

MINUTES OF THE MISSION FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

January 9, 2019

The Mission Finance & Administration Committee met at Mission City Hall, Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:25 p.m. The following committee members were present: Pat Quinn, Hillary Thomas, Nick Schlossmacher, Debbie Kring, Kristin Inman, Ken Davis and Sollie Flora. Absent: Arcie Rothrock. Mayor Appletoft was also present. Councilmember Schlossmacher called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Also present were City Administrator Laura Smith, Assistant City Administrator Brian Scott, City Clerk Martha Sumrall, Chief Ben Hadley, Assistant to the City Administrator Emily Randel, and Street Superintendent Brent Morton..

Ordinance Establishing Roeland Court Townhomes Community Improvement District (CID)

Ms. Smith reported that in August 2017, a subsidence of the parking lot at Roeland Court Townhomes occurred. Staff has been working with the residents, consultants and engineers to address the situation and ultimately developed a solution that would create a Community Improvement District (CID). This would allow a special assessment component to be activated to allow property owners a longer period of time to pay for repair costs. The residents of Roeland Court Townhomes and their HOA have submitted a valid CID petition and in December Council approved a resolution calling for the public hearing on this issue at the January City Council Meeting. Following the public hearing, the next step is to adopt an ordinance creating the district. Ms. Smith stated we have been working on the details of this CID and over the past few weeks the home owners association has indicated they would like to make additional improvements to their parking area. The CID petition set a maximum annual assessment, which did not include these additional project features. She stated we are continuing to work with the HOA on this change in scope of the project and it is recommended that the proposed ordinance not be approved yet. If the HOA does decide to change the scope of the project, then a new CID petition, etc. may be required. She stated that she will have additional information in the coming weeks. The public hearing can still be held at the January 16th City Council meeting, but the ordinance could be tabled and approved at a later date.

This item will be included on the January 16th City Council Agenda, but it is anticipated that the ordinance will be tabled.

2019 Legislative Program

Councilmember Schlossmacher stated that staff was asked to work on preparing the 2019 Legislative Program and that this document formalizes our positions on various policies.

Ms. Smith provided a handout outlining policies staff would specifically recommend for inclusion and those recommended by councilmembers. The 2018 Legislative Program was used as a foundation for 2019. A redlined copy of the proposed 2019 Legislative Program was provided in the packet and she noted most changes were made for clarity and are not substantive from 2018. She asked that the committee work through the handout to get agreement on base policies, and councilmembers who suggested specific additional policies will have an opportunity to share their perspective on why they suggested it. The final program, once approved, will be available on our website and sent to our legislators in Topeka.

The committee agreed that the redlined version on the proposed 2019 program looked good and then discussed each policy suggested in the handout. Discussion continued with the committee agreeing to include the following policies:

- Alternative Property Valuation (Dark Store Theory)
- Amendment of the Kansas Act Against Discrimination
- Increase Minimum Age for Sale and Purchase of Tobacco Products - Councilmembers Quinn and Schlossmacher did not agree with this policy to increase the minimum age of sale and purchase of tobacco products, e-cigarettes, vapor products and paraphernalia to 21 years as the age of majority has not been increased to 21 by the State.
- Internet Sales Tax Collections
- Energy Efficiency

The committee discussed those items staff believes are already implicit in the opening statement in the program regarding the preservation of home rule and local authority, and agreed that these do not need to be specifically listed in the program. These included policies dealing with the following issues:

- Body cameras
- Cooperation with KDOT
- Installation of Elected Officials
- Land Use and Zoning
- Law Enforcement and Public Safety
- Budget Timeline
- Protection of the First Amendment

Councilmember Davis stated that he would like KDOT to notify residents when they plan projects in our area and referenced issues with a recent Shawnee Mission Parkway project. Ms. Smith suggested that this would be better addressed in letter directly to KDOT.

Several other issues were discussed that will be added to other sections currently in the 2019 program, including:

- Revitalization Tools (Use of Economic Development Tools)

- Sales Tax Exemptions - keep the same as in 2019 after discussion by the committee on possibly recommending the reduction or elimination of sales taxes on food.
- Tax Increment Financing (TIF) (Use of Economic Development Tools)

The committee discussed the ability of local governments to set policies regarding the carrying of weapons and firearms by municipal employees while they are engaged in their work. For example, an employee could carry a weapon while in a city vehicle. Discussion included our ability to regulate employees at work, public safety issues, and the licensing of guns at the State level. A vote was taken by the committee on whether to specifically include this policy and the vote was 4-3 opposed.

Several social/human services policies were discussed and Councilmember Flora stated she asked that “Investment in the Social Safety Net” and “Medicaid Expansion” be included. She noted the importance of having a mental health co-responder and the need to have a healthy community by supporting all residents in obtaining needed medical insurance and services. Both of these issues will be included in the 2019 program.

Councilmember Thomas recommended that support of the “Moderate Income Housing Program” be included to promote affordable housing options, not only in Mission but in any city. This policy will be included in the 2019 program.

Councilmember Flora recommended that “Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment” be included in the policy, particularly since Council has discussed adopting the Tobacco 21 initiative. This policy will be included in the 2019 program.

Councilmembers Flora and Thomas also recommended that “Alternative Energy Sources” be added to the 2019 Legislative Program and all agreed. The committee recommended that in addition to including this in the 2019 program, that specific figures be added.

The committee considered several other issues for inclusion, including:

- Increase in Tobacco Sales Tax
- Legalization of Marijuana
- Legalization of Medical Marijuana.

Councilmembers Davis and Thomas recommended the increase in tobacco sales tax as a prevention measure. This will be included.

Councilmember Flora stated she would like the legalization of marijuana included and discussed the benefits in other states that have legalized it. Discussion by the group included the issues of legalization of all marijuana vs. medical marijuana, police issues with legalization (accidents, etc.), the benefits of being able to regulate and tax marijuana if legalized, and whether this issue is inconsistent with our policy supporting substance abuse prevention and treatment. A vote

was taken by the committee on whether to include the policy supporting the legalization of marijuana with four councilmembers in agreement and three opposing. This policy will be included in the 2019 program.

Ms. Smith asked if any policies recommended tonight should be given more emphasis or priority in the 2019 program She stated that policies will be reorganized into topical groupings for clarity. Councilmember Schlossmacher suggested we may want to start working on next year's legislative program earlier in the year, and Councilmember Davis feels it is important that council not only focus on issues such as infrastructure (streets, etc.), but also on other aspects of life in our community (social and other). Councilmember Inman stated those issues of most importance to residents are demonstrated in our DirectionFinder survey results. Councilmember Davis stated social issues should be included in the survey questions. Discussion continued on the size of our city and staff and what should be the priorities, issues that are handled at other levels in government, and the desire for statistics on how many people are in need in our community. Ms. Smith stated it is important to resolve these issues and our different approaches to addressing them.

Ms. Smith stated that the proposed 2019 Legislative Program with the recommendations from tonight's meeting will be redrafted and provided in the upcoming Council Packet for consideration at the January 16th City Council Meeting. All agreed. This will not be a consent agenda item.

Resolution for the Destruction of Certain Records

Ms. Sumrall reported each year Council approves a resolution designating which documents may be destroyed during the upcoming year. The schedule included in the proposed resolution includes only those records identified in K.S.A.12-120. There was no discussion on this item.

Councilmember Quinn recommended that the resolution authorizing the destruction of certain records of the City of Mission as authorized by Ordinance No. 1143 be forwarded to Council for approval. All on the committee agreed. This will be a consent agenda item.

Purchase of Computer Switches

Mr. Scott provided an update on the recently cabling replacement/upgrades for City facilities and the relocation of the City's primary data closet to a larger, more secure location. A new phone system and camera system have also been installed. One of the final steps in these projects is the purchase of new network switches. The current network switches are older and were donated by Johnson County. They are at the end of their useful life and we do not have enough ports. Bids were sought for six new Cisco switches and three bids were received. Staff is recommending the purchase of six network switches, including supporting hardware, from Summit Information Resources for a total of \$26,700.

Councilmember Quinn recommended that the purchase of six network switches, including supporting hardware, from Summit Information Resources for a total of \$26,700 be forwarded to Council for approval. All on the committee agreed. This will be a consent agenda item.

Councilmember Schlossmacher noted that these bid prices seem to be in line and appropriate, and Councilmember Davis asked if we have worked with Summit Information Resources previously. Mr. Scott stated that Johnson County has worked with Summit.

Other - Department Updates

Ms. Smith announced there will be a Coffee with a Cop on Friday morning, January 11th at Hy-Vee.

Meeting Close

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Sumrall
City Clerk