

MINUTES OF THE MISSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 18, 2019

The Mission City Council met in regular session at Mission City Hall on Wednesday, December 18, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Council President Arcie Rothrock. The following councilmembers were present: Ken Davis, Sollie Flora, Kristin Inman, Debbie Kring, Pat Quinn, Nick Schlossmacher, and Hillary Thomas.

Councilmember Rothrock welcomed the public and provided a brief overview of meeting procedures.

Presentation to Councilmember Pat Quinn

Council President Rothrock recognized Councilmember Quinn who did not choose to run for re-election. She stated he will truly be missed. Councilmember Quinn has served on the Council since April 2012, and has been a thoughtful and reasoned member of the governing body - always willing to add to discussions, ask challenging questions around a variety of issues, and support Mission's residents, businesses and staff. She stated he always brings a little "fun" and laughter to any situation.

Councilmember Thomas, also from Ward I, thanked Councilmember Quinn for his mentorship stating that he has always been kind, ready to listen, and responsive. Councilmember Kring thanked Councilmember Quinn for his two terms of service stating he has made a real difference and she also thanked his wife Mary sharing his time with the City. Ms. Smith recognized Councilmember Quinn's service, thanking him for his honesty, taking time to review the great deal of information provided to Council, willingness to express his opinion, and change his mind at times. She also read a limerick she prepared for him.

Councilmember Quinn thanked all for their kind words and his constituents who he has tried to represent fairly with common sense. He spoke on his service in the military and pride in being able to serve the Mission community. He stated that all Councilmember have a deep love for this City. Councilmember Quinn also stated that he believes in terms limits and is leaving Council in good hands. He recognized the work of the City Administrator, City Clerk, and all departments, boards, and commissions, appreciating all. He also offered a challenge to others on Council to support the Holiday Family Adoption Program

Councilmember Rothrock presented Councilmember Quinn with a plaque recognizing his service to Mission.

Installation of Elected Officials

The city clerk administered the oath of office to Trent Boultinghouse, Ward I, Nick Schlossmacher, Ward II, Kristin Inman, Ward III, and Ken Davis, Ward IV. Councilmember Boultinghouse was welcomed as Mission's newest councilmember. All introduced and recognized their family and friends attending the meeting, and thanked them for their support. Councilmember Boultinghouse thanked Pat Quinn for his graciousness and all the current members of Council and staff for their assistance during this transition.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of Pearl Harbor Poster, Charles Schollenberger

Ms. Smith introduced Charles Schollengerger, Prairie Village resident and former journalist with the Kansas City Star and SUN Newspaper. Mr. Schollengerger is a history buff and wants to ensure future generations are connected to our past. When he was working for the SUN Newspaper in 2001, he visited an estate sale where he purchased a Pearl Harbor Poster. He brought this to Mission's Pearl Harbor event just after 9-11 in 2001 and was able to have 11 Pearl Harbor Survivors sign this poster. One of the signatures included on the poster is Dorwin Lamkin's, a Mission resident instrumental in the establishment of Pearl Harbor Park in Mission.

Mr. Schollenberger stated that he covered Mission City Council meetings in the early 2000's and attended the first meeting of the Pearl Harbor Survivors. This poster is from 1942 and he believes it belongs where the Pearl Harbor Survivors group met which is the Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center. This poster will serve as a memorial to the veterans who met at the Center for many years. He reminded all of the need for constant vigilance and that freedom is not free. He stated he is proud to present this signed poster to the City of Mission for display at the Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center.

Mr. Schollenberger was thanked by all for his generous donation.

Police Department - Introduction of Officers

Chief Hadley introduced Officer Nick Marengo and Officer Abele Beckle who recently completed field training. Each officer introduced themselves, recognized friends and family in attendance, and were welcomed to Mission.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Kring, seconded by Davis to approve the Consent Agenda, items 4a through 4h.

- 4a. Minutes of the November 18, 2019 City Council Meeting
- 4b. 2020 Legislative Priorities
- 4c. KERIT Renewal
- 4d. Alcohol Tax Fund Recommendations
- 4e. 2020 Budget Ordinance
- 4f. Ordinance Directing City Administrator to Spend According to Budget
- 4g. 2020 CMB License Renewals and New CMB license Application, Paulie D's Pizza, 5735 Johnson Drive
- 4h. Replacement of Heaters - Public Works Facility

Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Davis, Flora, Inman, Kring, Rothrock, Schlossmacher, Thomas. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Bruce, Mission resident, asked that Council consider a special presentation to Johnny White, Johnny's BBQ as the business will be closing at the end of January. He stated they have been a great corporate citizen throughout the years and will be missed.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Approval of the Preliminary Plat, Gateway Second Plat

Mr. Scott stated that the Gateway site is approximately 16.5 acres located at 4801 Johnson Drive. The first plat was approved in 2013 as one large lot. When plans for the apartment buildings were submitted last year and approved for construction, a second plat was approved by the City, but was never actually recorded with the County for a variety of reasons. Subsequently, as the project has continued to evolve and more detailed plans are available, they have requested the lot be split into individual lots for each component of the project (hotel, apartments, parking, food hall, Cinergy, and office building). This plat includes dedication of right-of-way along both Johnson Drive and Roeland Drive, which has increased from the first plat approved. This plat also includes easements, including a drainage easement through the site for the Rock Creek reinforced concrete boxes and for a sanitary sewer that was realigned, as well as utility easements.

Moved by Schlossmacher, seconded by Inman to uphold the recommendation of the Planning Commission and 1) rescind the previously approved Gateway Second Plat and 2) approve the newly submitted preliminary and final plat - Case #19-07 - to be known as "The Gateway Second Plat." Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Davis, Flora, Inman, Kring, Rothrock, Schlossmacher, Thomas. **Motion carried.**

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Flora stated The Finance & Administration Committee met on December 11 and considered a total of 10 items, including approval of the meeting minutes. One item, the contract for lobbying services with Little Government Relations, was discussed during the Community Development Committee meeting in order to accommodate the presenters. The meeting also included discussion of potential issues for inclusion in the City's Personnel Policy & Guidelines update for 2020 which will be finalized after the first of the year. Six of the action items from the meeting were approved on tonight's Consent Agenda. There are two remaining items from the Finance & Administration Committee for consideration tonight.

2020 IT Support Services Contract

Councilmember Flora stated Mission has contracted with Johnson County to provide IT services and support for various departments since 2011. The 2020 renewal agreement for these services includes an increase in fees/rates of 2%, with a total estimated cost of \$56,026. In addition to network support, DTI has provided support for special projects. In 2020, they will be assisting the Police Department with moving to laptops that are being purchased for new police vehicles, and support for transitioning to a new video provider. A separate agreement for those services will come forward to Council when the scope of work is more clearly defined.

Moved by Flora, seconded by Davis to approve the Interlocal Agreement and Project Charter for IT Services with Johnson County through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$56,026. Councilmember Rothrock stated she had asked for this item to not be on the Consent Agenda, but her questions regarding this contract have been answered. Councilmember Schlossmacher stated he would like to see us take these services out to bid next year to see what our options are for IT support. Councilmember Thomas stated that although there is limited discussion surrounding these items coming forth tonight, they have all been discussed at length during the committee meeting. Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Davis, Flora, Inman, Kring, Rothrock, Schlossmacher, Thomas. **Motion carried.**

Contract for Lobbying Services with Little Government Relations

Councilmember Flora reported Little Government Relations has approached cities in

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Northeast Johnson County to provide lobbying services in Topeka on behalf of the participating cities. Their services would include:

- Monitoring and reporting on legislation and policy initiatives.
- Providing weekly legislative updates during the Session. During the Interim they will provide at least monthly updates.
- Availability to appear before governing bodies as requested.
- Facilitating communications with members of our legislative delegation.
- Serving as a contact point and resource for City staff and officials to discuss and strategize on local government public policy issues.
- Pursuing legislation, amendments, funding or other initiatives on behalf of the coalition members.
- Working closely with community partners including the Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce, the County, Shawnee Mission School District, and the League of Kansas Municipalities.

The proposed fee for these services would be \$1 per person (Mission resident) per year based on the most recent census data with a maximum annual amount of \$10,000. The term of the contract would be from January 1 - December 31, 2020.

Moved by Flora, seconded by Inman to approve a contract with Little Government Relations (LGR) to provide government affairs and advocacy services for the City of Mission, January 1 through December 31, 2020, at a cost not to exceed \$1 per person (Mission resident) based on current census data and not to exceed \$10,000.

Councilmember Davis stated he did not feel we needed these services separate from the League of Kansas Municipalities, which represent cities of all sizes across Kansas. He does not agree with how the fee for services is being calculated (based on population) and expressed his concerns with how effort will be measured. He also noted that not all cities in the Northeast Johnson County area were ready to commit to these services. Councilmember Davis stated he cannot support this proposal.

Councilmember Boultinghouse stated that he heard the discussion on this item at the committee meeting and found the argument for these services compelling. He supports moving forward with this contract for one year.

Councilmember Thomas discussed the uniqueness of some issues to our area vs. statewide, and stated she would like to see more cities sign-on to this coalition for services. She feels it is affordable and important to have an "ear to the ground" in Topeka and will support this proposal.

Councilmember Flora stated she echoes these sentiments and noted that issues often move fast at the statehouse so it would be beneficial to have Mr. Little working for us. She supports moving forward with this contract for one year.

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Councilmember Schlossmacher stated that if there is a coalition, Mr. Little will be working for our area whether we are part of the group or not. He expressed his concerns with gauging our return on investment and supports a lobbyist specifically for Mission, rather than as part of a coalition. Ms. Smith stated that Mr. Little has indicated he would be willing to provide these services for Mission independently at the same price, and noted that Fairway, Roeland Park, and Westwood have declined moving forward with this proposal.

The Council continued discussion on approving the proposal for lobbying services from Little Government Relations for Mission only. Councilmember Flora stated that the motion for this issue is broad enough to approve the contract at this time, and evaluate whether Mission will be part of a coalition (if one exists) or independent for lobbying services. Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Flora, Inman, Rothrock, Schlossmacher, Thomas. NAY: Davis, Kring. **Motion carried.**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Thomas reported The Community Development Committee also met on December 11 and discussed nine items, including the Contract for Lobbying Services with Little Government Relations. Items on the committee agenda included approval of the committee minutes and an informational item from the Planning Commission on the recommended approval of the Preliminary Plat, The Gateway Second Plat. The committee discussed three items, including the Asset Management Update, Johnson Drive Reconfiguration, and Recommendations for the CIP Committee. One action item from the committee meeting was approved on tonight's Consent Agenda and there is one remaining item for consideration.

Contract Award for Comprehensive Plan

Councilmember Thomas stated Mission's Comprehensive Plans date back to 1968 with regular updates of those plans throughout the years. The most recent Comprehensive Plan to be adopted by the City was in 2007 with an update in 2011. Mission has evolved since the last update, so it is now time to complete a global review and update of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

An RFP was issued this past summer, with nine responses received. A selection committee including Mayor Appletoft, Councilmember Rothrock, Planning Commissioner Dukelow and several staff members reviewed and scored all proposals, and then interviewed five firms. Based on a number of factors, including cost considerations, the selection committee is recommending the City enter into a contract with Confluence for the update of the Comprehensive Plan in an amount not to exceed \$120,000. The project is expected to take approximately 12 months and will include:

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- Review of existing Comprehensive Plan and master planning documents.
- An analysis of emerging trends in residential and commercial land uses and population, including projections for market demand in housing, office, retail, and industrial land uses for 20 years into the future.
- Analysis of the existing transportation network and the use of Complete Streets for multi-modal accessibility and transportation oriented development.
- Analysis of existing technology infrastructure, including Fixed Broadband Deployment to identify gaps in broadband access and opportunities to take advantage of access for economic development.
- Analysis of the existing land use classifications and zoning including the preparation of potential land use categories and supporting regulations based on the analysis and community input throughout the process.

Moved by Thomas, seconded by Schlossmacher to approve a contract with Confluence for the update of the City's Comprehensive Plan in an amount not to exceed \$120,000. Councilmember Davis stated he feels it is very timely to update the Comprehensive Plan as it has not been updated since it was adopted in 2007 and updated in 2011. There have been many changes in Mission since that time. Councilmember Thomas stated a member of the Confluence leadership team presented information on this project at the committee meeting and "we are in good hands" with Confluence leading the project. Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Davis, Flora, Inman, Kring, Rothrock, Schlossmacher, Thomas. **Motion carried.**

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Rothrock recognized the young people in the audience.

Councilmember Schlossmacher reported that the Holiday Family Adoption Program will have 107 families served this year. Help with this project is still needed. Food basket assembly and gift wrapping will be on Friday, December 20th at 8:00 a.m. and all are encouraged to help. Monetary donations are also still being accepted and checks should be made payable to the City of Mission Charitable Fund.

Councilmember Flora provided information on the Climate Action KC Playbook which was presented yesterday. There were approximately 250 people attending the event. We continue to work on environmental issues and Ms. Smith stated there is a link on our website to the Playbook and we will continue to weave these issues into our conversations.

Councilmember Thomas congratulated Councilmember Flora on her appointment to the League of Kansas Municipalities Governing Body. She is one of 12 members and this is

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an important role. She stated we are lucky to have someone from Mission serving on the LKM Governing Body.

Councilmember Davis thanked staff for their work to make a smooth transition from Waste Management to WCA for trash services. He also thanked all, especially the Parks & Recreation Department staff, for this year's Holiday Lights and Festive Sights which was a great event. Councilmember Davis thanked the Public Works Department for their work to keep the streets cleared during a recent snow event. He wished Happy Holidays to all.

Councilmember Kring stated she is very proud of Mission's City Council and appreciates all who attend our meetings. The many volunteers we have are a lifeline of the community and Mission is a wonderful place to live. She wished Happy Holidays to all.

Councilmember Davis thanked all for the recent employee appreciation luncheon.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Councilmember Rothrock stated there are appointments for the Board and Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission on tonight's agenda. Appointments to other boards and commissions will occur at the January City Council meeting.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Councilmember Rothrock stated the first appointment is Frank Bruce, Ward III to the Board of Zoning Appeals with a term expiring December 31, 2022. Appointments to the BZA are for three years.

Moved by Kring, seconded by Schlossmacher to uphold the appointment of Frank Bruce to the Board of Zoning Appeals with a term expiring December 31, 2022. Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Davis, Flora, Inman, Kring, Rothrock, Schlossmacher, Thomas.
Motion carried.

Planning Commission

Councilmember Rothrock put before Council the appointments of Burton Taylor (Ward I), Brad Davidson (Ward II), Jordan McGee (Ward III), and Pete Christiansen (Ward IV) to the Planning Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2021.

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Moved by Schlossmacher, seconded by Davis to uphold the appointments of Burton Taylor, Brad Davidson, Jordan McGee, and Pete Christiansen to the Planning Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2021. Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Davis, Flora, Inman, Kring, Rothrock, Schlossmacher, Thomas. **Motion carried.**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Smith thanked Council President Rothrock for stepping in this evening to lead the meeting, and at the Holiday Lights events where she also did an outstanding job kicking-off the event. She also thanked all of Council for the great work they do. Ms. Smith made the following announcements:

- Thanks to the Public Works staff for the excellent job they did in plowing after the recent storm. We have high standards in Mission, and even with new staff they did a great job.
- City offices will be closed on December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holiday.
- The January committee meetings will be held on Wednesday, January 8th.

She thanked Ms. Randel for producing the "Year End Video" which was played for all.

Following the video, Councilmember Davis noted the handout from Planning Commissioner Troppito regarding the Legislative Priorities that he requested be made a part of these minutes. Ms. Smith stated that it was not read during the meeting as the Legislative Priorities were approved under the Consent Agenda, but his comments will be included with the minutes. **Commissioner Troppito's email is attached to and made a part of these minutes.**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Boultinghouse, seconded by Kring to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. All present voted AYE. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Martha Sumrall, City Clerk.

Ronald E. Appletoft, Mayor

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Martha M. Sumrall, City Clerk



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2020 Legislative Agenda

1 message

Troppito, Charles <1539667@park.edu>

Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 11:01 PM

To: Laura Smith <lsmith@missionks.org>, Martha Sumrall <msumrall@missionks.org>

Laura/Martha,

I cannot attend tomorrow night's council meeting. Please provide copies of the following to the Governing Body as my public comment and enter it into the meeting record:

Mission, Kansas Governing Body,

Last Earth Day I began a campaign urging state and local governments to take action attracting transformational green technologies for purposes of reducing atmospheric CO2 concentrations and hazardous air pollutants. It is a great pleasure to see that Mission is on the verge of taking the leadership to be the first city in the greater KC region with the foresight to do so. I want to thank all who have been involved in getting to this point and hope that the Finance and Administration Committee's recommended 2020 legislative agenda is unanimously approved. In particular I want to thank the efforts of the City Administration, Sollie Flora, Debbie Kring and the Sustainability Commission for their leadership in making this possible and for putting up with my persistence in this. Mission residents should all appreciate the City's commitment to their health, safety and welfare that this action represents and should be proud of Mission's continued environmental sustainability leadership in the greater KC region.

Best regards,

Charlie Troppito

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