

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

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on July 15, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Matthew, Hasch, Snavelly, Lambertz, and Wentz.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager Amy Lange, City Clerk Stacey Smith, Finance Director Farha, and City Attorney Justin Ferrell.

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

Visitors: Toby Nosker, Jim Lowell, Jake Lauer, Kim Reynolds, Dwight Whitead. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Ric Fredrickson, Police Chief; Eric Voss, Fire Chief.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ITEMS SCHEDULED AT A CERTAIN TIME**

***Public Hearing for Neighborhood Revitalization Plan***

Mayor Matthew opened the public hearing.

The plan provides for a property tax break for those who apply. Kim Reynolds said 98 projects have been applied for over the years, with only one being rejected. In the past, the tax break was for three years, but is being increased to five years. The rebate is 95% the first year, 70% the second, 60% the third, 50% the fourth, and 25% on the fifth year. The program is for residential, farm, commercial, and agricultural. Ms. Reynolds explained that one portion of the county must be excluded. Up until now, the TIF district was the exclusion, but with its conclusion this year, the Jamestown Wildlife area is now named.

The program has increased property values in the county by \$12 million. She vowed to market the program better than has been done in the past.

Mayor Matthew closed the public hearing.

**ACTION AGENDA** *(Action Expected)*

***Ord. 2020-3161 Neighborhood Revitalization Plan***

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, ADOPTING THE "NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS, 2021" AND AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THAT PLAN.

Thereupon, Commissioner Wentz moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hasch. 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 Matthew, Hasch, Snavelly, Lambertz, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2020-3161, 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.

***Minutes of July 1, 2020 Meeting***

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the minutes from July 1, 2020. Commissioner Snavelly seconded. Motion carried.

***Appropriation Ordinance #13***

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #13. Commissioner Snavelly seconded. Motion carried.

**Onyx Mastic Surface Seal Approval**

Ron Copple said Hall Brothers from Marysville had introduced this surface seal which helps with the oxidizing of the pavement, and he wanted to try it out on Republican Street from 11th to 18th to see how well it works. The City could do more streets in the future if we are happy with it. The company said it has proven to still seal after five years.

Commissioner Snavelly moved to authorize the city manager to sign the proposal from Hall Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$14,452.42. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Manager's Report**

Amy Lange said she met today with the County about the CARES funds, of which the county will receive \$1.748 million from the State. The County is dispersing these funds, and the City will receive \$293,000 for allowable expenses.

**Staff Reports**

Ric Fredrickson gave an update on the recent animal shelter upgrades, which includes flooring, painting, and new bathroom fixtures.

**Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports**

Commissioner Wentz thanked those who donate funds to the shelter.

Commissioner Lambertz said he had been approached by those wondering if the city commission would mandate mask wearing. He said he didn't feel it was government's job to legislate morality, but urged people to do the right thing.

Mayor Matthew got an update on the building to be removed at 6th & Valley, which has been covered with graffiti recently. He also discussed some downtown storefronts which need beautification. He echoed Commissioner Lambertz's comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Confidential Business Data (1)**

Commissioner Lambertz moved that the city commission recess into executive session to discuss confidential business data or trade secrets of a business, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(4) with Amy Lange and Justin Ferrell in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:35 p.m. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Matthew, Hasch, Snavelly, Lambertz, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Time: 6:12 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Matthew announced there was no binding action taken.

**Confidential Business Data (2)**

Commissioner Lambertz moved that the city commission recess into executive session to discuss confidential business data or trade secrets of a business, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(4) with Amy Lange and Justin Ferrell in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:50 p.m. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Matthew, Hasch, Snavelly, Lambertz, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Time: 6:36 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Matthew announced there was no binding action taken.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, at 6:51 p.m. it was moved and seconded to recess to the budget meeting of July 20 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall.



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/s/ Stacey Smith  
City Clerk