



***MINUTES***  
***SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING***  
***TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021***  
***5:30 P.M.***

The Special Meeting of the City Commission was held at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room. Mayor Wynn Butler and Commissioners Linda Morse, Mark J. Hatesohl, Aaron Estabrook, and Usha Reddi were present. Also present were City Manager Ron R. Fehr, Deputy City Manager Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager Dennis Marstall, Assistant to the City Manager Jared Wasinger, City Clerk Brenda K. Wolf, 6 staff, and approximately 19 interested citizens.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Butler led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING/  
WORK SESSION AGENDA**

**2022 BUDGET WORK SESSION NO. 4; RESOLUTION NO. 071321-A – INTENT  
TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE – SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE**

Commissioner Linda Morse joined the Commission at 5:33 p.m.

Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager, presented the item.

Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager, and Ron Fehr, City Manager, answered questions from the Commission.

Mayor Butler opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Butler closed the public comments.

**SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING/  
WORK SESSION AGENDA (CONTINUED)**

**2022 BUDGET WORK SESSION NO. 4; RESOLUTION NO. 071321-A – INTENT TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE – SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE**

After discussion Commissioner Hatesohl moved to approve Resolution No. 071321-A regarding the governing body's intent to levy a 2022 property tax exceeding the revenue neutral rate with a proposed maximum mill levy of 54.914 mills and setting a public hearing related thereto on September 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas. Commissioner Estabrook seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Butler voting against.

**2022 BUDGET REQUESTS AND MIDYEAR UPDATES – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MILITARY RELATIONS, AND CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU (CVB)**

Jason Smith, President, Chief Executive Officer, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, introduced the presentations.

Daryn Soldan, Director of Economic Development, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, presented the mid-year Economic Development Report and the 2022 Budget request. He then answered questions from the Commission.

Sarah Siders, Executive Director, SPARK, provided an update on SPARK's progress.

Janet Nichols, Military Community Liaison, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, presented the Military Relations mid-year report. She then answered questions from the Commission.

Karen Hibbard, Director, Convention and Visitors Bureau, presented the second quarter activity report and the 2022 Convention and Visitors' Bureau Budget request. She then answered questions from the Commission.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, explained the relationship with the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce and the difference in its budget request to other outside agencies budget requests. He answered questions from the Commission on funding from the Transient Guest Tax.

As this was a discussion item, the Commission took no formal action.

**SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING/  
WORK SESSION AGENDA (CONTINUED)**

**REVIEW AND DISCUSS - MANHATTAN DEVELOPMENT CODE PROCESS  
FINAL STEPS**

Chad Bunger, Assistant Director of Community Development, asked the Commission for its feedback on topics and concerns that City staff needs to look at that the Manhattan Development Code has not adequately addressed and/or some provision in the proposed regulations that appears to be inappropriate for our community. He then answered questions from the Commission.

Mayor Butler opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Butler closed the public comments.

As this was a discussion item, the Commission took no formal action.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Morse moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss legal issues in contract negotiations, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), the exception for consultation with legal counsel on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship, and to resume the open meeting at 9:15 p.m. in the City Commission Room. Commissioner Hatesohl seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

At 9:15 p.m., the Commission reconvened with Mayor Butler and Commissioners Linda Morse, Aaron Estabrook, and Usha Reddi in attendance. Mayor Butler stated that no binding action was taken during Executive Session, therefore no vote in the open meeting was needed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:15 p.m., the Commission adjourned.

  
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Brenda K. Wolf, CMC, City Clerk