

MINUTES OF THE MISSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 15, 2014

The Mission City Council met in regular session at Mission City Hall on Wednesday, October 15, 2014. 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 David Shepard. Absent: Steven Lucas.

REVISED AGENDA

Moved by Kring, seconded by Quinn to approve the Revised Agenda as printed. Voting AYE: Cowdry, Gibbs, Kring, Miller, Quinn, Rothrock, Shepard. **Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of Laura Smith as City Administrator

Mayor Schowengerdt placed before Council the appointment of Laura Smith as City Administrator.

Moved by Kring, seconded by Shepard to uphold the appointment of Laura Smith as City Administrator. Voting AYE: Cowdry, Gibbs, Kring, Miller, Quinn, Rothrock, Shepard. **Motion carried.**

The Governing Body congratulated Ms. Smith on her appointment and Ms. Smith introduced her father, Tom Hedges, and husband, Les Smith, who were in the audience.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Celia Dalton, Mission Hy-Vee

Celia Dalton, Mission Hy-Vee and member of the Mission Convention & Visitors Bureau, presented the City of Mission with a check for \$685 to benefit the holiday adoption program. She stated that this donation is from the proceeds of selling an employee cookbook. All thanked Ms. Dalton and Hy-Vee for this generous donation.

Consolidated Fire District No. 2 Update - Chief Tony Lopez

Chief Lopez introduced himself, and stated that he has been with CDF2 for 24 years moving up through the ranks to Fire Chief. He stated that CDF2 will work to keep the public informed regarding the services they provide and communities they serve. They are utilizing Twitter, Facebook and their website to provide information to the public. He provided information on their current accreditation process, as well as several new outreach programs they are starting. The HeartSave Program teaches the public

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hands-only CPR and firefighters will be available to teach this technique at block parties, festivals, etc. They also have a Vulnerable Needs Program to identify and assist those in the community with increased/special needs when a fire occurs.

Johnson County Budget Presentation - Commissioner Ed Peterson

Commissioner Peterson presented information on the 2015 Johnson County Budget, including the overall budget of approximately \$870.1 million, which includes \$679.9 million in expenditures and \$174.0 in reserves. He discussed the County's decrease in FTE's, the Capital Improvement Program of approximately \$109.8 million, and the increase (6.06% increase) in the assessed valuation for Johnson County from 2014. He stated that the average residential property owner pays \$665 in County property taxes for FY 2015 (\$55.42 per month). He also presented information on the overall county property tax rates from 2011 - 2015; the breakdown of 2015 revenues and operating expenses by departments/services; FY 2015 sales/use tax and gas tax revenues; the distribution of sales tax revenues in Johnson County noting that only 6.3% of all sales tax revenue generated in the County is for County government; and a breakdown of specific budget items for 2015. He provided specific information on transit funding in the County and provided information on the recent consolidation of these services with Kansas City ATA.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Miller, seconded by Kring to approve the Consent Agenda, items 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d and 3f.

- 3a. Minutes of the September 17, 2014 City Council Meeting and October 1, 2014 Special City Council Meeting
- 3b. Ordinance Authorizing Police Vehicle Lease
- 3c. Ordinance Repealing Licensing of Amusement Devices
- 3d. Selection of Voting Delegates for National League of Cities
- 3e. Cornerstone Commons Project - Dedication of Easement - **REMOVED**
- 3f. Community for All Ages Resolution

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

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FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Miller did not have a report.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Cowdry did not have a report.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Kring announced that there will be a Ward III Meeting on October 16th at the Community Center, 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Councilmember Gibbs thanked all who helped with and participated in the Arts & Eats Festival/Battle of the Brisket. The auction raised \$1,700. She reminded all of the upcoming Holiday Family Adoption Program and stated that we will again this year have the white socks challenge. Last year 2,200 pairs of socks were collected and this year we hope to collect even more. St. Michael's church has pledged 1,800 pairs already. There will also be a clothing drive to benefit Uplift organization on Thursday, November 20th prior to the Thanks For Seniors luncheon. Holiday Lights & Festive Sights is scheduled for Friday, December 5th and will again include fireworks. She also mentioned the upcoming edition of the Mission Magazine that will include favorite recipes from Mayor Schowengerdt, Chief Hadley and Fire Chief Lopez.

Councilmember Miller announced that there will be a Ward II Meeting on October 28th at the Community Center, 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schowengerdt again congratulated Ms. Smith on her appointment as City Administrator. He also recognized and welcomed the students in the audience.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Smith reminded all of the Mission Forward Update Breakfast scheduled for Friday, October 17th at the Community Center, 7:30 a.m. She stated that the format has changed from previous Redevelopment Updates and will include information from all City departments. All were encouraged to attend.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Miller, seconded by Kring to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. All present voted AYE. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Martha M. Sumrall, City Clerk.

Steve Schowengerdt, Mayor

Martha M. Sumrall, City Clerk