

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION JANUARY 6, 2005  
(PARKS TAX ISSUE)**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council Work Session of January 6, 2005, was convened at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor John Landwehr.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following Council Members were present:

Present: Berry, Brown, Crane, Ferguson, Layton, martin, and Viessman

Absent: Harvey, Schnitzler, and Vogel

**DISCUSSION**

Mayor Landwehr began the meeting explaining how the meeting would be conducted. Each speaker would be limited to five minutes.

The following speakers were on the agenda and addressed the City Council in support of the half cent sales tax and with no sunset clause:

Anne Lock, former president and current board member of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Kay Toft, former president of the Parks and Recreation Commission and current president of the Jefferson City Parks and Recreation Foundation

Linda McAnany, representing People for Parks and Progress

Celeste Koon, 1017 Holly, and Evelyn Loethen, 731 Hobbs Road, addressed the City Council in support of the half cent Parks sales tax. They also opposed a sunset clause.

George Hartsfield, director of the local YMCA and head of the Committee on Accountability in Local Government, addressed the Council and distributed the attached correspondence to the Council which stated his committee would only support the half cent Parks sales under two conditions. One, that there be a five year sunset clause and two, that the City conduct a management audit. Mr. Hartsfield answered several questions from City Council members.

The following citizens then addressed the City Council in support of the half cent Parks sales tax and against the sunset clause:

Duane Schrelmann, 603 Turnberry 65109  
Pat Wojciehowski, 1210 Ellis Boulevard 65101  
Barbara Diemler, 968 Westwood Drive 65109  
Jim Casey, 1112 Moreau Drive 65101  
Dan Morrow, 1300 Grandview Drive 65109  
Scott Englund, 1320 Roseview Drive 65101  
Stephen Price, Jr., Columbia, MO 65201  
Larry Vincent, 1744 Brookside 65101  
Nathan Dulle, 1803 Lisa Drive 65201

The City Council took a ten minute break at 7:35 p.m. The City Council reconvened at 7:45 p.m. Next on the agenda was Council discussion. Council members Brown, Viessman, Martin, Crane, Layton and Ferguson all addressed the issues brought up by the previous speakers. Specific attention and discussion involved the amount of the sales tax, the sunset clause and the recommended management audit.

After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Berry moved and Councilman Viessman seconded to adjourn the work session. The workshop adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.