Several members of Mission’s Governing Body attended the National League of Cities (NLC) Congress of Cities in Washington DC this week. Councilmembers Kring, Flora, Davis, Boultinghouse, and Rothrock attended a variety of educational seminars covering topics including mental health and homelessness, transportation and infrastructure, climate change, COVID-19 trends, legal updates on issues affecting cities, and tools to fight to preserve local control. In addition, the Councilmembers had an opportunity visit with several of our local legislators including Senators Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran. The conference attendees also advocated for presidential candidates to sign on to NLC’s non-partisan Leading Together Cities Agenda. Please take a look here to learn more: [https://citiesagenda.nlc.org/](https://citiesagenda.nlc.org/).

Mission’s City Council adopted a Resolution in support of the Leading Together Agenda at their February 18 City Council meeting. We look forward to learning more about these various programs and initiatives following their return to Mission.

COVID-19 Information and Updates

As concerns surrounding COVID-19 continue to escalate in Johnson County and the metro, staff will maintain updated information on the virus and recommended precautions on the City’s website along with any changes in policies or protocols. We will monitor all new developments closely and communicate with residents and employees as necessary to ensure accurate and timely information is made available.
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- The City and Evergy are planning to host a meeting in the near future with residents of the Milhaven Subdivision who are experiencing power outages/flickering power frequently. This will provide an opportunity for Evergy representatives to gather more information and help identify a potential solution.

- Proposals for Municipal Court Software are due this week. Following the March 13 submission deadline, staff will begin reviewing the information and will bring a recommendation to the Council in April or May.

- The first meeting for the newly formed Watershed 1 group through the County’s Stormwater Management Advisory Council (SMAC) was held this week with Public Works staff attending.

- The City Council and Planning Commission participated in a “Comp Plan 101” work session on March 12 as the first official step in the update of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

- Mayor Appletoft joined Rushston Elementary students this week for a podcast. The students asked question about what the Mayor does and how they can get involved in local government (or politics in general)?

Earth Hour 2020

Mission’s Sustainability Commission will host a March 28 gathering in celebration of Earth Hour, a grassroots movement that engages millions of people around the planet. Each year, for one hour, participants in the movement switch off their lights to show support for the planet.

Mission’s event has been held at Broadmoor Park in past years. This year, it will be a virtual event, in light of the precautions against spread of the coronavirus. The community is invited to share on social media how they are conserving energy during the “Earth Hour” between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.

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New City Clerk Selected

We are pleased to announce the promotion of Community Development Office Assistant Audrey McClanahan to the City Clerk’s position.

Audrey has been with the City of Mission since April 2019, previously working as an educator, for the UMKC School of Law and for a private law firm in Mission. She has a degree in criminal justice from UMKC, and has found her time with the City to be very rewarding as she works directly with residents and contractors through the permitting processes.

Audrey will have the opportunity to train alongside Martha for the 45 days to assist in a smooth transition. The City will begin recruiting for Audrey’s replacement immediately.

Congratulations, Audrey we look forward to working with you in this new role!

Did you Know?

The 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote, occurs in 2020. The Johnson County Museum is currently marking the historic occasion with a digital exhibit titled, Women and the Vote. The exhibit, along with other programming throughout the year will reveal the history of women’s rights in Kansas. The exhibit will run through December 31, 2020.

Age Positive Conference Registration now open. If you are interested in attending, please contact Martha or Laura for more information.