset at the idea of City Hall moving from the downtown area.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Justice,  
Deputy City Clerk