



MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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 Mark J. Hatesohl, Aaron Estabrook, and Usha Reddi were present. Also present were City Manager Ron R. Fehr, Deputy City Manager Jason Hilgers, Assistant to the City Manager Jared Wasinger, City Attorney Katharine Jackson, City Clerk Brenda K. Wolf, 4 staff, and approximately 9 interested citizens.

Attending remotely were Commissioner Linda Morse and Andrew Vidor, Walker Parking Consultants.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Butler led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORK SESSION

AGGIEVILLE UPDATE - NORTH MANHATTAN AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN BLUEMONT AVENUE AND FREMONT STREET; AND PARKING MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION - NEW PARKING GARAGE AND ON STREET/SURFACE PARKING REGULATIONS

Andrew Vidor, Walker Parking Consultants, presented funding options for parking operations and timeline for implementation.

Andrew Vidor, Walker Parking Consultants, and Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager, answered questions from the Commission.

Mayor Butler opened the public comments.

WORK SESSION (*CONTINUED*)

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Monica Macfarlane, 213 Parker Drive, asked if it would be possible to allow overnight parking as an option to discourage drunk driving, if the app could be used to report a broken down vehicle, if the app would be used throughout the entire city, and if the parking garage would be structured to where a person could not back into the stall so that the license plate could be scanned if a tag was not on the front of a vehicle.

Dennis Cook, Executive Director, Aggieville Business Association, stated that the compromise with the parking garage separate from the on-street parking was a big deal due to construction for the next four to five years and that they did not want to penalize the customers for coming into Aggieville. He said that he appreciated City Administration listening to the Aggieville businesses and taking their concerns to heart and with the flexibility in the parking garage to allow for longer hours for employees this will help in keeping their vehicles off the street.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Butler closed the public comments.

Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager, explained the benefits of having license plate recognition technology.

Kelly Thompson, Senior Landscape Architect, Olsson Design Studio, presented updated design renderings of North Manhattan Avenue between Bluemont Avenue and Fremont Street and the three design options of the proposed tabletop at the intersection of North Manhattan Avenue and Moro Street. He then answered questions from Commission.

Mark Bachamp, Olsson, presented the plans for underground utilities.

Barry Schmidt, McCownGordon Construction, presented the proposed phasing of the project. He then answered questions from Commission.

Mark Bachamp, Olsson, presented the schedule of the project.

Rob Ott, Director of Public Works, presented an update to the Aggieville Infrastructure for water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer and the future phases of construction for Aggieville. He then answered questions from the Commission.

Rob Ott, Director of Public Works; Mark Bachamp, Olsson; and Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager, answered questions from the Commission.

WORK SESSION (CONTINUED)

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Mayor Butler opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Butler closed the public comments.

Rob Ott, Director of Public Works; and Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager, answered additional questions from the Commission.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Hatesohl moved to recess into Executive Session for consultation with legal counsel on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship, pursuant to the exception provided in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), regarding a City lease agreement, and to resume the open meeting in the City Commission Room at 8:30 p.m. Commissioner Reddi seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

At 8:30 p.m., the Commission reconvened with Mayor Wynn Butler and Commissioners Linda Morse (virtually), Mark J. Hatesohl, 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 8:32 p.m., the Commission adjourned.



Brenda K. Wolf, CMC, City Clerk