



Work Session Agenda
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF PARKVILLE, MISSOURI
January 17, 2017; 5:30 p.m.
City Hall Boardroom

1. GENERAL AGENDA

- A. Parkville 2017 Legislative Platform
- B. I-435/Route 45 Development Update

CITY OF PARKVILLE Policy Report

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017

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ISSUE:

Discuss the proposed 2017 Parkville Legislative Platform for the City of Parkville.

BACKGROUND:

City staff has become involved in a Northland legislative planning group. This group is made up of city officials and staff members from a number of Northland Communities including Riverside, North Kansas City, Platte City, Liberty, Gladstone, Pleasant Valley, and Kearney. This Northland legislative planning group is drafting a region wide platform that encompasses important state legislative issues affecting the entire Northland. However, due to some of the unique issues here in Parkville, interim City Administrator Kirk Davis recommended that the city staff develop a Parkville-centric 2017 Legislative Platform for the Board of Aldermen to endorse.

The 2017 Parkville Legislative Platform (Attachment 1) is based on issues of importance to the city and its residents. Many of the recommendations also coordinate with Parkville's strategic partners including the Missouri Municipal League (MML), Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), Parkville EDC, Platte County EDC, Park University, Park Hill School District, and other local Northland Communities. The 2017 Parkville Legislative Platform is intended to call to attention issues involving Parkville's interests concerning state laws and administrative regulations affecting local government. The underlying concept of 2017 Parkville Legislative Platform is that municipal government, being the closest to the people, needs both the resources and authority to carry out its vital role.

Summary of the 2017 Parkville Legislative Platform includes the following topics:

- **Prevailing Wage:** Support for legislation to clarify the existing prevailing wage law to define exemptions from the law for de minimis work on public projects and/or to allow Cities and Counties to opt out of prevailing wage requirements under a certain dollar amount.
- **Transportation Funding:** Supports increased funding for statewide multi-modal transportation priorities in Missouri.
- **Economic Development & Workforce Development:** Support for economic development tools at the local level to allow municipalities to continue to attract quality development and support for innovative tools that connect universities, school districts, and cities to enhance economic development
- **Municipal Ordinance Violation Fine Limits:** Support for changes to the \$200 fine limit for nuisance code violations because it is not a deterrent for violators.
- **Management of Public Rights-Of-Way:** Opposition to legislation that would allow for the installation of equipment in municipally-operated rights-of-way or on municipally-owned facilities that prohibits oversight by the municipality and legislation that would prohibit or restrict municipal authority to require a utility company to pay the cost of relocating its facilities located in the public rights-of-way when the request is for a public purpose.

ITEM 1A

For 01-17-17

Work Session - Board of Aldermen Meeting

- 911 Emergency Funding & Texting Ban for all Ages: Support for legislation that would equalize support of 911 services among landline and wireless users and support for the broadening of state restrictions on texting while driving to apply to drivers of all ages.
- Local Determination of Local Issues: Support for the concept that that local issues should be left to the individual city councils.

Following the discussion tonight and pending direction from the Board of Aldermen, the 2017 Parkville Legislative Platform will be slated as an agenda item at the next Board of Aldermen meeting. This legislative platform can be sent to local legislators, publicized online, and will document Parkville's position on important state issues.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Discuss and provide direction to city staff on the 2017 Parkville Legislative Platform.
2. Postpone the item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen discuss and provide direction to city staff on the 2017 Parkville Legislative Platform.

POLICY:

The City Administrator and Assistant to the City Administrator recommend that the Board formally adopt the 2017 Parkville Legislative Platform order to document Parkville's position on important state issues.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

As this is a work session, no motion is necessary.

ATTACHMENT:

1. 2017 Parkville Legislative Platform



The City of Parkville's 2017 Legislative Platform for the Missouri General Assembly

PREVAILING WAGE

Multiple bills may be introduced (i.e. **HB 78, 104, 132, 309; SB 20, 29**) which would limit and/or clarify the requirements of Cities and Counties with regards to prevailing wage projects. The current Missouri Prevailing Wage Law requires that all workers employed on public works projects be paid the proper prevailing wage rate for all projects that are considered non-maintenance. However, there is no minimum size of project that is exempt from prevailing wage laws for non-maintenance work and definition of maintenance versus non-maintenance is unclear. The current law results in unintentionally limiting the number of interested bidders on smaller projects, inflated bids for projects that are beyond real market rate, payment of premium hourly rates for projects that should be classified as routine maintenance, payment of additional man-hours to public employees to correctly complete prevailing wage contracts, and unequitable treatment for municipal employees who are not paid prevailing wage that are tasked to do the same work as a contractor working on public property. The City of Parkville supports the legislation to clarify the existing prevailing wage law to define exemptions from the law for de minimis work on public projects and/or to allow Cities and Counties to opt out of prevailing wage requirements for public projects under \$750,000.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

The City of Parkville supports increased funding for statewide multi-modal transportation priorities in Missouri, projects that improve the prospect of future economic success as well as enhance the safety of local residents, and new and innovative funding solutions that address future transportation needs in a cost effective manner. State legislators are urged to protect the integrity of current state funding and to work to identify new resources to address highway, roadway, bridge infrastructure, public transit, bicycle, and pedestrian needs. A long term solution is needed to sustain the necessary funding for local match programs and large Kansas City Northland area projects.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The City of Parkville supports economic development tools at the local level to allow municipalities to continue to attract quality development. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of sales tax initiatives, Community Improvement Districts (CID), Tax Increment Financing (TIF), Chapter 353, and Missouri Works. These tools allow communities creatively and responsibly partner with private

development to sustain and grow our communities and are imperative in the economic development attraction and retention efforts.

The City of Parkville supports innovative tools that connect universities, school districts, and cities to enhance economic development including support of programs that enable high school students to gain college credit at any of the public or not-for-profit institutions in the Kansas City area including Park University. The City of Parkville supports a fully funded foundation formula for local school districts.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE VIOLATION FINE LIMITS

In 2015 SB 5, in part, reduced the cap on the percentage of general operating revenues from traffic fines from 30 percent to 20 percent for “minor traffic violations.” In 2016, SB 572 went further by expanding the definition of “Minor Traffic Violations” to include other municipal ordinance violations such as nuisance code violations. The maximum allowable fine for such violations was further reduced to \$200. The City of Parkville opposes further limitations beyond what was already enacted with SB 5 and SB 572 last year and notes that the \$200 fine limit for nuisance code violations is not a deterrent for violators.

MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

The City of Parkville strongly opposes any legislation that would allow for the installation of equipment, hardware, or other infrastructure in municipally-operated rights-of-way or on municipally-owned facilities that prohibits oversight by the municipality and any legislation that would prohibit or restrict municipal authority to require a utility company to pay the cost of relocating its facilities located in the public rights-of-way when the request is for a public purpose.

911 EMERGENCY FUNDING & TEXTING BAN FOR ALL AGES

The City of Parkville supports legislation that would equalize support of 911 services among landline and wireless users. Missouri is the only state in the nation that has not enacted a surcharge to support wireless 911. The City of Parkville believes equalized support of 911 will benefit Platte County 911 dispatch centers which in turn would benefit the Parkville Police Department.

The City of Parkville supports the broadening of state restrictions on texting while driving to apply to drivers of all ages. Distracted driving is a serious threat to personal and public safety on our public roadways. Thirty-nine states now have bans on text messaging for all drivers. In 2009, the Missouri General Assembly enacted a law banning texting while driving for drivers 21 years old and younger. Texting while driving is a serious distraction regardless of the age of the driver. Between one-fourth and one-fifth of all traffic fatalities involved distracted drivers in the Greater Kansas City area.

LOCAL DETERMINATION OF LOCAL ISSUES

Effective local government is built on the longstanding principle of home rule that is embedded in many statutory provisions, which enables cities and counties to legislate and determine local affairs. The City of Parkville believes that local issues should be left to the individual city councils, who are also working for the best interests of their constituents.