



WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING
THE WEBSTER GROVES BOARD OF EDUCATION AND CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012
WEBSTER GROVES CITY HALL
4 EAST LOCKWOOD AVENUE
WEBSTER GROVES, MISSOURI 63119

CALL TO ORDER

A joint workshop meeting of the Board of Education and the Webster Groves City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 8, 2012, by Webster Groves Mayor Gerry Welch and School Board President Amy O'Brien. The following school board members were present:

Amy O'Brien	President
Emerson Smith	Vice President
David Addison	(departed meeting at 8:45 p.m.)
Michael Kearney	
Steve Loher	

The following City Council members were present:

Mayor Gerry Welch
Kathy Hart
Anne Tolan
Debi Salberg
Toni Hunt
Greg Mueller
Ken Burns

Also present were:

Sarah Riss	Superintendent
Diane Moore	Assistant Superintendent/COO (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)
John M. Thomas	Director of Student Services (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)
Katie Brookes	Secretary
Steve Wylie	City Manager
Katie Nakazono	City Clerk
Joan Jadali	Director of Finance & Administration
Mara Perry	Director of Planning & Development

INTRODUCTIONS

Individuals attending the meeting introduced themselves.

PRESENTATION BY
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
AND DISCUSSION

David Winkler and Maria Thorpes of the St. Louis County Assessor's Office delivered an overview of commercial property valuation. Guidelines followed in determining commercial property valuation include state law, the state tax commission, Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, and the International Association of Assessing Officers. Methods used in determining commercial property valuation include the cost approach, the income approach, and sales comparisons. The assessor's office also handles reviewing and inspections, notices, appeals, and decisions on appeals.

Following the presentation, board and council members discussed depreciation, the effect of foreclosures on property values, the flow of building permits between the city and county, vacant buildings, and the valuation of private golf course property.

Mr. Winkler and Ms. Thorpes indicated they would be willing to investigate the valuation of specific properties at the request of the city if the city would provide addresses.

Board and council members thanked Mr. Winkler and Ms. Thorpes for their presentation, and they departed the meeting.

SHARING OF
INFORMATION

Ms. O'Brien shared information concerning the new high school addition, the district's 5-year funding cycle, enrollment, the district's new website and rebranding, the Annual Performance Report, efforts in connection with safe and healthy lifestyles including the school resource officers and the proactive police and fire departments, and the continuing community support of the school district.

Mayor Welch mentioned the city's tax base, followed by discussion of the city's road projects, park projects, the timely delivery of building permit data to St. Louis County, the mechanization of the building permit process, the Murdoch bridge, Provision Living and a new CVS store being built in Yorkshire Plaza. Also discussed were a productive meeting with Webster University and Eden Seminary, the Public Relations Committee working with the Business Development Commission, and the city's Community of 2013 application which includes mention of the school district.

Other items discussed include parking for high school students, the impact of tax credits on school districts, the city's new snow/ice removal process, the success of communication between the city and the school district about road conditions during bad weather, and the Alliance for Interracial Dignity meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 15, at Hudson Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to discuss, Mr. Loher moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

President

Secretary