

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON ST.**

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on November 15, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Lambertz, Hasch, Parker, Sacco, and Pounds.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: Interim City Manager Smith, Finance Director Farha, and City Attorney Ferrell.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Lambertz called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Toby Nosker, Jim Lowell, Ashley Hutchinson, Jessica Brucken, Ken Johnson, Holly Thoman, Jim Menard, Mark Matthew. Staff present: Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Chris Atkins, Recreation Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Ric Fredrickson, Police Lieutenant.

The invocation was followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Interim City Manager added an executive session for confidential business data.

PRESENTATIONS:

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The following employees were presented with service awards for years with the City: Sandy Sterling for 30 years; Gary Strait for 25 years; James Buller and Jim Menard for 20 years; and Heidi Boyer, Aaron Hake, and Doug Thoman for 10 years. Jeremy Arnold, with 20 years' service, was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Sacco moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2017, meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve appropriation ordinance #21. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jessica Brucken presented information on the Broadway Plaza, including the number of events with attendees and money brought in by events and advertising. She also compared downtown restaurant sales tax dollars with restaurant sales tax on Highway 81.

A friend of Marilyn Pierce's was on hand to ask what had been decided on the grass she planted at her house on 18th Street, from damage to her yard due to the street and water line work. Mayor Lambertz said the contractor had completed the work as stated in the contract.

PUBLIC HEARING:

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN

HELD

Mayor Lambertz opened the public hearing.

Ashley Hutchinson said this was the third time in six years this has been brought forward for approval. She listed the changes from the last plan two years ago, which now allows for a smaller increase in valuation to be considered for the tax rebate.

Mayor Lambertz closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCES:

2017-3128 NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, ADOPTING THE "NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS, 2018" AND AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THAT PLAN.

Thereupon, Commissioner Sacco moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pounds. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Yea: Commissioners Lambertz, Hasch, Parker, Sacco, and Pounds.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2017-3128, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

Commissioner Hasch moved to authorize the mayor to sign the interlocal agreement for the neighborhood revitalization plan. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

2017-2061 AVIATION POLICY STATEMENT

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution introducing policy statement 2017-2 and repealing resolution 2007-1781.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Sacco, seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yea: Commissioners Lambertz, Hasch, Parker, Sacco, and Pounds.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2017-2061 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Smith said the City successfully switched local phone service from AT&T to Cunningham's last week. This move should save money each month.

She said Jeremy Arnold had asked Campbell & Johnson to provide an estimate of doing the next two blocks of 6th Street, and if those figures come in favorably, it might be brought to the commission at the next meeting for approval, in order to let bids the first of the year.

Interim City Manager Smith provided the results of the recent survey which went out in last month's water bills, asking for public response to staff's suggestions for pool improvements. Over 680 responses were received, with 55% in favor of the \$2 per water bill increase. Over 60% were not in favor of offering free access to the pool. Interim City Manager Smith said staff agreed that a \$1 per patron charge would be best, without having to issue pool passes. Commissioners Sacco, Parker and Pounds said they wished to not pursue the improvements at this point. Mayor Lambertz said we had asked for public feedback, and received favorable interest, and he asked to bring this back for discussion the second meeting in February. It was discussed that even if it was decided to move forward with the improvements, it would not happen in time for next summer.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Pounds discussed vehicles parked in the yard on Washington St. Bruno Rehbein said we are in the process of dealing with that property.

Commissioner Parker said he would be interested in ideas to get more businesses along Hwy. 81 involved in the plaza, to see increased business. He also thanked Ron Copple and staff in cleaning up the south development.

Commissioner Sacco thanked Interim City Manager Smith for staying on top of the issues with the water line on 6th St.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ken Johnson gave an update on the 6th St. project, including the storm sewer that was mistakenly bored into.

Ron Cople said the contractor on 6th St. hit traffic light wires, and the light is now being repaired.

Chris Atkins gave an update on the progress of clean up at the sports complex. The main building is being repainted, as well as replacing the stairs. Increased seating is being added at Rasure and Reinwald fields. He discussed the possibility of starting up a sand volleyball league next year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS DATA

HELD

Commissioner Pounds moved that the city commission recess into executive session for discussion of sale of real estate, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(4) with Interim City Manager Smith, Justin Ferrell, and Ashley Hutchinson in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:49 p.m. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Lambertz, Hasch, Parker, Sacco, and Pounds.

Nay: None.

Time: 6:33 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:49 p.m.

Mayor Lambertz announced there was no binding action taken.

NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

HELD

Commissioner Parker moved that the city commission recess into executive session to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1), with Stacey Smith and Amber Farha in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 7:01 p.m. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Lambertz, Hasch, Parker, Sacco, and Pounds.

Nay: None.

Time: 6:50 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:01 p.m.


Mayor Lambertz announced there was no binding action taken

ADJOURN

Mayor Lambertz announced there would be a study session following the adjournment of the meeting.

There being no further business, at 7:06 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

(Seal)



Stacey Smith
City Clerk