



**CITY OF ST. PETERS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 28, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Alderman Bateman called the Work Session to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at the St. Peters Justice Center located at 1020 Grand Teton Drive.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Lisa Schroeder called the roll. The following Elected Officials were present: Mayor Len Pagano; Ward 1: Alderman Rocky Reitmeyer; Ward 2: Alderman Randy Green and Alderman Judy Bateman; Ward 3: Alderman Melissa Reimer Ward 4: Alderman Patrick Barclay and Alderman Nick Trupiano. A quorum was established. Alderman Joyce Townsend and Board President Dave Kuppler were absent.

The following staff were present: Bill Malach, City Administrator; Andrew Ramirez, Police Chief; Elliot Schneider, Environmental and Fleet Services Manager; Amy Heckart, Operations Support Services Manager; Dan Emrick, Parks & Recreation Services Manager, Burt Benesek, Staff Support Services Manager; Amy Haddock, Water and Environment Services Manager; Lisa Schroeder, City Clerk; Tony Friedman, City Engineer. John Young, City Attorney, was also present. Liane Sargent, Transportation Development Services Manager, was absent.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/ALDERMANIC REPRESENTATIVES

Committee reports were given during this time.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS: None

MAYOR/CITY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

Alderman Reimer moved, and Alderman Bateman seconded the motion to remove the Colby Drive Stormwater Improvement Project Change Order from the agenda. All in favor, the motion was approved.

COLBY DRIVE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CHANGE ORDER RECOMMENDATION – HADDOCK

Ms. Haddock presented a recommendation for the Colby Drive Stormwater Improvement Project change order. Ms. Haddock displayed aerial photographs showing the areas that are covered in this project. The Kuesel Excavating Company started construction in February 2025. Overall, this project stabilizes 3100 lineal feet of channel and over 94 property owners were affected. She explained the need for the change order of \$157,729.85, increasing the contract. The new contract value is \$5,396,121.31. All change orders to date increase the total contract by 3.6% over the initial value. **This is Item I-04 on tonight's Board of Aldermen agenda.**

Alderman Green asked for the project timeframe. Ms. Haddock explained this ARPA project should be constructed by the end of this year, with a target date of August-September 2026. Staff is dealing with some changes in a junction box so there may be an additional change order request in the future.

Alderman Reimer moved, and Alderman Bateman seconded the motion to remove the TDS Vehicle Replacement Purchase recommendation from the agenda. All in favor, the motion was approved.

TDS VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION – SCHNEIDER

Mr. Schneider presented replacement of trucks #343 (single axle dump truck) and #351 (tandem axle dump truck), both of which have chassis, dump body, and snow removal equipment. City staff received pricing from MoDOT contract on both vehicles. Traditionally, the city has purchased these trucks from Navistar – International. Over time, these trucks have presented challenges with replacement parts and pricing continues to rise. Staff recommend the Freightliner instead of Navistar. There is a difference of \$4,060 between Navistar (\$451,599) and Freightliner (\$455,659). Freightliner is on a MoDOT contract and has become increasingly more popular and has been deemed more reliable with heavier spec chassis and suspension, higher gear set, higher resale value, and seamless integration with Cummins+ Insight and diagnostic technology. He noted a \$250 increase due to dock fees. The budget impact detailed total purchase cost at \$455,569 for both vehicles. The FY25 budget was \$445,000. This is a total difference of \$10,659 over budget. The Environmental and Fleet Services Department was able to recognize \$21,000 in savings through other vehicle purchases. He noted there is a \$35,000 resale value of existing assets. The recommendation is to purchase two (2) trucks, bodies, and snow removal equipment from Truck Centers, Inc. in the initial amount of \$455,569. With approval, an authorizing ordinance will be placed on June 25, 2026, Board of Aldermen Meeting Agenda. **Alderman Reitmeyer moved, and Alderman Barclay seconded the**

motion to place this item on the June 25, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting agenda. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Alderman Reimer moved, and Alderman Green seconded the motion to remove the Machinex Compactor Purchase Recommendation from the agenda. All in favor, the motion was approved.

MACHINEX COMPACTOR PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION – SCHNEIDER

Mr. Schneider recapped the recent April 24th Environmental and Fleet Services budget meeting. As discussed, additional capital revision changes were introduced for the FY26 fiscal year. Given the overall fund balance, one item proposed was the addition of two waste compactors to the Machinex Material Recovery Facility, which were originally included in the design. The recommendation is to purchase two (2) three cubic-yard Machinex waste compactors in the initial amount of \$271,770, including delivery, installation, and warranty. City staff will perform provisions and electrical drop install. The automated cycle is controlled by MRF System Logic. The existing equipment remains intact/unmodified and add-on units per original design. The original budget was \$275,000 (FY26 adjustment) and the total compactor cost is \$271,770, which includes applicable import duties and tariffs (estimated at \$8,200 per Sec. 232). With approval, an authorizing ordinance will be placed on June 25, 2026, Board of Aldermen Meeting Agenda.

Alderman Green asked what the estimated cost savings would be. Mr. Schneider explained that it is difficult to determine an exact figure at this time. He noted that City staff currently provide the labor and transport the dumpsters three times per day, so the addition of compactors would result in significant time savings. He further explained that the facility receives a large volume of film plastic, which currently travels down a chute into roll-off container boxes. Rather than servicing a dumpster three times daily, a compactor may only need to be serviced once every week or two. With the compactor in place, the film plastic would be compressed and then transferred to the baler, allowing the material to be bailed and sold instead of being placed on the tipping floor and sent to the landfill.

Alderman Reimer moved, and Alderman Green seconded the motion to place this item on the June 25, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting agenda. All in favor, the motion was approved.

Alderman Reimer moved, and Alderman Green seconded the motion to remove the 2026-2027 Salt Purchase Recommendation from the agenda. All in favor, the motion was approved.

2026-2027 SALT PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION – FRIEDMAN

Mr. Friedman, gave an overview of the 2026-2027 salt purchase recommendation. The roadway salt is used for annual snow and ice control operations. St. Peters' snow and ice control operations consume an average of 1,700 tons of roadway salt annually. Staff recommend purchasing 1,200 tons for the 2026-2027 season. St. Peters is a member of the St. Louis Metro APWA Salt Cooperative administered by the City of Chesterfield. As a

member of the cooperative, the city saves approximately 10-15% on salt purchase costs. The city of Chesterfield is requiring member purchase orders by August 12, 2026. On May 4, 2026, the city of Chesterfield, on behalf of the St. Louis Metro APWA Salt Cooperative, approved the low bid from Compass Minerals for the supply and delivery of roadway salt at \$98.90/ton (9% increase from the previous season). The recommendation is to authorize a purchase order to Compass Minerals for the supply and delivery of roadway salt for the 2026-2027 season in the amount of \$118,680.

Alderman Bateman asked where the salt is sourced from. City Administrator Malach explained that the salt is typically shipped from a southern state, possibly Louisiana, and noted that the 9% increase was not surprising given rising diesel fuel costs. Alderman Bateman also asked how staff determines the annual order quantity. Mr. Friedman summarized that the city uses an average of about 1,700 tons of salt per year, though usage varies annually. He explained that the request for 1,200 tons is based on the salt dome's 6,000-ton capacity and the fact that approximately 4,800 tons are already stored. Alderman Bateman further asked whether unused salt could remain in the dome for the following year if there is little or no snowfall. Mr. Friedman confirmed that it can, and Mr. Malach added that the salt is from underground mining. Alderman Bateman clarified that her question was intended to better understand the delivery timeline to St. Peters. **Alderman Reimer moved, and Alderman Trupiano seconded the motion to place this item on the June 25, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting agenda. All in favor, the motion was approved.**

Alderman Barclay moved, and Alderman Reimer seconded the motion to remove the Real Time Information Center (RTIC) Participation Recommendation from the agenda. All in favor, the motion was approved.

REAL-TIME INFORMATION CENTER (RTIC) PARTICIPATION RECOMMENDATION - RAMIREZ

Chief Ramirez stated that the attorneys representing the participating cities within the county have finalized the intergovernmental agreement for participation with the Real-Time Information Center (RTIC). He reminded the Board that the RTIC was constructed by the city of O'Fallon, costing approximately \$1.2 million. The city of O'Fallon is not requesting funding; however, they are requesting staff assistance from participating cities. The cities of Lake St. Louis, Wentzville, St. Charles, and Cottleville are all providing staffing. The Missouri State Highway Patrol and the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department have expressed interest in also participating. In general, the RTIC accomplishes three main things: improves law enforcement's ability to respond to real-time incidents; strengthens our ability to solve cases after the fact; and assist investigators in identifying suspects, while also helping exonerate individuals when appropriate. During complex incidents, the RTIC staff can provide real-time support by querying available systems such as camera systems, license plate reader data, and other databases to provide direct support to officers in the field. Officers can also communicate across shared radio channels. He noted there will be a fee to integrate the CAD system with their system.

Although RTIC currently operates with limited staffing, it has already had numerous successes and will further assist the agency's task force and enhance their effectiveness.

After speaking with Economic Development Center (EDC) Director Scott Drachnik, Chief Ramirez learned that St. Charles County is the third-largest county in Missouri, with an estimated population exceeding 426,000 residents and growth of more than 20,000 residents between 2020 and 2025, making it the fastest-growing county in the state during that period. According to the EDC, St. Charles County also has the fourth-largest gross domestic product (GDP) in Missouri. Chief Ramirez stated that participation in the Regional Technology and Information Center (RTIC) will further enhance public safety throughout the community and region. He noted that as St. Charles County continues to experience significant residential and economic growth, maintaining a strong public safety environment is increasingly important to attracting and retaining a workforce, encouraging business investment, and preserving overall quality of life.

Participation in the RTIC allows the city to take advantage of significant investment made by the city of O'Fallon. It will improve our law enforcement response capabilities, strengthen our investigations, enhance the public's safety, and support regional crime reduction efforts. The recommendation is for the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with the city of O'Fallon for our city's police department participation in the RTIC. With approval, an authorizing ordinance will be placed on June 25, 2026, Board of Aldermen Meeting Agenda. **Alderman Bateman moved, and Alderman Reitmeyer seconded the motion to place this item on the June 25, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting agenda. All in favor, the motion was approved.**

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES – MALACH

2026 LIMESTONE AGGREGATE MATERIALS – FRIEDMAN

Mr. Friedman reviewed the 2026 limestone aggregate materials purchase order. Limestone aggregate materials are used primarily by the Streets, Parks, and Utilities Departments for slab and sidewalk replacement, curb and gutter replacement, and asphalt base repairs. The current purchase order is set to expire on June 27, 2026, and bids for the new contract were opened earlier today. With approval, a bid recommendation and an authorizing ordinance will be presented at both the June 25, 2026 Work Session and Board of Aldermen meeting. **Alderman Bateman moved, and Alderman Green seconded the motion to place this item on the June 25, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting agenda. All in favor, the motion was approved.**

BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM REVISIONS – MALACH

Mr. Malach stated that there were no meeting agenda item revisions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE, AND PERSONNEL,
PURSUANT TO SECTION 610.021(1)(2)(3)(9)(12)(13)(14)(18)(19)(20) & 610.022(1-6)**

Alderman Bateman moved and Alderman Barclay seconded the motion to enter the Executive Session re: Litigation, Real Estate, And Personnel, Pursuant To Section 610.021 (1)(2)(3)(9)(12)(13)(14)(18)(19)(20) & 610.022 (1-6) and then adjourn the Work Session Board of Aldermen meeting from the Executive Session. The Board voted by roll call to enter Executive Session as follows: Alderman Barclay, yes; Alderman Bateman, yes; Alderman Reimer, yes; Alderman Reitmeyer, yes; Alderman Green, yes; Alderman Trupiano, yes. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE WORK SESSION

The Board of Aldermen Work Session meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at approximately 5:46 p.m.

Submitted by,



Lisa Schroeder
City Clerk

