

**SAINT CHARLES PARK & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES  
SPECIAL PARK BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING HELD  
AUGUST 12, 2009**

The meeting was Called to Order by President Porterfield at 6:02pm in the Park Office - Conference Room. Roll Call noted the following present for the meeting:

Park Board - Valerie Lanning, Don Morgan, Jan Myers, Lyn Porterfield, Tom Smith, and John Walendy present for Roll Call. Kathy Mudrovic, City Council Liaison Laurie Feldman and Alternate City Council Liaison Jerry Reese were absent. It was then reported that Matthew Seeds had resigned.

Others - Director Parks, Recreation and Asst. Director Parks & Recreation.

**Discussion of Establishing the Rate and Levying of Property Taxes for 2009:**

Staff reported that the City Council is in the process of Establishing the Rate and Levying Property Taxes for 2009. Under consideration is Council Bill Number 9985 (**attached**) which would establish this years tax rate at the same dollar amount as in 2008. The Park Tax Rate in 2008 was .225 which amounted to about 3.1 Million for parks. The new proposed rate for 2009 would be .2375 again about 3.1 Million. As an example a city resident who owns a home worth \$150,000 would see about a \$4.00 increase in their property tax for 2009 if Council Bill 9985 passes as proposed. Staff then reported that some of the City Council Members have proposed a second Council Bill 10002 (**attached**) which would lower the Property Tax Rate to the same tax level as it was in 2008. This proposed tax rate, if approved, would reduce the parks tax by \$160,000 this year and every year thereafter.

Staff then reviewed a Staff memo dated August 11, 2009 which outlined the other information in the packet. This information provides documentation about the impacts of the \$160,000 annual loss of property tax revenue.

The discussion about the impacts concerning these two bills was extensive. This resulted in Lanning moving that the Park Board support the passage of Council Bill Number 9985. As there was not a second the motion died.

Again extensive discussion continued, concerning this issue. This resulted in Smith moving that the Board support the passage of Council Bill Number 10002. Again the motion died as a result of it not receiving a second.

The discussion continued with Smith again moving for the Board support the passage of Council Bill Number 10002. Morgan seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was requested resulting in the following vote:

Aye: Morgan, Smith  
Nay: Lanning, Myers, Porterfield, Walendy

Motion failed.

Again the discussion continued resulting in Lanning moving for the Board support the passage of Council Bill Number 9985. Waldeny seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was again requested resulting in the following vote:

Aye: Lanning, Myers, Porterfield, Walendy  
Nay: Morgan, Smith

Motion passed.

Morgan moved for **Adjournment** at 6:49 pm. Seconded by Smith. Passed unanimously.

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Respectfully Submitted,

  
Lyndel H. Porterfield - President

  
Jan Myers - Secretary