

1. GENERAL AGENDA

Mayor Dean Katerndahl opened the work session at 5:32 p.m. on June 3, 2025, at City Hall, 8880 Clark Avenue, Parkville, Missouri. In attendance were aldermen Tina Welch, Philip Wassmer, Brian T. Whitley, Bob Bennett, Douglas Wylie, Stephen Melton, Michael Lee, and Abby Lackamp.

The following staff was also present:

Alexa Barton, City Administrator
Bryan Kidney, Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director
Jeffery Rhodes, Assistant City Administrator
Kevin Chrisman, Police Chief
Dan Harper, Public Works Director
Stephen Lachky, Community Development Director
Brittanie Propes, Parks & Recreation Director
John Mautino, City Attorney

A. English Landing Park Vehicle/Parking Access

City Administrator Alexa Barton said that staff was concerned about traffic inside English Landing Park and visitor safety. The park was closed to vehicular traffic at McAfee Street and White Alloe Creek. Staff recommended keeping the park closed to vehicles.

Police Chief Kevin Chrisman provided a history of parking inside the park, noticing that vehicle traffic was previously allowed because of access to the boat ramp, which was decommissioned several years prior. He said there were issues with vehicles parking in non-parking spaces and in the grass, which staff monitored prior to the hiring of Parks and Recreation Director Brittanie Propes. Since that time new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking spaces were added to the park's parking lot.

Discussion focused on prohibiting all vehicle access, installing a gate with limited access via a key card, blocking off Busch Drive and only allowing vehicles on McAfee Street, adding ADA parking on McAfee Street, and adding pedestrian crosswalks.

Barton shared a story of a child being hit by a driver when parking was allowed within the park.

Comments were received by Sheryl Biermann, Heather Versfeld, Tom Hutsler, Gordon Cook, John Carter, and Brent Uhrmacher.

The consensus of the Board was for staff to present the options that were discussed and have the Community Land and Recreation Board reconsider closing the parks to vehicular traffic.

2. ADJOURN

The work session ended at 6:32 p.m.

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The work session minutes for June 3, 2025, having been read and considered by the Board of Aldermen, and having been found to be correct as written, were approved on this the seventeenth day of June 2025.

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