

MINUTES OF THE MISSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 18, 2015

The Mission City Council met in regular session at Mission City Hall on Wednesday, March 18, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schowengerdt. The following councilmembers were present: Jennifer Cowdry, Suzie Gibbs, Debbie Kring, Amy Miller, Pat Quinn, Arcie Rothrock, and Jason Vaughn. ABSENT: David Shepard.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Introduction of Nick Canaan, Police Officer

Chief Hadley introduced Police Officer Nick Canaan who joined Mission in early January. He comes to Mission from Spring Hill, Kansas. Officer Canaan introduced his girlfriend and they were welcomed to Mission.

Introduction of James Gorham, Neighborhood Services Officer

Ms. Murray introduced Neighborhood Services Officer James Gorham who joined Mission in early March. He comes to Mission from Olathe where he previously worked in code enforcement for three years. Mr. Gorham was welcomed to Mission.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Gibbs, seconded by Miller to approve the Consent Agenda, items 3a through 3g.

- 3a. Minutes of the February 18, 2015 City Council Meeting
- 3b. Street Solicitation Application, Greater Kansas City Days
- 3c. Cardio Equipment Lease Agreement
- 3d. Temporary Construction Easement, Welstone Project
- 3e. Interlocal Agreement - 2015 Super Pool Pass
- 3f. Letter of Understanding for Cooperative Use of Pools
- 3g. Community Center Task Force Recommendations

Voting AYE: Cowdry, Gibbs, Kring, Miller, Quinn, Rothrock, Vaughn. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE **Recommendations for Ward Redistricting**

Councilmember Miller stated that since 2012, the City has had on-going discussions regarding the realignment of existing ward boundaries to bring them within acceptable deviation limits. The last time the issue was discussed in November 2013, Council rejected the proposed ordinance and deferred consideration to a future date. In January, the Mayor appointed a new Redistricting Committee to revisit this issue. The committee met in February and unanimously adopted a proposed set of ward boundary revisions. The proposed boundaries would not change the ward assignment of any sitting Councilmembers. Some board and commission members would change wards, but no members would be displaced and no new appointments would be required. She also reported that the proposed resolution is the first step required to complete the redistricting process. It accepts the Redistricting Committee's recommended changes and sets the dates for two public hearings - at the April 15th and May 20th City Council Meetings. It is anticipated that Council would complete the redistricting process by voting on an ordinance establishing new ward boundaries at the June 17th Council Meeting.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Quinn to approve a resolution accepting the findings of the 2015 Ward Redistricting Committee and setting public hearings to consider changes in the boundaries of the City's wards. There was no discussion on this item. Voting AYE: Cowdry, Gibbs, Kring, Miller, Quinn, Rothrock, Vaughn. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

KDOT Funding Commitment for Turkey Creek Trail Initial Design Grant

Councilmember Quinn reminded Council that this item was tabled from the February 18, 2015 City Council meeting and that there is still a motion on the floor for this. The original motion on February 18th was made by Councilmember Cowdry and seconded by Councilmember Shepard.

Councilmember Miller restated the motion, moving that Council authorize the signing and submittal of KDOT Form 1302 committing the City's local matching funds for the Turkey Creek Trail Initial Design Grant.

Steve Petrehn, Roeland Park resident, stated that he previously served as Mayor of Roeland Park, and served on the MARC Board and the Bike/Pedestrian Committee. He said that they worked hard on the design of the Turkey Creek Trail and that he is a proponent of the trail. Most cities, including Mission, adopted a resolution in support of

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the trail and he does not want to see Mission “back track” on this issue. He believe the trail is a challenge, and encouraged a “creative solution” to help lower the cost of the trail in this location. He suggested that Mission follow Roeland Park’s lead by establishing a volunteer group (architects, engineers, etc.) that could work to find a creative solution. He discussed the economic benefits to Mission of the trail running through the city, and stated that cities must invest in these types of amenities as they have ranked highly in citizen surveys.

Frank Bruce, Mission resident, expressed his support for trails in general, but he does not support the location of the Turkey Creek Trail in Mission. He stated that the railroad looked at this area many years ago and they decided to locate their tracks on the north side of the area in the flatlands. He also noted that the current alignment of the trail would be on the north side of a slope that would have reduced sunshine and potentially ice on the trails. Mr. Bruce also stated that there are no homes along the trail, with the exception of some apartments, and only commercial businesses - not “walk-in” businesses that would benefit from the trail.

Voting AYE: None. NAY: Cowdry, Gibbs, Kring, Miller, Quinn, Rothrock, Vaughn.
Motion failed.

MARC Sponsor Agreement for Turkey Creek Trail Initial Design Grant

This item was not considered as it was contingent upon the passage of the previous agenda item.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Gibbs reported that she, Mayor Schowengerdt, and Chief Hadley visited Mission resident Gertrude Stern on her recent 105th birthday. She also reminded all that Dr. John Hollyman, Mission resident, will be celebrating his 100th birthday on April 4th with a party at the Community Center.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Schowengerdt placed before Council the appointment of David Boutros, Ward 4, to serve as Mission’s representative to the Shawnee Indian Mission Foundation Board of Directors for a three-year term.

Moved by Gibbs, seconded by Kring to uphold the appointment of David Boutros to serve as Mission’s representative to the Shawnee Indian Mission Foundation Board of

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Directors for a three-year term. Voting AYE: Cowdry, Gibbs, Kring, Miller, Quinn, Rothrock, Vaughn. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Schowengerdt placed before Council the appointment of Judd Remmers, Ward 2, for appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2016.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Rothrock to uphold the appointment of Judd Remmers to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2016. Voting AYE: Cowdry, Gibbs, Kring, Miller, Quinn, Rothrock, Vaughn. **Motion carried.**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Smith reported that there will be a City Council Budget Worksession on Wednesday, March 25th. These meeting usually begin at 7:00 p.m., but she asked if Council would like to start the meeting earlier. All agreed that 6:00 p.m. would work for everyone. The worksession will be published as beginning at 6:00 p.m.

She also provided information on the electric charging stations at Hy-Vee and Arvest Bank, reminded Council of several upcoming LKM training opportunities, and stated that we anticipate the Johnson Drive streetlight installation to be completed by Friday, March 20th. Councilmember Miller encouraged all to attend LKM's annual Conference in October as it is very beneficial. Ms. Smith also reported that the demolition of the former Neff building is underway.

Mr. Belger stated that there was an extensive power outage earlier in the day due to a circuit lockout, but that power has been restored.

Gordon Kempf, Mission resident, stated that he attends Mission's Council meetings on behalf of the Mission Project residents and provided information on this group. He expressed his concerns with trash located on Rock Creek Trail. He stated that Mission Project participants work to keep the trail clean, but that they will need help due to the amount of trash. Mr. Belger stated that Public Works will assist in picking up the trash.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Quinn, seconded by Cowdry to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. All present voted AYE. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Martha M. Sumrall, City Clerk.

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Steve Schowengerdt, Mayor

Martha M. Sumrall, City Clerk