

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LADUE
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MONDAY JUNE 15TH, 2026**

The meeting of the City Council of the City of Ladue, St. Louis County, Missouri, was held on Monday June 15th, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at 9345 Clayton Road, Ladue, Missouri 63124. The following members were present:

The Hon. Nancy Spewak, Mayor, presiding.

Members of the Council present:

William Brennan
Harold Burroughs
Patrick Hensley
John Howell

Four Council Members present at the start of the meeting.

Also, present Police Chief Ken Andreski, Fire Chief Steve Lynn, Ms. Anne 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 Seymour, City Clerk.

Approval of the Agenda:

Council Member Brennan motioned to approve the agenda as amended to add Discussion on the Potential Flood Buyout of 7 Trails End under Public Works Reports., and with a second from Council Member Burroughs, the motion was unanimously approved as amended.

Approval of the Minutes:

Council Member Howell moved approval of the regular meeting minutes of May 18th, 2026, and the closed meeting minutes of May 18th, 2026, as presented; upon second by Council Member Burroughs, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

Presentations & Public Hearings:

Recognition of Shelly Benson for her thirty years of continued service to the City of Ladue

Mr. Wigglesworth recognized Ms. Shelly Benson for her 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Ladue. Since joining the City in May 1996, she has served in numerous roles across multiple departments and currently serves as the Finance and Human Resource Specialist. Her professionalism, institutional knowledge, and longstanding commitment to the organization and its residents have made her an invaluable member

of the City's team. The City expressed its appreciation for her 30 years of dedicated service and her many contributions to the community.

Recognition of SRO Rick Ramirez for his twenty years of continued service, Sgt. Jennifer Vialdores for her ten years of continued service, and PO Blake Wunderlich for his five years of continued service.

Chief Andreski commended SRO Ramirez for his distinguished law enforcement career, including prior service with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, and his dedication as a School Resource Officer at Ladue High School, where he has earned the respect of students, staff, and the community. He also recognized Sergeant Vialdores for her leadership, noting her achievement as the first female supervisor in the department and her role as a trusted mentor to fellow officers. Officer Wunderlich was recognized for his professionalism, strong understanding of the community, and commitment to serving Ladue's residents, with Chief Andreski noting he represents the future of the department.

Presentation – Insurance Committee Report

Mr. Wigglesworth requested Council approval of a one-year renewal of the City's Property and Casualty Insurance with Travelers Insurance and Workers' Compensation Insurance with Missouri Employers Mutual Insurance. He reported that the overall premium reflects a 14% increase over the previous year. Although the Finance Department budgeted for a 10% increase, he advised that the additional cost can be absorbed due to lower-than-budgeted medical insurance renewal costs.

Council Member Howell moved to approve a one-year renewal of Property and Casualty Insurance with Travelers Insurance, and one-year coverage renewal with Missouri Employers Mutual Insurance for Workers' Compensation Insurance effective July 1st, 2026, upon second by Council Member Brennan the motion passed unanimously.

PH1: 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.

Council Member Burroughs moved to continue the public hearing and associated Bill 2335-A to the July 2026 council meeting, upon second by Council Member Hensley, the motion passed unanimously.

PH2: A Public Hearing will be held on a recommendation by the Zoning & Planning Commission that the City Council approve a Special Use Permit to allow temporary light towers for illumination of the field for one evening football game during the 2026 MICDS Fall Football Season. Usage of temporary lighting is proposed on 9/10/2026. Event to take place at MICDS, located at 101 N. Warson Road in the C-Residential Zoning District.

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

Mr. Josh Smith addressed the Council requesting approval to install temporary lighting for a home football game on September 10, 2026. He noted this was the third year the school had requested temporary lighting and stated that the event has been a positive benefit to the school community.

Ms. Andrea Sukanek reviewed the proposed conditions of approval, which included limiting the approval to the September 10, 2026, football game, restricting the hours of operation for the temporary lighting, requiring compliance with all submitted plans and applicable City regulations, and providing for removal of the lighting immediately following the event.

Mr. Carl Hogan, 14 S. Tealbrook, provided Council with photographs taken from his property during the most recent evening MICDS football game, which utilized temporary lighting. Mr. Hogan stated that while he did not object to the school hosting one evening game per year, he believed the lighting extended significantly onto his property. He further expressed concerns that the noise limitations contained within the school's Special Use Permit were not being met. Mr. Hogan also raised concerns regarding security at the event and referenced several altercations that he stated occurred during the game. Mr. Bob Edwards, Trustee of Tealbrook Estates, echoed the comments made by Mr. Hogan.

Councilmember Howell inquired about the hours the temporary lighting would be in use. Mr. Smith responded that the lights would be activated at approximately 5:00 p.m. and turned off by approximately 9:30 p.m. for the September 10, 2026 football game against Lutheran South.

In response to concerns raised during the public hearing, Mr. Smith stated that MICDS would be willing to review the lighting with adjacent property owners prior to the event, evaluate the sound system, and provide additional security. He noted that conducting a formal noise study would be extensive.

Councilmember Hensley encouraged MICDS to continue working toward a resolution with neighboring residents and suggested that lighting and sound levels be evaluated during multiple games, including the use of noise meter systems where appropriate, to ensure compliance with the Special Use Permit. He requested that the findings be reported to City staff.

City Attorney Erin Seele stated for the record that the notice of public hearing, the entire Code of Ordinances including Ordinance 1175, the full file including the application, the Zoning and Planning Commission recommendation, and the staff report were available and made part of the official record.

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

Councilmember Hensley moved to approve a Special Use Permit to allow temporary light towers for one evening football game during the 2026 MICDS Fall Football Season on September 10, 2026. The motion was conditioned upon the school taking appropriate measures to ensure compliance with the Ladue Code of Ordinances and the conditions of its Special Use Permit related to lighting, security, and noise, with the school reporting its findings to City staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brennan and passed unanimously.

PH3: A Public Hearing will be held on a recommendation by the Zoning & Planning Commission that the City Council approve a Special Use Permit to allow construction of a new administration building at the current Ladue School Administration/Ladue Middle School property at 9701 Conway Road. Proposed building is 22,230 square feet in size. Property is in the B-Residential Zoning District.

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

Ms. Andrea Sukanek presented the request for a Special Use Permit to allow construction of a new 22,230-square-foot administration building on the existing Ladue School District Administration/Ladue Middle School campus at 9701 Conway Road. She reviewed the proposed site plan, building design, landscaping, parking improvements, and recommended conditions of approval, noting that the proposal had received a favorable recommendation from the Zoning and Planning Commission, as well as obtained variances by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Fred Goebel, on behalf of the Architectural Review Board, presented the Board's recommendations and expressed concerns regarding the building's architectural design and compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood. He encouraged further refinement of the exterior materials, massing, and overall aesthetics to better complement the character of the area.

Ms. Meghan Woltz, 9 Upper Barnes Road, spoke in opposition to the proposed construction of a new 22,000-square-foot administration building at the current Ladue School District Administration/Ladue Middle School campus located at 9701 Conway Road. Ms. Woltz stated that the proposed building would disrupt wildlife in the area and diminish her family's enjoyment of their property. She also expressed concerns regarding potential increases in traffic and the loss of existing green space associated with the development.

Mr. Joseph Smith, 4 Mayfair Road, spoke in opposition to the proposed construction of a new 22,000-square-foot administration building at the current Ladue School District Administration/Ladue Middle School campus located at 9701 Conway Road. Mr. Smith stated that the proposed development would negatively impact his enjoyment of his property. He expressed concerns that the potential removal of trees to

accommodate the new building would reduce the existing visual and noise buffer, resulting in a loss of privacy and tranquility

City Attorney Erin Seele stated for the record that the notice of public hearing, the entire Code of Ordinances including Ordinance 1175, the full file including the application, the Zoning and Planning Commission recommendation, and the staff report were available and made part of the official record.

During Council discussion, members expressed concerns regarding traffic on the narrow driveways leading to the rear athletic fields, the proposed location of the dumpsters, and the overall congestion on the site. Questions were also raised regarding the future use of the existing administration building. Council encouraged nearby residents to attend the Ladue School District Board of Education meeting on June 24, 2026, to share their concerns directly with the School Board.

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

Councilmember Burroughs moved to continue the public hearing and the request for a Special Use Permit to allow construction of a new administration building at the existing Ladue School District Administration/Ladue Middle School property located at 9701 Conway Road indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hensley and passed unanimously.

New Business:

Bill 2411: An Ordinance Adopting an Amended and Restated Pension Plan for the Salaried Employees of the Organized Fire Department and the Organized Police Department Of the City of Ladue, and Surviving Spouses and Dependent Children of Deceased Employees of Said Departments

Mayor Spewak read Bill No. 2411 followed by a second reading by Council Member Burroughs.

Council Member Howell moved approval of Bill No. 2411 as presented. Upon second by Council Member Brennan the roll call vote thereupon was as follows:

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

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

Bill 2412: An Ordinance Adopting an Amended and Restated Pension Plan for Employees Not Covered by the City's Pension Plan for Firemen and Policemen.

Mayor Spewak read Bill No. 2412 followed by a second reading by Council Member Howell.

Council Member Burroughs moved approval of Bill No. 2412 as presented. 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 Brennan	"Aye"

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

Bill 2413: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an amendment to the Contract for Housing of Municipal Inmates with St. Louis County, Missouri

Mayor Spewak read Bill No. 2413 followed by a second reading by Council Member Brennan.

Council Member Howell moved approval of Bill No. 2413 as presented. Upon second by Council Member Burroughs the roll call vote thereupon was as follows:

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

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

Resolution 2026-20 A Resolution Adopting the City of Ladue, Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Voluntary Buyout Policy

Following discussion, Council Member Hensley moved to approve Resolution 2026-20, the motion passed unanimously upon a second by Council Member Brennan.

Resolution 2026-21 A Resolution of the City of Ladue, Missouri Outlining the Property Restrictions Associated with the Flood Mitigation Assistance Flood Buyouts and Identifying a Project Manager

Following discussion, Council Member Howell moved to approve Resolution 2026-21, the motion passed unanimously upon a second by Council Member Burroughs.

Resolution 2026-22 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute on Behalf of the City of Ladue, Missouri an Inter-Agency Agreement with Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District for the OMCI Stormwater Reimbursement Program Agreement

Following discussion, Council Member Hensley moved to approve Resolution 2026-22, the motion passed unanimously upon a second by Council Member Brennan.

Resolution 2026-23 A Resolution Authorizing the Submission for Construction Funding to the Municipal Park Grant Program for Deer Creek Preserve Phase 2 and Approval of a Work Order with the Funding Application

Following discussion, Council Member Hensley moved to approve Resolution 2026-23, the motion passed unanimously upon a second by Council Member Burroughs.

Resolution 2026-24 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute on Behalf of the City of Ladue, Missouri a Supplemental Agreement to the Contract with Horner and Shifrin for Engineering Consultant Services for the Design of S. 40 Drive Shared Use Path Improvements Project

Following discussion, Council Member Howell moved to approve Resolution 2026-24, the motion passed unanimously upon a second by Council Member Hensley.

Old Business:

Bill 2335-A: An ordinance to amend Sections III, VII, and XVI of Ordinance 1175, the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Ladue, St. Louis County, Missouri, regarding recreational marijuana facilities.
This item was continued earlier in the meeting.

Report of Department Directors:

Senior Director of Public Services

Mayor and Council reviewed the Public Services Report drafted by the Senior Director of Public Services for May 2026. The Mayor ordered the report filed.

Financial Matters: The Mayor and Council reviewed the Significant Items in the Financial Report, Collector's Report, Treasurer's Report, Cash Flow Summary, and Investment Report for May 2026. The mayor ordered these reports filed for information.

The Mayor and Council reviewed Vouchers for Payment for the month of May 2026. Council Member Howell moved their approval, upon second by Council Member Hensley the motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk: Mayor and Council reviewed the Report of the City Clerk for May 2026. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2026-2027

Council Member Burroughs moved to approve the liquor license renewals for 2026-2027 as presented, with a second by Council Member Hensley the motion passed unanimously.

Community Directory Agreement

Council Member Hensley moved to approve an agreement with STL Programs for the publication of the 2027 Community Directory, with a second by Council Member Brennan the motion passed unanimously.

Public Works & Building: Mayor and Council reviewed the report of the Director of the Public Works Department for May 2026. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Discussion – Flood Buyout of 7 Trails End

As directed by the City Council at the previous meeting, staff contacted the homeowner to determine whether they would be willing to contribute toward the acquisition costs. Staff reported that the homeowner was willing to contribute approximately \$40,000 toward the buyout costs which represent an estimate of what the property's closing costs would be. Council discussed the updated information; however, in the absence of a motion, no action was taken.

- **Municipal Courts:** Mayor and Council reviewed the Municipal Court report for May 2026. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Police Department:

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Police Activity Report for May 2026. The Mayor ordered the report filed.

Fire Department:

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Fire Department Activity Report for May 2026. The mayor ordered the report filed.

Report of the Mayor:

Chairman Appointments for various Boards & Committees

Councilmember Burroughs moved to approve the Mayor's recommended board and commission chair appointments, including Heidi Reed as Chair of the Beautification, Open Space and Tree Advisory Committee; Philip Schwarz as Chair of the Stormwater Advisory Committee; Mark Ratterman as Chair of the Public Works Committee; Walter Klein as Chair of the Insurance Committee; Bill Francis as Chair of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners; Mark Merlotti as Chair of the Finance Committee; and Fred Goebel as Chair of the Architectural Review Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brennan and passed unanimously.

Report from City Attorney:

None.

Reports of Various Board & Commission Meetings: The Mayor and Council reviewed the reports of various Board & Commission Meetings held in May 2026. The mayor ordered the reports filed for information.

Executive Session:

Council Member Brennan moved to enter 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. and/or leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore under section 610.021 (2) RSMO., and/or documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected under section 610.021 (12). Upon second by Council Member Hensley the roll call vote thereupon was as follows:

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

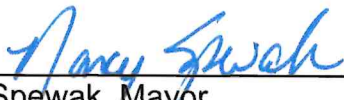
There being four aye votes, and zero nay votes, the motion passed unanimously.

The Council went into closed session at 5:38 p.m. with Anne Lamitola, Stacey Seymour, and Erin Seele.

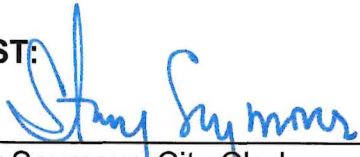
The Council returned to open session at 6:09 p.m. with Anne Lamitola, Stacey Seymour, and Erin Seele.

Adjournment: Council Member Hensley moved adjournment, with second by Council Member Howell. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY 2026.



Nancy Spewak, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Stacey Seymour, City Clerk