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Work Session
Jefferson County Administration Center, Hillsboro, MO
Assembly Room
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The Jefferson County, Missouri Council conducted a Work Session on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Jefferson County Administration Center, located at 729 Maple Street, Hillsboro, Missouri.

I. CALL TO ORDER

County Council Chair Bob Tullock called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Tullock commented he would like to make the most of the County Council legislative sessions to serve the people who elected them. He briefly discussed the last regular Council Meeting, saying it was not a successful meeting in any measure and that he was partly to blame. Mr. Tullock stated he can do better as the Council's Chairman, and we can do better as a Council. He said the top priority for the 2025 session is to establish a Master Plan and a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited

III. ROLL CALL

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Present
District 2 - Council Member Crow:	Present
District 3 – Council Member Mrs. Arons:	Present
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Present
District 5 - Council Member Seek:	Present
District 6 - Council Member Brown:	Present
District 7 - Council Member Tullock	Present

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council Member Charles Groeteke made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Lori Arons.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Crow:	Yes
District 3 – Council Member Mrs. Arons:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Seek:	Yes
District 6 - Council Member Brown:	Yes
District 7 - Council Member Tullock:	Yes

Motion carried.

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V. COUNTY BUSINESS

A. Jefferson Franklin Community Action Corporation

Ms. Donna Masters of Jefferson Franklin Community Action Corporation (JFCAC) introduced herself as the Communications Coordinator. Mrs. Masters gave a presentation of what JFCAC does and spoke about the following Programs and Community Service Programs they offer:

Programs

- Behavioral Health Services
- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Housing Program
- Utility Assistance
- Weatherization Program
- Woman, Infant, and Children (WIC)

Community Service Programs

- Digital Inclusion
- Emergency Crisis Intervention
- Empowerment Coaching
- EZMO Transportation
- Greenheart Garden Program
- MO SHIP Program
- MO Property Tax Relief (MOPTC)
- Poverty Simulations
- Skill Up

Ms. Taylor Miller from JFCAC spoke regarding the EZMO Transportation Program and explained why it is such an important program. She went over who qualifies as a rider, how to volunteer to become a driver, and how EZMO staff schedules a transportation request. Ms. Miller also mentioned the long-term goals of EZMO Transportation.

B. Public Nuisance Ordinance – Tall Grass

Councilman Groeteke went over a draft ordinance to amend ordinance 21-0359 to amend Title II, Chapter 200 of the Code of Ordinance of Jefferson County, Missouri, specifically, Section 200.030 A.15. Abatement of Public Nuisances. The members of the Council discussed the amendment and brought up their thoughts, both for and against the amendment. The County Executive was asked to provide the Council with more information as to the expenditures for the different types of abatements required by code.

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C. Apprenticeship Standards Ordinance

Councilman Tullock stated this topic is something both he and Councilman Seek have been working on, as well as Staff and County Executive Dennis Gannon, to establish an Apprenticeship Standards Ordinance. County Executive Gannon mentioned he met with the Director of Administration, who thought he would have something by April. Executive Gannon said whatever happens with the amendment the Purchasing Manager, (since she is the person who would administer it), and the Auditor, (who needs to make sure there are funds), should both be engaged in the conversation, as well as the Director of Administration. The Counselors responsibility is to make sure the drafted legislation does not violate any laws. Mr. Gannon mentioned he will always encourage the Council, whenever they have an idea of something they want to do, is talk to the people who have to technically do what you are wanting to change.

D. Bicycle No Stop

Councilman Scott Seek explained his reason for putting this topic on the Work Session Agenda. He stated he would like to try and pass a rule in Jefferson County, Missouri similar to Idaho's "Idaho Stop Law". This law allows a bicyclist to treat a stop sign as a yield sign. Therefore, rather than being required to come to a stop, the bicyclist is required to slow down, stop if required for safety, and yield the right of way to any approaching vehicle or pedestrian before proceeding through an intersection controlled by a stop sign. A discussion ensued between the Council. Mr. Seek stated he will get with the Counselor the language on the "Idaho Stop Law".

E. Jefferson County Rules and Future Committees

Councilman Tullock spoke about having a Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee and asked for any Council Member interested on this Ad Hoc Committee to let Mrs. Cherlynn Boyer know. Mr. Tullock also asked if there were any other Ad Hoc Committees the Council is interested in.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Haskins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Groeteke.

Vote:

District 1 - Council Member Haskins:	Yes
District 2 - Council Member Crow:	Yes
District 3 – Council Member Mrs. Arons:	Yes
District 4 - Council Member Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Council Member Seek:	Yes

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District 6 - Council Member Brown: Yes

District 7 - Council Member Tullock: Yes

Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.