



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 23, 2026

7:00 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 Mayor Stallmann at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present

Mayor Mark R. Stallmann
Alderman Michael Finley
Alderman Janet Rodriguez Judd
Alderman Pamela Haug via videoconference
Alderman Tequila Gray
Alderman Frank Fleming
Alderman Mark Weaver

Absent

Alderman David Siegel

Alderman Jim Lehmkuhl
City Administrator Eric Sterman
City Attorney Kyle Cronin

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

The minutes from the February 9, 2026 Board of Aldermen meeting were submitted for approval. A motion to approve as submitted was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.



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LEGISLATION

Bill 5052 - AN ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF BALLWIN FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 311.2026 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF MISSOURI RELATING TO THE SALE OF LIQUOR DURING THE 2026 FIFA WORLD CUP.

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley for a first reading of Bill 5052, title only. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed. Alderman Fleming read Bill 5052, title only.

Discussion:

Alderman Frank Fleming noted his normal inclination was to allow others to do what they wanted to do, but noted this is a tourism event for a two to two and a half hour radius around Kansas City. He noted Kansas City relaxed a lot of their rules relating to storefronts and AirBnB's for the World Cup, but this was something the state did to help out. He noted he believes the City doesn't need to go out of our way to participate in this and doesn't believe it provides any benefit to our residents because we're too far removed from Kansas City to see the tourism effects.

Mayor Mark Stallmann noted current liquor laws allow for operation from 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., this bill from the legislature would allow for sales between 6 a.m. and 5 a.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley for a second reading of Bill 5052, title only. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed. Alderman Fleming read Bill 5052, title only.

A roll call vote was taken for passage and approval of Bill 5052 with the following results:

Aye: Aldermen Judd, Finley, Gray, Haug, Fleming, Lehmkuhl

Nay: Alderman Weaver

Bill No. 5052 was approved and became Ordinance No. 26-09.

CONSENT ITEMS

Administration – Merit Raises

Staff recommends that the Board approve a salary increase of 3% for all full-time staff effective April 1, 2026 as was budgeted.

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley to accept staff's recommendation. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.



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Parks & Recreation – Median Maintenance Bid Award

Staff recommends awarding Landdesign Plus the contract for Median Maintenance for 2026 for \$17,266.07.

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley to accept staff’s recommendation. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Mark Stallmann congratulated Chief John Bergfeld and the Police Department for receiving the Blue Shield Award from the state.

He also noted he, City Administrator Eric Sterman and Alderman Tequila Gray had a good meeting in Jefferson City for the MML conference with Representative Oehlerking and Senator Gregory, who were receptive to the City’s opposition to grocery sales tax elimination.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

City Administrator Sterman noted the City has engaged with a lobbyist for the City’s interest in opposing grocery sales tax elimination. Ladue, Town & Country and Creve Coeur have joined with the City to lobby. He noted there will be a Public Works Committee meeting at 6 p.m. on March 9th to discuss the MSD tax funding grants.

Alderman Tequila Gray asked for a dollar amount for the lobbyist.

City Administrator Sterman noted it’s an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Alderman Gray asked about the Clarkson Valley sidewalk submission.

City Administrator Sterman noted Clarkson Valley has submitted their application to East-West Gateway Council of Governments, the next step is to apply to MODOT in April.

Alderman Gray asked if there was a \$100,000 cap placed on the City’s contribution. City Administrator Sterman noted there is.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Administration – Parks Staff Adjustments

Staff recommends the Board make a motion to eliminate one full time custodial position, add a full time marketing and communications position, and award the custodial bid for the Government Center to US Supreme Cleaning.



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Discussion:

City Administrator Eric Sterman noted this was a shuffle of positions, not an addition of full time staff. He noted this would add a marketing & communications position in the Parks Department, which is where the Communications & Marketing Specialist position originated when it was created around 10 years ago before it was moved to Administration. He noted because of the demand on the Communications & Marketing Specialist and the increase in the City's presence on Social Media, it's necessary to add another position. He noted the full time position would be moved from a janitorial position to marketing. It would most likely be an addition of around \$12,000 yearly going forward.

Alderman Michael Finley asked what the process was for making sure the custodian company hired would be fully vetted.

City Administrator Sterman noted it is up to the City, but background checks would be completed since this person would have access to the building & computers.

Alderman Gray asked if there would be additional duties moved from the Communications & Marketing Specialist to the Parks Marketing Coordinator.

City Administrator Sterman noted there could potentially be, depending on the workload.

Mayor Stallmann urged the Board to move forward with this, noting there is a renewed emphasis on marketing the City and to take our branding and messaging in the direction the Board wants.

Alderman Janet Judd noted she wants to make sure the new hire works well with the Marketing & Communications Specialist.

A motion was made by Alderman Janet Judd and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley to accept staff's recommendation. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.

Parks & Recreation – Day Camp Transportation Bid Award

Staff recommends awarding First Student Inc. the 2026 contract in the amount of \$16,731.

Discussion:

Parks & Recreation Director Chris Conway noted the City was shopping around for transportation for day campers on Wednesdays for summer camp. \$17,000 was budgeted and three bids were received. City staff is recommending the second lowest bidder because of previous work with them and knowing they're on time. The City has worked with the lowest bidder before and has not had good experiences with them being on time.

Alderman Michael Finley thanked staff for their work on the bid and noted the difference between the two bidders is minimal when kids safety is considered.

Alderman Janet Judd asked if the company has worked for other municipalities before. Parks Director Conway noted the company has.

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley to accept staff's recommendation. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.



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ALDERMANIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous affirmative voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

MARK R. STALLMANN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MEGAN FREEMAN, CITY CLERK