



BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 26, 2026

6:00 PM 1 GOVERNMENT CTR. BALLWIN, MO 63011

THE MINUTES ARE PREPARED IN SUMMARY TO REFLECT THE OVERALL DISCUSSIONS, NOT VERBATIM QUOTES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Finley at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present

Chairman Michael Finley
Alderman Pamela Haug
Alderman Mark Weaver
Alderman David Siegel

Absent

Non-Committee Aldermen Present

Alderman Janet Rodriguez Judd
Alderman Frank Fleming
Alderman Jim Lehmkuhl
Mayor Mark R. Stallmann

Alderman Tequila Gray

Staff Present:

City Administrator Eric Stermann
City Attorney Kyle Cronin
Public Works Director Jim Link

AGENDA ITEMS

Clarkson Road Sidewalk Project

Chairman Michael Finley discussed the potential project of a sidewalk along Clarkson Road that was initiated by Clarkson Valley.

Mayor Sue McNamara of Clarkson Valley was present at the meeting and discussed how the City of Clarkson Valley operates with a council form, two aldermen per their three wards with a City Administrator, an Assistant City Clerk and a Building Commissioner. A representative from Volkert Engineering, the engineering firm hired to work on the project, was also present to answer questions.



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Clarkson Valley Mayor McNamara noted the section from Schnucks south to the Lion's Choice in Ellisville.

She noted there are two grants the City is seeking, one from East-West Gateway Council of Governments which would cover 80 percent of the cost. Half of the rest of the cost would be covered by a MODOT grant, if approved. The rest of the 10 percent would be split between Clarkson Valley and Ballwin, if approved.

Mayor McNamara also noted all but two of the Homeowners Associations in Clarkson Valley are on board with the project, with the other two holding out until they hear of the City of Ballwin's approval. Chairman Finley asked when Clarkson Valley first reached out to MODOT. Mayor McNamara noted it was October 2024.

Alderman David Siegel asked who would be responsible for the sidewalk and retaining walls.

Mayor McNamara noted MODOT would assume responsibility for the sidewalk and the retaining walls would be the responsibility of the cities whose right of way they would be on.

Alderman Pam Haug asked why the project was just brought to the attention of the City of Ballwin just two weeks ago.

Mayor McNamara noted the City of Clarkson Valley has never done a project like this before, there was no specific information to give out earlier since the project estimate was not done and the Clarkson Valley Board of Aldermen had not voted on it yet.

Alderman Mark Weaver asked why the sidewalk could not be placed on the other side of Clarkson Road. Mayor McNamara noted the topography is worse on that side and the East side of the road has sidewalks already.

Alderman Weaver asked the reason why the sidewalk was so expensive.

Volkert Engineering noted the topography is difficult and the number of retaining walls required along with the ADA requirements make it more expensive.

Mayor McNamara noted the project estimates were on the higher side so there would be less chance for overages.

City Administrator Eric Sterman noted the budget for the project includes the assumption of the MODOT grant and the East-West Gateway Council of Governments grant. He also noted the projects are applied for years before the project is completed. This project's completion date is most likely in 2029. He also noted the inflation numbers are within allowance of the grants.

Mayor McNamara noted the East-West Gateway Council of Governments and MODOT have assured Clarkson Valley it's a favorable project.

Alderman Frank Fleming asked about the application deadlines.

Volkert Engineering noted the East-West Gateway Council of Governments deadline is February 6th. MODOT's deadline is April 6th. The East-West Gateway Council of Governments grant will most likely be awarded in the late summer. MODOT will be within a few months.



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Alderman Fleming asked what the specific asks were from the City of Clarkson Valley, whether it was a letter of support or if the City of Ballwin was being asked to be a co-applicant.

City Administrator Sterman noted the City of Clarkson Valley will be the sole applicant and Ballwin is being asked to offer a letter of support.

Alderman Fleming asked if the City of Ellisville was approached.

Mayor McNamara noted the City of Ellisville told her the East-West Gateway Council of Governments has a limited pool of funds and they also applied for a grant from them.

Alderman Fleming noted the City of Ballwin is not applying for grants this year so it will not impact us. He noted he wants to see the City support it but cap it at a particular amount.

Mayor McNamara noted the City of Clarkson Valley would ideally like a 50/50 split with the City of Ballwin.

Alderman Fleming noted the City of Ballwin has a lot of sidewalk projects left to be completed. He wondered how he would explain it to citizens that this Clarkson Road sidewalk has jumped ahead of other projects. He noted he has not heard Ballwin residents complain about not having a sidewalk on Clarkson Road. He noted he would be more confident in capping the amount rather than signing off on an undetermined amount split 50/50. He also asked about eminent domain.

Volkert Engineering noted the tightest property in question is several feet. He also noted a boundary survey would be needed to determine whether eminent domain is needed but he did not anticipate it being needed. He noted there will have to be discussions with MODOT on the lane width and traffic calming may be needed.

Alderman Fleming noted eminent domain could cause issues and he is not in favor of it.

Volkert Engineering noted there may be more complicated issues with MSD and there may be 10 to 12 months of right of way acquisition.

Alderman David Siegel asked how far off the curb the sidewalk will be and if the brush and trees will be replanted once they are removed.

Volkert Engineering noted the sidewalk is up against the backside of the curb and the brush and trees would be replanted.

City Administrator Sterman noted the budget calls for 15 trees to be removed and replanted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Scott asked what the residents of the City of Clarkson Valley are contributing since the City has private properties, private roads.

Mayor McNamara noted it's the residents money that's invested and what the City will be using to pay for their portion.

Mike Scott noted it will be City of Ballwin Residents that will be asked to put up a lot of money for this sidewalk and asked how many Marquette students will be using this sidewalk.

Mayor McNamara noted she sees lots of students forced to ride in the traffic lane during the snowstorm.



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Mike Scott noted there are a lot of projects that need to be finished in Ballwin and he would want this project to fall in line with the current projects.

Jon Harvey told the Board he believed this money should be applied to sidewalks and projects in the City of Ballwin. He noted he would like to see projects done in Ballwin neighborhoods with schools and if it's approved, he would like to see Ballwin run the project.

Alderman David Siegel made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Alderman Pam Haug seconding the motion. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

MARK R. STALLMANN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MEGAN FREEMAN, CITY CLERK