

## **MINUTES OF THE MISSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 20, 2016**

The Mission City Council met in regular session at Mission City Hall on Wednesday, July 20, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schowengerdt. The following councilmembers were present: Ron Appletoft, Tom Geraghty, Suzie Gibbs, Kristin Inman, Debbie Kring, Pat Quinn, Arcie Rothrock, Nick Schlossmacher.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Update from Paul Howe, Deffenbaugh Industries**

Paul Howe, Sr. Distribution Manager, Deffenbaugh Industries provided an update on the status of Deffenbaugh's efforts to correct missed collections in Mission. He stated that the company values its long running relationship with Mission, there were no excuses for the many missed pick-ups, they are working to correct the situation by hiring additional drivers, and that he anticipates improved service in 8-9 weeks. He discussed issues in the trucking industry that are affecting Deffenbaugh's ability to recruit and retain drivers, their desire to work smarter and more efficiently, and the basics of the company which are: safety, service, and efficiency. Mr. Howe also explained the pay and benefits Deffenbaugh employees receive, and the many current openings in Kansas City for truck drivers making it hard to recruit drivers even with the good benefits offered. Deffenbaugh has also begun their own training school for drivers.

Mayor Schowengerdt invited comments and questions from the audience for Mr. Howe. The following comments were made:

- Dan Arapoli, Mission resident, who expressed his concerns with service to Kennett Place residents especially issues with their Friday pick-up date which, when missed, means trash is at the curb over the weekend. He stated that he appreciates the information shared by Mr. Howe and Deffenbaugh's efforts to correct the situation.
- Sandi Russell, Mission resident, stated that her heavy items were not picked up on the usual day, then it rained, and when she called the company she was informed that she could pay \$100 for a special pick-up. Mr. Howe apologized and stated that the wrong answer was absolutely given to her, and discussed Deffenbaugh's practice of recording some calls for training purpose.
- Josh Curtis, Mission resident, stated that he owns a trucking company and confirmed that it is difficult to recruit and retain drivers. He requested information on the use of cameras to capture rolling stops, and other safety technology that Deffenbaugh should be using. Mr. Howe provided information in the "drive-cam system" Deffenbaugh will be implementing in the coming months.

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- Ruth Britton, Mission resident, asked for better communication with residents when Deffenbaugh anticipates missed pick-ups. She is frustrated with putting yard waste out in paper bags, it then rained and needs to be taken back from the curb until the next pick-up in wet bags.

Councilmember Appletoft questioned when Deffenbaugh realistically anticipates being back to their normal level of service. Mr. Howe stated that they are 8-9 weeks away from seeing a substantial difference, and that they are releasing more drivers onto routes every week. Councilmember Gibbs expressed her concerns with senior citizens who are unable to put their trash at the curb and have requested a pick-up at the house. Mr. Howe stated that the trucks have on-board computers that should include these addresses and specific notes regarding service. Councilmember Gibbs encouraged anyone needing this service to contact City Hall. Councilmember Gibbs also stated that she has received poor customer service when calling the company and encouraged additional training for the staff. Mr. Howe stated that training is an ongoing part of the company and discussed the frustrations of the customer service staff due to the failures on the operations side of the company. Councilmember Quinn stated that he called the company recently and received excellent customer service. Councilmember Geraghty asked if they anticipate a change in the name of the company now that it is owned by Waste Management. Mr. Howe stated that this is the first company bought by Waste Management that they have not changed the name. Councilmember Kring requested additional information on the capacity level of the landfill. Mr. Howe stated that they “are in good shape” and that their current permit runs until 2043. He stated that recycling helps and that they currently have 56 trucks that use compressed natural gas from the landfill.

- Frank Bruce, Mission resident stated that he has called customer service and they were very pleasant and helpful, and noted that the drivers often wave to him.

Mr. Howe stated that he will keep Council and staff up to date on efforts to improve service.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Moved by Quinn, seconded by Kring** to approve the Consent Agenda, item 3a.

3a. Minutes of the June 15, 2016 City Council Meeting

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Voting AYE: Appletoft, Geraghty, Gibbs, Inman, Kring, Quinn, Rothrock, Schlossmacher.  
**Motion carried.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

#### **Lease-Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment**

Councilmember Appletoft stated that the police vehicles to be replaced have reached the end of their useful life and that the lease of six police vehicles and one motorcycle is recommended. The skid steer in need of replacement has been purchased outright.

**Moved by Appletoft, seconded by Kring** to approve a resolution authorizing the City of Mission, Kansas to enter into a lease purchase transaction, the proceeds of which will be used to pay the costs of acquiring certain equipment for use in the City; and to approve the execution of certain documents in connection therewith. There was no discussion on this item. Voting AYE: Appletoft, Geraghty, Gibbs, Inman, Kring, Quinn, Rothrock, Schlossmacher. **Motion carried.**

#### **Municipal Investment Pool (MIP) Resolution**

Councilmember Appletoft reported that the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool allows cities to invest idle funds. Currently, two staff members have access to this account and it is recommended that this be increased to three staff members.

**Moved by Appletoft, seconded by Kring** to approve a resolution designating authorized representatives for the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool. There was no discussion on this item. Voting AYE: Appletoft, Geraghty, Gibbs, Inman, Kring, Quinn, Rothrock, Schlossmacher. **Motion carried.**

#### **Ordinances Amending Implementation Date of Mission Gateway CID District #1 and Mission Gateway CID District #2**

Councilmember Appletoft reported that the proposed ordinances amend the implementation date for the Gateway community investment districts (CIDs). These were first approved in 2013 with an effective date of January 1, 2015. The development has not moved forward and the effective dates have been amended three times since then. He stated that this will preserve the full 22 year duration for the district and noted

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that once implemented the “clock” cannot be reset.

**Moved by Appletoft, seconded by Kring** to approve an ordinance amending ordinance numbers 1376, 1408, and 1428, authorizing the creation of the Mission Gateway Community Improvement District #1 in the City of Mission, Kansas; authorizing the making of certain project improvements relating thereto; approving the estimated costs of such project improvements; levying a 0.5% CID Sales Tax, providing for special assessments and providing for the method of financing the same, including the issuance of special obligation bonds and full faith and credit bonds. Councilmember Schlossmacher asked if this is the CID district that covers the entire site. Ms Smith stated that it is. Councilmember Schlossmacher also asked for confirmation that this ordinance simply extends the implementation date and does not bind Council to anything more than that. Ms. Smith stated that is correct. Voting AYE: Appletoft, Geraghty, Gibbs, Inman, Kring, Quinn, Rothrock, Schlossmacher. **Motion carried.**

**Moved by Appletoft, seconded by Kring** to approve an ordinance amending ordinance numbers 1377, 1409, and 1429, authorizing the creation of the Mission Gateway Community Improvement District #2 in the City of Mission, Kansas; authorizing the making of certain project improvements relating thereto; approving the estimated costs of such project improvements; levying a 0.5 % CID Sales Tax, providing for special assessments and providing for the method of financing the same, including the issuance of special obligation bonds and full faith and credit bonds. Councilmember Schlossmacher asked if the project plan changes, will the area for the CID’s also change. Ms. Smith stated that with a new plans and development agreement the legal descriptions would be reviewed, and this is not making any additional commitments. Voting AYE: Appletoft, Geraghty, Gibbs, Inman, Kring, Quinn, Rothrock. NAY: Schlossmacher. **Motion carried.**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

#### **2016 Mill & Overlay Program**

Councilmember Rothrock reported the Mill & Overlay Program focuses on repairing those streets with damaged surface asphalt that are nearing a state of complete disrepair. In June, bids for these services were received from five contractors with Little Joe’s Asphalt submitting the best and lowest bid. The 2017 program will mill & overlay approximately 1.34 lane miles of road, replace approximately 2,363 linear feet of curb, and make any necessary ADA improvements.

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**Moved by Rothrock, seconded by Quinn** to approve a contract with Little Joe's Asphalt for the completion of the 2016 Mill & Overlay Program in an amount not to exceed \$190,143.05. There was no discussion on this item. Voting AYE: Appletoft, Geraghty, Gibbs, Inman, Kring, Quinn, Rothrock, Schlossmacher. **Motion carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Kring announced that there will be a Ward III meeting on July 21st at the Community Center, 7:00 p.m. All were invited to attend.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

#### **Appointment - Peter Simonsen, Municipal Court Judge Pro-tem**

Mayor Schowengerdt placed before Council the name of Peter Simonsen for appointment as Municipal Court Judge Pro-tem with a term expiring January 18, 2017.

**Moved by Kring, seconded by Quinn** to uphold the appointment of Peter Simonsen, Municipal Judge Pro-tem with a term expiring January 18, 2017. Voting AYE: Appletoft, Geraghty, Gibbs, Inman, Kring, Quinn, Rothrock, Schlossmacher. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Schowengerdt thanked all who worked to make the Mission Summer Family Picnic a success, especially members of the Parks & Recreation Commission, Citizen's Academy graduates, Police Department, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation staff, Consolidated Fire District #2, volunteers from Christ's Church, councilmembers and residents. He also gave a special thanks to Debbie and Lynn Kring for helping with the fireworks display.

Councilmember Gibbs commended the Police Department for hosting 180 summer campers from the Community Center earlier in the week. They had an opportunity to tour the station and City Hall, and John Belger grilled hot dogs for the participants.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Smith stated that she echoed the sentiments earlier in the meeting honoring fallen Kansas City, Kansas Police Officer Melton and recognizing the service of all police officers. She also reported the following:

- A Council Worksession will be held on July 27th on economic development tools.

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The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

- The Planning Commission will consider the revised site plan for the Gateway Project on Monday, July 25th. The packet will be available online.
- LKM's annual conference will be held in Overland Park, October 8-10th. Councilmembers interested in attending should contact the City Clerk. This is an excellent opportunity to attending training in Kansas City.

Mayor Schowengerdt stated that the final budget will be considered at the August 3rd Finance & Administration Meeting and encouraged councilmembers to contact Ms. Smith with questions or concerns so they have an opportunity to "run the numbers" and provide information requested.

Chief Hadley thanked Council for approving the lease of new vehicles, and thanked all for their support, especially since the shooting of an officer in Kansas City, Kansas. He stated that Mission is a great community with great officers and residents. The Police Department will not be making any changes to service delivery.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Kring, seconded by Quinn** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. All present voted AYE. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Martha M. Sumrall, City Clerk.

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Steve Schowengerdt, Mayor

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