

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION  
VIRTURAL MEETING  
CITY OF TWIN OAKS BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020**

The Work Session was called to order by Mayor Fortune at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to public notice and agenda. Roll Call was taken:

Mayor Russ Fortune – yea

Aldermen Lisa Eisenhauer – yea  
Tim Stoeckl – yea  
April Milne – yea  
Dennis Whitmore – yea

Also Present: Frank Johnson, City Clerk  
Erin Seele, Attorney from Cunningham, Vogel & Rost

**ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR BUSINESS IMPACTED BY COVID-19**

Mayor Fortune stated that at the last Board meeting Alderman Milne has requested the City look into possible ways the City can help businesses in the City impacted by the pandemic. He asked City Clerk Johnson to report his findings.

City Clerk Johnson reported he had looked into developing a Grant program that would be applied for and benefit Twin Oaks businesses. City Clerk Johnson stated that Attorney Rost cautioned the City to be careful with distribution in regards to issues of fairness. Attorney Seele also emphasized that fairness in distribution is important.

Another issue to consider is the City has a limited budget and what the City could offer may not help the businesses who are in need of more substantial help. Also the cost involved in developing the program, staff and legal cost makes doing this type of program not wise for the City at this time.

City Clerk Johnson stated that St. Louis County has a new program where small businesses can apply and receive assistance from the County. A letter has been sent to each business in Twin Oaks as well as the information is on the website. County, State and the Federal governments have more resources available to provide substantial help for small businesses.

The City is also looking into other avenues which may help the restaurants. They did have an inquiry from 1356 Public House to possibly expand their outdoor dining into the

parking lot. City Clerk Johnson stated that one of the ordinances on tonight's agenda would grant temporary accommodations in times of a public health emergency.

Alderman Whitmore asked if there is a way the City can check if businesses in Twin Oaks have applied for the County program. City Clerk Johnson said that he will follow up with the businesses to see if they have any questions or if the City can provide any help in their application.

Alderman Milne thanked City Clerk Johnson for looking into this issue and that the City is looking into other avenues which may help our businesses. Discussion ensued by the Board. The decision of the Board was to encourage businesses to go after the County money and see if there is anything the City can assist with.

### **THE VILLAGES OF TWIN OAKS INSPECTION REPORT**

City Clerk Johnson received the inspection report from The Villages of Twin Oaks. The report included the item to be addressed, if it has been addressed and an explanation of what action is being taken.

Mayor Fortune stated that he is not happy with the look of the retaining wall along 141 ramp and the lack of grass on the hill. He will be contacting Tim Breece of Proper Development to discuss this issue.

Alderman Stoeckl questioned why Proper is not looking at the property and taking care of some of these issues. This was something that was discussed in the early stages of the development and he feels that the Board was assured the property would be kept up.

Alderman Whitmore inquired where Dunkin Donuts was in their development process. City Clerk Johnson said that the developer was still in the process of applying for building permits through St. Louis County.

City Clerk Johnson did a brief discussion of the Zoning Code changes that will be discussed in the Regular Board meeting. The changes that have been made take into consideration the different lot sizes within Twin Oaks and it is no longer a one size fits all code.

Alderman Whitmore asked since we have recently encountered some things that were dropped from the code during recodification is there anything that can be done to prevent this in the future. Alderman Eisenhower stated that this will occur at times but not on a consistent basis.

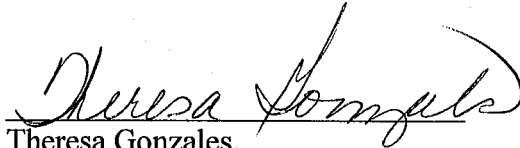
Mayor Fortune stated that William Herbold, a resident of Twin Oaks, passed away from complications from Covid-19. Since his wife Janet is a member of the Park Committee, the City will be making a donation to Circle of Concern in his name.

Discussion ensued if the Board would like to keep the last leaf pick up as scheduled on December 8<sup>th</sup> or change to a week or two later. The Board agreed they would like to keep the pick up as scheduled since residents have this on their calendar.

### ADJOURNMENT


Alderman Whitmore motioned to adjourn the Work Session Meeting at 6:51 p.m., seconded by Alderman Milne and motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board of those present.

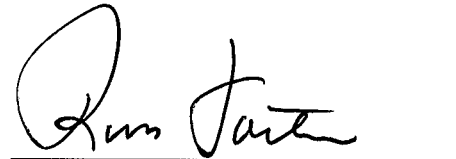
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ATTEST:

  
Frank Johnson,  
City Clerk

  
Russ Fortune,  
Mayor, Board of Aldermen