

01/12/023 MBA Member Meeting Minutes

Welcome:

- Michael Higgins, President.

Board Reports:

- Treasurer: Justin Creasy
- New Treasurer: Adam Cook
- New board officers introduced.

Speakers: Mayoral Candidates

Incumbent Mayor Langfelder remarks:

- Background. Community. Family.
- Pandemic.
- Sports complex.
- Lengthy wait time to redevelop Macarthur Blvd.
- Former Governor Rauner having no budget for two years really put us behind.
- List of things city has done and is doing, mostly business and real estate related.
- Senator Durbin is mentioned.
- The effectiveness of the "Shots Fired" technology is cited.

Springfield City Treasurer Misty Buscher remarks:

- Member since 2014.
- Picked up trash as part of Mac cleanup.
- Family. Background.
- Professional experience. Looked over the books.
- Software upgrades. ATM in City Hall.
- Emphasis on Diversity.
- The reason she is running: "Be the change I want to see."
- Homelessness. Impression our community leaves on visitors is poor. Poverty level is 18%.
- Jobs. Workforce development.
- Entryways into the city are unsightly.

Question for both candidates: Homelessness, race relations?

- Mayor Langfelder reply:
 - We have body cams.
 - We could see police.
 - The civil unrest we did not experience during the pandemic reflects well on the community.
 - Trust.
- Treasurer Busher reply:
 - Ambulance service complains.
 - Toured innovation center in Paducah, KY.

Local Government Update:

Alderwoman DiCenso:

- Inauguration week, many receptions.
- Ward meeting next Thursday, 01/19, 5 PM.

Alderman McMenamin:

- Brief update plus presentation of service award.

Jerome Mayor Michael Lopez:

- Potholes remain an issue.
- Jerome is hiring another officer.
- Mayor Lopez reads MBA Penny Lane Letter into the record.

Other Business

- Bike path question, history of previous proposal.
- Extensive discussion ensues.

Announcements:

- Thanks to Doug Dougherty for the coffee and donuts.