



MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021
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, 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 Attorney Katharine Jackson, City Clerk Brenda K. Wolf, 3 City staff, and approximately 5 interested citizens.

Participating remotely was Commissioner Linda Morse.

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.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Reddi proclaimed January 16-18, 2021, ***Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration and Day of Service***. Kevin Bryant, Co-chair, and Paulicia Williams, and Susanne Glymour, Committee members, Manhattan Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Committee, were present to receive the proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments and highlighted the process.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments. There was one (1) written public comment submitted through the City's website.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Morse mentioned the City was in the process of upgrading technology in the Commission Room. She stated that she appreciated being able to join the City Commission meeting virtually and the technology that was in place in order to do so. She also mentioned there were several new Riley County Law Board appointments made recently by the City of Manhattan and the Board of Riley County Commissioners. She stated that the Manhattan City Commission met with the local legislative delegation on Monday, January 4, 2021, to talk about the top priorities that the City of Manhattan had.

Mayor Reddi mentioned that the Riley County Health Department was still doing free COVID testing and saliva-based testing through month of January at CiCo Park. She stated she hoped everyone had a wonderful first day back to school and that USD 383 went to five days a week. She mentioned that January is also National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month and for the public to be aware of signs of trafficking or something that might not look right. She thanked the Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee members for all that they do.

OLD BUSINESS – CONSENT AGENDA

(* denotes those items discussed)

MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, December 15, 2020, and the Special City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, December 22, 2020.

CLAIMS REGISTER NO. 2959

The Commission approved Claims Register No. 2959 authorizing and approving the payment of claims from December 9, 2020 – December 24, 2020, in the amount of \$4,809,727.27.

OLD BUSINESS – CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

ESTABLISH - TEMPORARY DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) TASK FORCE

The Commission approved the establishment of a temporary Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force and the appointment of the list of member individuals/organizations and designated co-chairs to serve on the Task Force (*See Attachment No. 1*).

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments. There were no written public comments submitted through the City's website for any of these items.

Commissioner Estabrook moved to approve the old business-consent agenda. Commissioner Morse seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0 with the exception of Item C, ESTABLISH - TEMPORARY DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) TASK FORCE, which carried 3-2 with Commissioner Butler and Commissioner Hatesohl voting against.

RE-ORGANIZATION

Outgoing Mayor Usha Reddi made comments from her term as Mayor.

City Clerk Brenda Wolf called for nominations of a new Mayor. Commissioner Linda Morse moved that Commissioner Wynn Butler be appointed to serve as Mayor until the first working Tuesday of January 2022. Commissioner Mark Hatesohl seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

Newly-elected Mayor Wynn Butler called for the election of the new Mayor Pro-Tem. Commissioner Mark Hatesohl moved that Commissioner Linda Morse be appointed to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem until the first working Tuesday of January 2022. Commissioner Aaron Estabrook seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

Newly-elected Mayor Wynn Butler and City Manager Ron Fehr recognized outgoing Mayor Usha Reddi with a plaque and a collage of pictures commemorating her term as Mayor.

Mayor Wynn Butler made comments regarding his vision for the next year as Mayor.

At 7:26 p.m., the Commission took a brief recess.

NEW BUSINESS - CONSENT AGENDA

(* denotes those items discussed)

LICENSES

The Commission approved a **Merchant Guard Agency License** for calendar year 2021 for Excalibur Associates, Inc., 11 College Street Suite B, Ellija, Georgia; a **Tree Maintenance License** for calendar year 2021 for Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC, 708 Blair Mill Road, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania; and Sheffield Tree Service, 10570 Anderson, Riley; an annual **Cereal Malt Beverages On-Premises License** for K-State Union Bowling Center, 311 K-State Union; and Village Geek, LLC, 105 N. Third Street; and an annual **Cereal Malt Beverages Off-Premises License** for Walgreens # 07060, 325 Bluemont Avenue; and Walmart #35, 101 Bluemont Avenue.

FINAL PLAT – DYNAMIC FIREWORKS ADDITION

The Commission accepted the easements and rights-of-way, as shown on the Final Plat of the Dynamic Fireworks Addition, generally located at the southeast corner of South 3rd Street and Fort Riley Boulevard, based on conformance with the Manhattan Urban Area Subdivision Regulations.

ORDINANCE NO. 7519 - CONDEMNATION - MANHATTAN LEVEE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT (SM1813/SP1908)

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7519 authorizing the commencement of eminent domain proceedings to acquire the subject property interests for the Manhattan Levee Flood Risk Management Project (SM1813/SP1908).

RESOLUTION NO. 010521-A - PETITION - HIGHLANDS AT GRAND MERE, UNIT 2 - SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (SS2014)

The Commission found the Petition sufficient and approved Resolution No. 010521-A, finding the project advisable and authorizing construction for the Highlands at Grand Mere, Unit 2, Sanitary Sewer (SS2014), improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 010521-B - PETITION - HIGHLANDS AT GRAND MERE, UNIT 2 - STREET IMPROVEMENTS (ST2012)

The Commission found the Petition sufficient and approved Resolution No. 010521-B finding the project advisable and authorizing construction for the Highlands at Grand Mere, Unit 2, Street (ST2012) improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 010521-C - PETITION - HIGHLANDS AT GRAND MERE, UNIT 2 - WATER IMPROVEMENTS (WA2024)

The Commission found the Petition sufficient and approved Resolution No. 010521-C finding the project advisable and authorizing construction for the Highlands at Grand Mere, Unit 2, Water (WA2024) improvements.

NEW BUSINESS - CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

AGREEMENT -PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - HIGHLANDS AT GRAND MERE, UNIT 2, SANITARY SEWER (SS2014), STREET (ST2012), AND WATER (WA2024) IMPROVEMENTS

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement for Professional Engineering Services, in an amount not to exceed \$29,980.00, with Schwab-Eaton, of Manhattan, Kansas, for the Highlands at Grand Mere, Unit 2, Sanitary Sewer (SS2014), Street (ST2012), and Water (WA2024) improvements.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS - ENGINEER ON-CALL SERVICES

The Commission authorized City Administration to proceed with a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineer On-Call Services for 2021, 2022 and 2023; and appointed Mayor Butler and Commissioner Morse to serve on the Selection Committee.

AGREEMENT – STRATEGIC PLAN

The Commission authorized City Administration to finalize, and the Mayor and City Clerk to execute, an agreement with Planning NEXT, of Columbus, Ohio, for strategic planning services in an amount not-to-exceed \$125,000.00.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 – WATER TREATMENT PLANT LIME PIT SLUDGE REMOVAL PROJECT (WA2011)

The Commission approved and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Change Order No. 1 with Double J Construction, LLC, of St. George, Kansas, in the amount of \$122,210.00, for the Water Treatment Plant Lime Pit Sludge Removal Project (WA2011).

EASEMENT AGREEMENT – STONEHAVEN PARK

The Commission authorized City Administration to negotiate and the Mayor to sign an Easement Agreement with Kansas Gas Service for the City of Manhattan's Stonehaven Park.

Mayor Butler opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Butler closed the public comments. There were no written public comments submitted through the City's website for any of these items.

Commissioner Hatesohl moved to approve the new business-consent agenda. Commissioner Reddi seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

GENERAL AGENDA

REQUEST - RENAME 17TH STREET TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE

Kevin Bryant, Co-Chair, Manhattan Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Committee, presented the request.

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

Mayor Butler opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Butler closed the public comments. There were no written public comments submitted through the City's website for this item.

After discussion, Commissioner Estabrook moved to authorize City Administration to notify and schedule consideration of an ordinance changing 17th Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Commissioner Reddi seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 p.m., the Commission adjourned.



Brenda K. Wolf, CMC, City Clerk

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force

Members:

Ronald Adkins	Representative of Veteran Service Organization
Cara Bruce	Representative of K-State Black Student Union
Dennis Butler	Representative of Riley County Police Department
Jurdene Coleman	Representative of Pawnee Mental Health
Pedro Espinoza	Representative of Alianza
Lori Feldkamp	Representative of Big Lakes Developmental Center
Sheila Glasper	Representative of Black Entrepreneurs of the Flint Hills
Vedant Kulkarni	Representative of K-State International Students Office
Kate Lambert	Representative of Flint Hills Human Rights Project
Lorenza Lockett	Representative of Coalition for Equal Justice
Dantia MacDonald	Representative of Morningstar, Inc.
Teresa Parks	Representative of Black Lives Matter
Susan Rensing	Representative of Flint Hills Wellness Coalition
Adrian Rodriguez	Representative of Office of Student Life and Multicultural Affairs
Vanessa Salinas	Representative of USD 383 Committee on Diversity and Inclusion
Bryan Samuel	Representative of K-State Office of Diversity
Manaf Sellak	Representative of Interfaiths
Jerry Sextro	Representative of City of Manhattan Human Rights and Services Advisory Board
Paul Shipp	Representative of Kansas Legal Services
Jason Smith	Representative of Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce
Johnny Taylor	Representative of Flint Hills Job Corps
TBD	Representative of Hispanic American Leadership Organization
TBD	Representative of Manhattan High School Student Council