

## **MINUTES OF THE MISSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 18, 2017**

The Mission City Council met in regular session at Mission City Hall on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. 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**

#### **Introduction of Rachel Sostarich, Aquatics Coordinator**

Ms. Humerickhouse introduced Rachel Sostarich, who was recently promoted to Aquatics Coordinator. Her previous positions at the Community Center include swim lesson instructor, camp counselor and lifeguard. Ms. Sostarich was congratulated on her new position.

#### **Introduction of Boy Scouts**

Mayor Schowengerdt recognized Boy Scouts, Troop 3184 attending the meeting and asked which merit badges they were working on. The Scouts asked the Mayor and Council to name one energy problem in the city and how it was solved. Councilmember Kring stated that the City is fairly “up to date” regarding energy issues, provided a few examples, and thanked the Scouts for their question.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 3a. Minutes of the December 21, 2016 City Council Meeting
- 3b. Johnson County DTI Contract Renewal
- 3c. 2017 Legislative Program
- 3d. Resolution Designating the Destruction of Certain Records

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Ordinances Disbanding the Mission Convention and Visitors Bureau  
(MCVB) Committee**

Councilmember Appletoft stated that the MCVB was formed in 2009 to bring citizens and visitors together to share in the spirit of the community through events and to patronize local businesses. There have been some changes in the leadership of this group and after discussion at the Finance & Administration Committee meeting, it is agreed that it is time to disband this group. Per statutory requirements, the MCVB fund is funded by the transient guest tax. Following the 2016 Audit, council will decide what to do with any remaining funds. He also stated that in order to make this change, both a charter ordinance and regular ordinance are required. The charter ordinance must be voted on by both Council and the Mayor, is published twice, and becomes effective 61 days following publication if no protest petition is received.

**Moved by Appletoft, seconded by Kring** to adopt a charter ordinance exempting the City of Mission, Kansas from K.S.A. 12-1696, 12-1697, 12-1698, 12-1698a, 12-1699, 12-16,100, 12-16,101 entitled "Promotion of Tourism and Conventions," and providing substitute and additional provisions on the same subject; repealing Charter Ordinance 24. Councilmember Quinn confirmed that passage of a charter ordinance requires approval by two-thirds of the Governing Body. Voting AYE: Appletoft, Geraghty, Gibbs, Inman, Kring, Quinn, Rothrock, Schlossmacher, Schowengerdt. **Motion carried.**

Charter Ordinance No. 29 was assigned.

**Moved by Appletoft, seconded by Kring** to adopt an ordinance amending the Code of the City of Mission, Kansas whereby the Mission Convention and Visitors Bureau is deleted; the Transient Guest Tax continues in accordance with Charter Ordinance No. 29. Voting AYE: Appletoft, Geraghty, Gibbs, Inman, Kring, Quinn, Rothrock, Schlossmacher. **Motion carried.**

Councilmember Gibbs thanked all the staff, MCVB members and many volunteers who worked with this group to make their many events so successful. Mayor Schowengerdt thanked Councilmember Gibbs for leading this group for so many years.

**Charter Ordinance Designating Mission Elections as Nonpartisan**

Councilmember Appletoft reported that in 2015 Mission adopted two charter ordinances to move our municipal elections to the fall of odd numbered years and to uphold our current process for filling vacancies on the Governing Body, bringing us in line with state legislation. Since the adoption of these charter ordinances, the League of Kansas Municipalities has also recommended specifically designating elections as either

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partisan or nonpartisan. This charter ordinance designates all municipal elections in Mission to be nonpartisan. He stated that like the previous charter ordinance adopted, it will become effective 61 days after publication if no protest petition is received.

**Moved by Appletoft, seconded by Quinn** to adopt a charter ordinance designating municipal elections as nonpartisan in accordance with K.S.A. 25-2113. There was no discussion on this item. Voting AYE: Appletoft, Geraghty, Gibbs, Inman, Kring, Quinn, Rothrock, Schlossmacher, Schowengerdt. **Motion carried.**

Charter Ordinance No. 30 was assigned.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Rothrock did not have a report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Traffic Signal Analysis, Martway & Broadmoor**

Ms. Smith reported that in April 2016, Council approved a task order with Olsson Associates to conduct a signal analysis for a left turn at Martway and Broadmoor. Although approved, Council did not want the study conducted until The Welstone senior living apartments were at 75% occupancy rate. During the January Community Development Committee, it was recommended that this issue be advanced to Council for approval at this time even though The Welstone is not yet at 75% occupancy. The scope of the task order has been updated to include the left turn signal at the intersection of Martway and Broadmoor and a traffic count on Broadmoor for CARS designation.

Councilmember Schlossmacher asked how long it will take to complete this study. Mr. Belger stated that it can be done quickly and the results should be valid for the next three to five years. Ms. Smith stated that the traffic counts will be conducted during peak times - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m. Councilmember Schlossmacher also asked what the cost will be for a left turn signal if warranted. Mr. Belger stated that it would be approximately \$2,000-\$3,000.

**Moved by Gibbs, seconded by Rothrock** to approve a task order with Olsson Associates to perform a traffic signal study at Martway and Broadmoor in an amount not to exceed \$7,400. Voting AYE: Appletoft, Geraghty, Gibbs, Iman, Kring, Quinn, Rothrock, Schlossmacher. **Motion carried.**

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## COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Gibbs shared a letter from Mary and Ben Funk. Mary serves on the Parks & Recreation Commission and is a Master Gardener. She has volunteered her time to work on the landscaping around City Hall. Councilmember Gibbs encouraged all to thank Mary for her hard work.

Councilmember Schlossmacher thanked staff for being prepared for the ice storm that was anticipated, but was not as severe as originally forecasted. He also thanked staff for getting the new speed limit signs up on Johnson Drive and asked if anyone has received any feedback. Councilmember Geraghty stated that he has received a few emails, and Councilmember Inman stated that it has helped in crossing the street. Councilmember Kring asked if we could consider flashing beacons at each crosswalk. Kevin Fullerton, Mission Business Partnership, stated that businesses are very happy with the reduced speed limit and thanked Council for listening to their concerns and working to improve the situation. Ms. Smith stated that the flashing LED lights arrived today and will be installed soon.

Councilmember Kring announced that there will be a Ward III Quarterly Meeting on Thursday, January 19th at the Community Center, 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

### Appointments

#### Parks & Recreation Commission

Mayor Schowengerdt put before Council the appointments of Anne O'Leary (Ward 1), Deborah Rushing (Ward 3), Mary Funk (Ward 4), Mark Raduziner (Ward 4) to the Parks & Recreation Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2018, and Lekha Steedhar (Ward 1) and Melissa Currie (Ward 2) for appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2017.

**Moved by Quinn, seconded by Gibbs** to uphold the appointments of Anne O'Leary, Deborah Rushing, Mary Funk, Mark Raduziner to the Parks & Recreation Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2018, and Lekha Steedhar and Melissa Currie for appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2017. All present voted AYE. **Motion carried.**

#### Sustainability Commission

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Mayor Schowengerdt put before Council the appointments of Steve Mulder (Ward 2), Andy Hyland (Ward 3), Manny Trillo (Ward 3), and Bill Nichols (Ward 4) to the Sustainability Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2018.

**Moved by Kring, seconded by Schlossmacher** to uphold the appointments of Steve Mulder, Andy Hyland, Manny Trillo, and Bill Nichols to the Sustainability Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2018. All present voted AYE. **Motion carried.**

### **Drug and Alcoholism Council**

Mayor Schowengerdt put before Council the appointment of Lisa Riesinger (Ward 4) as Mission's representative to the Drug and Alcoholism Council for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2019.

**Moved by Gibbs, seconded by Rothrock** to uphold the appointment of Lisa Riesinger as Mission's representative to the Drug and Alcoholism Council for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2019. All present voted AYE. **Motion carried.**

(Note: This appointee's name was incorrectly listed as Lisa Riesinger, rather than Liana Riesinger. The appointment of Liana Riesinger will be considered again on the February 15, 2017 agenda.)

### **City Officials**

Mayor Schowengerdt put before Council the appointment of Donald Chamblin as City Treasurer, Keith Drill as Municipal Court Judge, and David Bell, Robert Scott and Peter Simonsen as Municipal Court Judges Pro-tem.

**Moved by Kring, seconded by Rothrock** to uphold the appointment of Donald Chamblin as City Treasurer, Keith Drill as Municipal Court Judge, and David Bell, Robert Scott and Peter Simonsen as Municipal Court Judges Pro-tem. All present voted AYE: **Motion carried.**

### **Bond Counsel, Financial Advisor, and Land Use Attorney**

Mayor Schowengerdt put before Council the following for appointment:

- Gilmore & Bell as Bond Counsel
- Ehlers, Inc. as Financial Advisor

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- Lathrop & Gage as Land Use Attorney

**Moved by Quinn, seconded by Gibbs** to uphold the appointments of Gilmore & Bell as Bond Counsel, Ehlers, Inc. as Financial Advisor, and Lathrop & Gage as Land Use Attorney with contracts expiring January 17, 2018. All present voted AYE. **Motion carried.**

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

Ms. Smith announced that there will be a City Council and Planning Commission joint worksession on Monday, January 23rd at 6:00 p.m. The worksession will focus on the sign code and proposed revisions.

Ms. Smith thanked staff for their work in preparing for the anticipated ice storm.

Ms. Smith reminded those attending of the State of the Cities Luncheon scheduled for January 19th.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Kring seconded by Quinn** to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 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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Martha M. Sumrall, City Clerk