



MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the City Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room. Mayor Usha Reddi and Commissioners Wynn Butler, Linda Morse, Mark J. Hatesohl, and Aaron Estabrook were present. Also present were City Manager Ron Fehr, Deputy City Manager Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager Dennis Marstall, Assistant to the City Manager Jared Wasinger, City Clerk Brenda K. Wolf, 1 City staff, and approximately 16 interested citizens.

Participating remotely was City Attorney Katharine Jackson.

Also participating remotely were Laura Renfro, Chapter Regent, Polly Ogden Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and Nancy B. Williams, Vice Director, Northwest District, Kansas Society of the American Revolution.

NOTE: The City Commission Meeting was open to the public. The public was able to make in-person comments but due to precautions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, seating for the public was limited. In lieu of coming to City Hall, written public comments for any item on the agenda were able to be submitted through the City's website at <https://cityofmhk.com/> and were distributed to all members of the City Commission before the meeting, or by emailing or calling the Commissioners directly.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Reddi led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Reddi proclaimed September 2020, ***Recovery Month***. Robbin Cole, Executive Director, Pawnee Mental Health Services, was present to receive the proclamation.

Mayor Reddi proclaimed September 17-23, 2020, ***Constitution Week***. Laura Renfro, Chapter Regent, Polly Ogden Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and Nancy B. Williams, Vice Director, Northwest District, Kansas Society of the American Revolution, were present via Zoom to receive the proclamation.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Estabrook recognized September 11th and Patriots Day. He stated that he appreciated Fort Riley and its service.

Commissioner Morse announced that the new Fit Closet drop off point is now at USD 383 Maintenance Facility at 2031 Casement Road. She stated there was a new organization called “Be Able”, located at 205 S. 4th Street and staffed by Scott Voos, where people who don’t have anywhere to go can go during the day. She mentioned that Michael Wilson, Mobility Manager, Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency (FHATA) was trying to recruit new FHATA bus drivers. She also mentioned that she attended a conversation on race and justice on Monday, September 14, 2020, and that it was a worthwhile event.

Mayor Reddi mentioned that the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce received \$2.5 million in Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Care Funds and that businesses can complete an application for a \$15,000.00 grant. She also mentioned that the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation had \$25,000.00 in similar funds for non-profit agencies if eligible. She urged the public to take the 2020 Census survey before September 30, 2020. She also urged the public to register to vote before October 13, 2020, for the upcoming General Election on November 3, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

(* denotes those items discussed)

MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

CLAIMS REGISTER NO. 2952

The Commission approved Claims Register No. 2952 authorizing and approving the payment of claims from August 26, 2020 - September 8, 2020, in the amount of \$8,356,290.04.

ORDINANCE NO. 7501 – ADOPT – 2020 STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7501 incorporating by reference the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, Edition of 2020, with amendments as set forth in the Ordinance.

* RESOLUTION NO. 091520-A – TEMPORARY ALCOHOL PERMIT – DOWNTOWN PLATFORM DINING

Ron Fehr, City Manager, answered questions from the Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

* **RESOLUTION NO. 091520-A – TEMPORARY ALCOHOL PERMIT – DOWNTOWN PLATFORM DINING (CONTINUED)**

The Commission approved Resolution No. 091520-A authorizing City Administration to administer a temporary permit program to allow the sale, service and consumption of alcohol within platform dining areas downtown.

* **AWARD CONTRACT – 2020 CONCRETE MAINTENANCE, PHASE II (ST2007)**

Rob Ott, Director of Public Works, answered questions from the Commission.

The Commission awarded and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a construction contract, in the amount of \$738,230.95, to T & M Concrete Construction Company, of Junction City, Kansas, for the 2020 Concrete Street Maintenance, Phase II (ST2007) project.

FUNDING REQUEST – AGGIEVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Commission approved the Aggieville Business Association funding request of \$19,100.00 to operate for the remainder of 2020, paid from the Economic Development Fund.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Commission approved the following appointments by Mayor Reddi to various boards and committees of the City.

Airport Advisory Board

Appointment of Brian Hardeman, 1822 Laramie Street, to fill the unexpired Active Pilot term of Robert Boyd Jr., which begins immediately and will expire June 26, 2021.

City/University Special Projects Fund Committee

Appointment of Durga Jambunathan, 1620 McCain Lane, to a one-year Student term, which begins immediately, and will expire on June 30, 2021.

Partner City Advisory Committee

Re-appointment of Ed Klimek, 2928 Gary Avenue, to a three-year term, which begins immediately, and will expire on August 31, 2023.

Social Services Advisory Board

Re-appointment of Melissa Richards, 8601 Eagles Landing Drive, to a three-year term, which begins immediately, and will expire on June 30, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA (*CONTINUED*)

BOARD APPOINTMENTS (*CONTINUED*)

Special Alcohol Funds Advisory Committee

Re-appointment of Judy Burgess, 801 Pebblebrook Circle #7, to a three-year term, which begins immediately, and will expire on June 30, 2023.

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments. There was one (1) written public comment submitted for Consent Item A-MINUTES.

After discussion, Commissioner Morse moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Hatesohl seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

GENERAL AGENDA

FIRST CONSIDERATION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - BEV-HUB, LLC

Daryn Soldan, Director of Economic Development, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, highlighted Bev-Hub, LLC, and its Economic Development package.

Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager, highlighted the Economic Development and Real Estate Option Agreements with Bev-Hub, LLC. He then answered questions from the Commission.

Daryn Soldan, Director of Economic Development, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, introduced Jennifer Sourk, General Counsel, Bev-Hub, LLC, and Lee Eaton, Vice President, Bev-Hub, LLC.

Jennifer Sourk, General Counsel, Bev-Hub, LLC, provided history of the company and the financial benefits the company would have on the community. She answered questions from the Commission.

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments. There were no written public comments submitted for this item.

GENERAL AGENDA (CONTINUED)

FIRST CONSIDERATION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION - BEV-HUB, LLC (CONTINUED)

Ron Fehr, City Manager, answered questions from the Commission.

After discussion, Commissioner Morse moved to authorize the second consideration of the Bev-Hub application for October 6, 2020. Commissioner Hatesohl seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

CITY-STATE AGREEMENT/RELOCATION AGREEMENT/CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT – KIMBALL AVENUE, FROM COLLEGE AVENUE TO DENISON AVENUE/NORTH CAMPUS CORRIDOR (NCC), PHASE 9 (ST1908) - RESOLUTION NO. 091520-B - AMEND FINANCING

Brian Johnson, City Engineer, presented the item. He then answered questions from the Commission.

Hank Moyers, Associate, Confluence, answered questions from the Commission.

Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager, provided information regarding financing for the North Campus Corridor, Phases 9 and 10, projects. He then answered questions from the Commission.

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Linda Cook, Chief of Staff and Director of Community Relations, Kansas State University, asked the Commission for its support for the project.

Jeremy Niederwerder, Senior Assistant Athletic Director for Event Operations, Kansas State University Athletic Department, asked the Commission for its support of the North Campus Corridor, Phases 9 and 10.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments. There were no written public comments submitted for this item.

Commissioner Hatesohl moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Line Relocation Agreement with Everygy to relocate overhead electric lines in an estimated amount \$695,510.00, a construction contract in the amount of \$692,142.00 with Larson Construction, of Manhattan, Kansas, for installation of underground infrastructure, and a City-State agreement (*Agreement No. 221-20*) with KDOT for the Cost-Share Program; and approve Resolution No. 091520-B amending the payment of the improvement costs for the Kimball Avenue, from College Avenue to Denison Avenue/North Campus Corridor, Phase 9 project (ST1908). Commissioner Morse seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 p.m., the Commission adjourned.



Brenda K. Wolf, CMC, City Clerk