TOWN OF KIRKWOOD WORK SESSION

November 25, 2025

Present: Supervisor Lewis Grubham

Councilmember Marc Latini Councilmember Sandy Wasson

Also Present: Robert McKertich, Attorney

Jessica Cambisi, Deputy Town Clerk

Steve Smith, Deputy Highway Superintendent

Karen Ferguson, Historian

Absent: Councilmember Katie Legg

Kelley Diffendorf, Town Clerk

Poe Williams, Highway Superintendent

1. Discussion – A Resolution Directing an Update to the Town of Kirkwood Comprehensive Plan with Regard to Solar Development and Establishing the Town of Kirkwood Comprehensive plan Special Board, in accordance with the attached resolution. (LCG)

Supervisor Grubham reported that a committee has been formed to begin working on a new comprehensive plan in regard to solar development in Kirkwood. He foresees this project taking several months to complete.

2. Discussion – A Resolution in Support of Congressman Nick Langworthy's Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S 1945) and in Opposition to Government-Mandated Natural Gas Bans (LCG)

Mr. McKertich explained that this act prohibits states and local governments from prohibiting energy services based on the type of energy sources provided. The energy sources listed in the statute are natural gas, renewable gas, hydrogen, liquified petroleum, renewable liquified petroleum gas, other liquified petroleum products, biomass, and electricity. The Federal Government is essentially telling states and local governments that they can't prohibit those various energy sources. Congressman Langworthy is asking for the Town's support for this federal legislation, so this is not a binding resolution, it is just a show of support.

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3. Discussion – Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$16,750 and \$25,900 to Layne Christensen Company for Emergency Repairs to Municipal Water Wells, in accordance with the attached resolution. (LCG)

Supervisor Grubham noted that repairs were needed for Well #3 after the original cleaning took place. The column pipe and shaft were thinning with holes and in the bottom of the well the iron and manganese had congealed, which caused much more extensive cleaning than originally anticipated.

- 4. Discussion Resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Municipal Solutions, Inc., to provide assistance for General Financial Services, in accordance with the attached agreement. (LCG)
- 5. Discussion Purchase trucks for Highway Department. (LCG) Supervisor Grubham reported that Poe Williams would like to buy two new trucks, one this year and one next year. The first truck is an F-350 XLT and would include a plow and replace the current truck Poe Williams is driving now. Poe would like to send the current truck to the Parks department, which is three years old. The total cost of the new truck would be approximately \$71,000. The second truck that will possibly be purchased next year is an F-550 XLT, which would replace an old F-550, but the current plow system is interchangeable. The old F-550 should be able to be sold for approximately \$25,000.
- 6. Audit of Claims.