

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LADUE
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MONDAY APRIL 28TH, 2025**

The meeting of the City Council of the City of Ladue, St. Louis County, Missouri, was held on Monday April 28th, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at 9345 Clayton Road, Ladue, Missouri 63124 and via TEAMS. The following members were present:

The Hon. Nancy Spewak, Mayor, presiding.

Members of the Council present:

William Brennan
Harold Burroughs
Patrick Hensley
John Howell
Stacey Kamps

Five Council Members present.

Also, present Police Chief Ken Andreski, Fire Chief Steve Lynn, Ms. Lamitola, Senior Director of Public Services; Mr. Nicholas Wigglesworth, Director of Finance; Ms. Andrea Sukanek, City Planner; Ms. Erin Seele, City Attorney; and Ms. Stacey Mann, City Clerk.

Approval of the Agenda:

Council Member Howell motioned to approve the agenda as presented, and with a second from Council Member Hensley, the motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes: Mayor Spewak asked if there were any amendments, corrections, or clarifications to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24th, 2025 and the Closed Meeting of March 24th, 2025.

Council Member Kamps moved approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 24th, 2025, and the Closed Meeting of March 24th, 2025; upon second by Council Member Hensley, the motion passed unanimously.

Oaths of Office:

Mayor Spewak suspended the regular order of business to allow City Clerk Stacey Mann to administer the oaths of office to officials elected during the April 8, 2025, municipal election.

Ms. Mann first administered the oath of office to newly elected Council Member Timothy Kaufmann, representing Ward II. Following the swearing-in, Council Member Kaufmann took his seat at the dais.

Ms. Mann then administered the oaths of office to Mayor Spewak, Council Member Howell, and Council Member Brennan, all of whom were re-elected to serve a two-year term.

Public Forum:

None.

Presentation:

Update from the Chairman of the City of Ladue Archives Committee

Mr. Charlie Hiemenz, Chairman of the City of Ladue Archives Committee, provided an update to the Mayor and City Council. He began by welcoming newly elected Council Member Kaufmann and expressed his gratitude to the Mayor and Council for their continued support of the Archives Committee and its efforts.

Mr. Hiemenz, a lifelong fourth-generation Ladue resident, former Council Member, and City Archivist for over ten years, has also served as City Historian since 2018. During the presentation, Mr. Hiemenz displayed and highlighted a selection of items preserved within the City's archives.

He discussed the Committee's ongoing work to preserve the history of Ladue, including quarterly contributions to the City newsletter and community directory, as well as efforts to solicit and accept donations that enhance the collection.

Mayor Spewak thanked Mr. Hiemenz for his longstanding dedication and service to the City.

Public Hearings:

PH1: Approving a Special Use Permit for temporary lighting towers for illumination of the field for select evening football games during the 2025 Burroughs Fall Football Season. Events to be held on 8/29/25, 9/5/25 and 9/12/25 at 755 S. Price Road in the B-Residential Zoning District

Council Member Burroughs moved to open the public hearing, with a second by Council Member Brennan, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Andy Abbott, Ladue resident and Head of School at John Burroughs, provided an update regarding Burroughs' application to place LED light towers near the football field for proposed evening games on August 29, September 5, and September 12, 2025. These dates were selected to mitigate potential heat-related schedule disruptions. The August 29th game is tentative and would only require lighting if construction delays at University City High School would prevent the game from being held at its originally scheduled field. The proposal includes the temporary placement of ten mobile light towers, each approximately 23 feet tall, around the football field, along with two additional towers along pedestrian walkways for spectator safety. These walkway lights would face toward campus buildings to minimize any impact on neighboring properties. The towers would be powered by diesel generators, with game-related activities occurring between 5:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. The proposed light tower arrangement mirrors that used during the 2024 Burroughs night games.

Ms. Sukanek reviewed the conditions associated with the Special Use Permit (SUP) for John Burroughs School. She stated that the school remains subject to all existing SUPs and amendments applicable to the property. Lighting associated with the proposed evening games must not exceed 0.1 footcandle at the property line, in compliance with the City's lighting ordinance, as measured using an electronic device. All lighting must substantially conform to the Special Event Permit Request Form and the submitted site plan. Field illumination after dark is only permitted on designated Special Event dates, and all lights must be turned off within one hour following the conclusion of each game. Additionally, all event-related activities

must comply with applicable Building and Fire Code requirements. Deliveries related to the event are restricted to the hours between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Chief Andreski stated that no calls for service were made during the 2024 season due to lighting or noise complaints.

J. Hord Armstrong, of 748 Cella Road, expressed concern regarding the proposed stadium lighting for evening games but acknowledged the need to address high temperatures as a factor in scheduling. Mr. Armstrong noted that approximately 91% of the students attending the school reside outside of the City of Ladue or the 63124 zip code. He suggested that, given the impact on the surrounding community, private schools should consider making additional financial contributions to the City.

Council Member Hensley confirmed that the school would hire secondary officers to patrol during these events.

Council Member Kamps disclosed that she has a child who attends the school but stated that this relationship would not influence her decision or vote on the matter.

Ms. Seele announced that the notice for the hearing, the entire Code of Ordinances including Ordinance 1175, the entire file including the application, Zoning & Planning Commission recommendation, and staff report was available and made part of the official record.

Council Member Brennan moved to close the public hearing, with a second by Council Member Hensley the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Burroughs moved to approve the Special Use Permit, with a second by Council Member Hensley, the motion passed unanimously.

PH2: The City Council of the City of Ladue will hold a Public Hearing regarding a proposed amendment to Sections III, VII, and XVI of the Ladue Zoning Ordinance 1175 regarding recreational marijuana facilities.

Mayor Spewak declared the public hearing as continued to the June 2025 City Council meeting.

PH3: Approving a zoning change of the property at 9630 Clayton Road from D-Residential to G-1 Commercial zoning.

Mayor Spewak declared the public hearing as continued to the May 2025 City Council meeting.

New Business:

Bill 2383: An Ordinance Further Amending Section 90-221 of Chapter 90 Streets and Sidewalks, Article IV and Section 98-7 Chapter 98 Traffic, Article I, of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Ladue, St. Louis County, Missouri Regarding Obstructions of Streets and Rights-of-Way

Mayor Spewak read Bill No. 2383 followed by a second reading by Council Member Brennan.

Ms. Lamitola reviewed Bill 2383 and associated Resolution 2025-11, which would amend the code related to traffic calming techniques and establishing a neighborhood traffic management program. She explained that the proposed policy is in response to ongoing resident concerns and Council discussions regarding traffic calming. The program outlines criteria for evaluating requests, including traffic volumes, speed data, and collision history, and requires resident petitions and subdivision trustee support. Traffic calming measures—such as speed humps, bump-outs, and raised intersections—would be considered for qualifying residential streets. The policy has been reviewed by City staff and the City Attorney, with input from the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments.

Following discussion, the Council directed staff to revise the proposed policy language to provide additional clarity. Specific requests included incorporating the detailed results of the trustee survey into the staff report, adding more photos and location examples of curbed bump-outs, and considering language that specifies a stormwater review and approval process as part of permitting requirements. Council also requested that the phrase “as amended from time to time” be added to Section 2 of the resolution. Additionally, staff was asked to clarify the role of subdivision trustees in the approval process. In neighborhoods with trustees, a majority vote from the trustees will be required to advance a traffic calming request. In neighborhoods without trustees, support must instead be demonstrated through a petition showing at least two-thirds approval from the households within the impacted area.

Mayor Spewak declared Bill 2383 and Resolution 2025-11 continued to the May 2025 meeting.

Bill 2384: An Ordinance Amending Section 98-17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ladue, Missouri, Relating to Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility

Mayor Spewak read Bill No. 2384 followed by a second reading by Council Member Burroughs.

Council Member Burroughs moved approval of Bill No. 2384. Upon second by Council Member Hensley the roll call vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Brennan	“Aye”
Council Member Burroughs	“Aye”
Council Member Hensley	“Aye”
Council Member Howell	“Aye”
Council Member Kamps	“Aye”
Council Member Kaufmann	“Aye”

There being six aye votes and zero nay votes the motion passed unanimously.

Bill 2385: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 62, Article II, Offenses Against Persons and Property, of the Ladue Code of Ordinances to Include the Offense of Criminal Mischief

Mayor Spewak read Bill No. 2385 followed by a second reading by Council Member Burroughs.

Council Member Kaufmann moved approval of Bill No. 2385. Upon second by Council Member Hensley the roll call vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Hensley	"Aye"
Council Member Howell	"Aye"
Council Member Kamps	"Aye"
Council Member Kaufmann	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"

There being six aye votes and zero nay votes, the motion passed unanimously.

Bill 2386: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 98, Article IV. Operation of Vehicles Generally, of the Ladue Code of Ordinances to Include the Offense of Aggravated Fleeing a Stop or Detention of a Motor Vehicle

Mayor Spewak read Bill No. 2386 followed by a second reading by Council Member Hensley.

Council Member Howell moved approval of Bill No. 2386. Upon second by Council Member Kamps the roll call vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Hensley	"Aye"
Council Member Howell	"Aye"
Council Member Kamps	"Aye"
Council Member Kaufmann	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"

There being six aye votes and zero nay votes, the motion passed unanimously.

Bill 2387: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 50 of the Ladue Code of Ordinances Regarding Operating Hours for Certain Types of Businesses

Mayor Spewak read Bill No. 2387 followed by a second reading by Council Member Kamps.

Ms. Sukanek presented a proposed ordinance amendment to allow coffee shops and gym/fitness centers within 250 feet of residential property to open as early as 5:00 a.m., instead of the current 6:00 a.m. restriction. She explained that due to the proximity of Ladue's commercial areas to residential zones, this restriction applies to nearly all businesses in the City. The proposal is intended to support the operational needs of businesses such as the Starbucks at Clayton and Lindbergh, as well as gyms serving early-morning clientele. The ordinance includes definitions for coffee shops and gyms/fitness centers and maintains existing "grandfathered" hours for businesses operating prior to 2000. Ms. Sukanek clarified that the proposed changes would not affect permitted delivery times as outlined in the City's existing code.

Council Member Howell moved approval of Bill No. 2387. Upon second by Council Member Brennan the roll call vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Howell	"Aye"
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Council Member Kamps	"Aye"
Council Member Kaufmann	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Hensley	"Aye"

There being six aye votes and zero nay votes, the motion passed unanimously.

Bill 2388: An Ordinance Approving a Boundary Adjustment Plat of Lot 24 of Clermont Park in Plat Book 23 Page 25 and Lot 2A of Warson Hills Addition in Plat Book 368 Page 153

Mayor Spewak read Bill No. 2388 followed by a second reading by Council Member Kaufmann.

Council Member Howell moved approval of Bill No. 2388. Upon second by Council Member Kaufmann the roll call vote thereupon was as follows:

Council Member Kamps	"Aye"
Council Member Kaufmann	"Aye"
Council Member Brennan	"Aye"
Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Hensley	"Aye"
Council Member Howell	"Aye"

There being six aye votes and zero nay votes, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2025-08: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute on Behalf of the City of Ladue, Missouri an Amendment to the City-Contractor Agreement with Schaeffer Electric Company, Inc. for On-Call Electrical Maintenance and Repair Services

Council Member Howell moved to adopt Resolution No. 2025-08, with second by Council Member Hensley the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2025-09: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Authorize on Behalf of the City of Ladue, Missouri a Work Order with HR Green for Engineering Consultant Services under the On-Call Professional Services Contract for Deerfield-Wakefield Stormwater Infrastructure Project- Alternatives Analysis

Council Member Burroughs moved to adopt Resolution No. 2025-09, with second by Council Member Kamps the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2025-10: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Authorize on Behalf of the City of Ladue, Missouri Work Order #005 with Horner & Shifrin for Engineering Consultant Services under the On-Call Professional Services Contract for the 7 Trails End Lane Buyout Project for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program 2024 (HMGP)

Council Member Hensley moved to continue Resolution No. 2025-10, with second by Council Member Brennan the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2025-11: A Resolution of the City of Ladue Authorizing Establishment of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program

Resolution No. 2025-11 was continued earlier in the meeting.

Resolution 2025-12: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Rowles Electric for the Police Department LED Lighting Retrofit Project

Council Member Howell moved to adopt Resolution No. 2025-12, with second by Council Member Kamps the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2025-13: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute on Behalf of the City of Ladue, Missouri a Contract with Ladue School District for Two School Resource Officers to Operate at Horton Watkins High School and Ladue Middle School

Council Member Hensley moved to adopt Resolution No. 2025-13, with second by Council Member Brennan the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Bill 2335-A: An ordinance to amend Section III, VII, and XVI of Ordinance 1175 the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Ladue, St. Louis County, Missouri, regarding recreational marijuana facilities.

Mayor Spewak declared Bill 2335-A as continued to the June 2025 City Council meeting.

Bill 2377: An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map and Change the Zoning of 9630 Clayton Road from the D Residential Zoning District to the G1 Commercial Zoning District

Mayor Spewak declared Bill 2377 as continued to the May 2025 City Council meeting.

Report of Department Directors:

Senior Director of Public Services

Ms. Lamitola shared that the Finance Department is transitioning primary banking services to St. Louis Bank while maintaining a fund balance at Central Bank. Staff is also preparing for upcoming insurance renewals, coordinating the annual audit, reviewing RFP responses for a Compensation & Benefits Study, and has notified affected residents of the discontinuation of outdated direct dial alarm monitoring services.

- **Financial Matters:** The Mayor and Council reviewed the Significant Items in the Financial Report, Collector's Report, Treasurer's Report, Cash Flow Summary, Delinquent Real Estate Tax Report, and Investment Report for March 2025. The mayor ordered these reports filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed Vouchers for Payment for the month of March 2025. Council Member Hensley moved their approval, upon second by Council Member Brennan the motion passed unanimously.

- **City Clerk:** Mayor and Council reviewed the Report of the City Clerk for March 2025. The mayor ordered the report filed.
- **Public Works & Building:** Mayor and Council reviewed the report of the Director of the Public Works Department for March 2025. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Motion to Approve – Capital Purchase Request: Asphalt Roller and Trailer

Council Member Burroughs moved to approve the capital purchase of an asphalt roller and trailer, with second by Council Member Hensley the motion passed unanimously.

- **Municipal Courts:** Mayor and Council reviewed the Municipal Court report for March 2025. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Police Department:

Mayor and Council reviewed the Police Activity Report for March 2025. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Fire Department:

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Fire Department Activity Report for March 2025. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Report of the Mayor:

Appointment of Council President

Mayor Spewak submitted her recommendation to appoint Council Member Burroughs as President of the Ladue City Council for a one-year term. Council Member Brennan moved to approve the appointment, and upon a second by Council Member Kaufmann, the motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Various Board & Commission Meetings: The Mayor and Council reviewed the reports of various Board & Commission Meetings held during March 2025. The mayor ordered the reports filed for information.

Executive Session: Mayor Spewak advised there were items for discussion in executive session to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions and/or communications from the City Attorney as provided under section 610.021 (1) RSMO.

Council Member Hensley moved to enter into closed session to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions and/or communications from the City Attorney as provided under section 610.021 (1) RSMO, upon second by Council Member Kamps the roll call vote there upon was as follows:

Council Member Kaufmann
Council Member Brennan

“Aye”
“Aye”

Council Member Burroughs	"Aye"
Council Member Hensley	"Aye"
Council Member Howell	"Aye"
Council Member Kamps	"Aye"

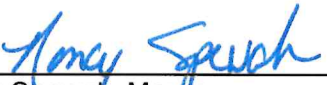
There being six aye votes, and zero nay votes, the motion passed unanimously.

The council went into closed session at 5:44 p.m. with Anne Lamitola, Stacey Mann, and Erin Seele.

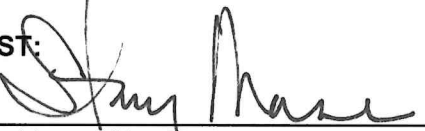
The council returned to open session at 5:56 p.m. with Anne Lamitola, Stacey Mann, and Erin Seele.

Adjournment: Council Member Kaufmann moved adjournment, with second by Council Member Howell the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF MAY 2025.



Nancy Spewak, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Stacey Mann, City Clerk