



## **MINUTES OF THE MISSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 16, 2022**

The Mission City Council met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Flora. The following councilmembers were in attendance: Kristin Inman, Lea Loudon, Hillary Thomas, Trent Boultinghouse, Debbie Kring, Ben Chociejski and Mary Ryherd. Councilmember Davis was absent.

Mayor Flora explained that in consideration of on-going COVID-19 health concerns, the meeting was also offered virtually through Zoom, if preferred. The public was invited to participate in the meeting by using the instructions included in the City Calendar item listed on the front page of the website. For those participating virtually, they had the option of utilizing the "chat" feature to voice their comments which would be read aloud. The members of the public in person were encouraged to raise their hand and stay at their seats to be called on. The Mayor requested that anyone commenting to state their name and city of residence as well as to be conscientious of others talking and to speak clearly and slowly.

### **REVISED AGENDA**

The Council considered a revised agenda. **Moved by Boultinghouse, seconded by Kring** to approve the February 16, 2022 City Council meeting Agenda as revised. Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Inman, Loudon, Thomas, Chociejski and Kring. **Motion Carried.**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no Public Hearings.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

#### **2021 Championship Tree Award**

Mr. Almoney presented the 2021 Championship Tree Award to Ben and Mary Funk for the red bud tree located in the front yard of their Milhaven home. Mr.



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Almoney explained that the evaluation criteria was based off the beautiful spring blossoms, colors that change each season, tree location, amount of shade and its beautification of the neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Funk's children planted the tree over fourteen years ago as a housewarming gift to their parents. Mrs. Funk participated via Zoom and thanked Council and staff for the nomination, adding that she will utilize the gift card to continue to update her yard.

### **Jenny Smith, Program Supervisor - Kansas Recreation and Parks Association 2022 Distinguished Professional Award**

Mr. Almoney recognized the Parks + Recreation Program Supervisor, Jenny Smith, for receiving the Kansas Recreation and Parks Association 2022 Distinguished Professional Award. This award is presented to a KRPA member who has provided outstanding service to the community and/or organization. Ms. Smith has worked in Parks and Recreation departments for over seventeen years and has regularly presented at state and national conferences. She is currently the branch chair of KRPA and works hard to train staff in the best practices to serve the community.

Mayor Flora congratulated Ms. Smith and thanked her for her amazing service to the Parks + Recreation Department and commitment to the community. She added that we look forward to continuing to support Ms. Smith in all her future successes.

### **ETC Institute "Leading the Way" Award Recognition**

Ms. Smith presented Council the "Leading the Way" award from ETC Institute which recognized Mission for its outstanding achievement and delivery of services to residents. She explained that the award, weighing eleven pounds, represents the first eleven cities who were part of ETC's Direction Finder survey in 2000. This award is given to cities that are ranked in the top 10% of all local governments in the United States. Mission has participated in the survey, every four years since 2007, in an effort to gauge citizen satisfaction and quality of service delivery.



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Mayor Flora commented that the City appreciates ETC for this recognition and looks forward to continuing to work together in measuring the effectiveness and quality of our City services.

### **Chief Dan Madden – Presentation on FBI, NA Experience**

Chief Madden presented on his recent training at the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy. The three-month program was held at the Marine's base at Quantico and was originally designed to provide a continuity of training across the law enforcement field which has developed into executive level training. This included admittance of international students in order to have new perspective and promote positive relations. Due to COVID, the number of students had to be reduced but each student was still required to take the six courses. Chief Madden spoke to his positive experiences learning the history of enforcement while obtaining useful knowledge that can be utilized and effectively implemented in his service to the community and the Mission Police Department.

Mayor Flora thanked Chief Madden for his hard work and dedication to furthering his education in police work. She added that we know the lessons learned from the Academy will be a great asset to his profession while helping to assist and provide guidance to other officers and service to the community.

### **ISSUANCE OF NOTES AND BONDS**

There were no Issuance of Notes and Bonds.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Moved by Thomas, seconded by Kring** to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

- 4a. Minutes of the January 19, 2022 City Council Meeting
- 4b. Community Center Natatorium Painting and Slide Stairs



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Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Inman, Loudon, Thomas, Chociejski, Kring and Ryherd. **Motion Carried.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pat Quinn, Mission resident, introduced himself as a proud member of Ward I. Mr. Quinn joked with Chief Madden about demonstrating burpees and complimented the Council on looking the "best they ever have." He then went to express that, in his opinion, the City Council recently enacted a local government overreach with their mask mandate. He indicated he wasn't challenging the constitutionality of the move but said, "just because you can do something doesn't mean you should do something." He went on to say he found it difficult to believe that not one member of this Council found this ordinance, either unduly and or unnecessarily restrictive on the citizens and the businesses of our community. According to Mr. Quinn, Johnson County residents are fully vaccinated at well over 70% a rate that is probably higher in Northeast Johnson County. Mr. Quinn suggested that if a business wants to require masks, obviously they have the right and freedom to do so, patrons can choose to enter an establishment or to not enter the establishment, based on whether that establishment requires masks. So, that gives them freedom of choice as well. Mr. Quinn then went on to say that it was his understanding that the City provided a phone number and encouraged people to call and report their own neighbors who were seen not complying with this "feckless" ordinance. Mr. Quinn said, "and that I just find disgusting. I mean it brings back images, I wasn't there but certainly have seen the images of the Hitler youth movement where they turn in their own parents. (inaudible comments from audience) Yea, I know it's kinda sad. Kinda sad." Mr. Quinn went on to say that while he knows the ordinance is going to be expiring, he recognizes the Council has the right to extend if they wanted, but that he was obviously hoping they wouldn't do that. He also told the Council that if they wanted, they have the power tonight through a motion, second and a vote, to do away with the ordinance immediately. Mr. Quinn thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak and said he appreciated all of them.



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Mayor Flora commented that this section of the meeting was for items not on the agenda and there would be opportunity to comment on agenda items, including the mask ordinance, later on tonight's agenda.

Mayor Flora invited Mission resident, Steven Schowengerdt, to the podium to provide a non-agenda related comment. Mr. Schowengerdt wanted to give additional comments regarding the mask ordinance. Mayor Flora informed Mr. Schowengerdt that he needed to wait for that agenda item's discussion as there will be opportunity for public comment at that time.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

There were no items from the Planning Commission.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Finance and Administration Committee**

Councilmember Kring reported that the Finance & Administration Committee met on February 2 and considered a total of four items. The acceptance of the meeting minutes was approved under the Consent Agenda and there were three additional items for review on the Regular Agenda.

#### **Predevelopment Agreement - BK Properties, LLC, 5665 Foxridge Drive**

Councilmember Kring explained that the property at 5665 Foxridge is an approximately five-acre parcel containing a 39,825 square foot, one-story building, that was built in 1970. Block Real Estate Services currently has a purchase option agreement on the property and plans to develop a five-story, 300-unit, multi-family building project. The project would include mostly one- and two-bedroom units, an outdoor pool and courtyard, fitness facility, leasing office, and other amenities.



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Block Real Estate Services (BK Properties, LLC) has indicated their intent to submit a TIF Project Plan application which necessitates a predevelopment agreement. Among other provisions, it will provide a mechanism to reimburse for any City expenses incurred during discussion and review of a final development agreement. This is the first step in consideration of the developer's request for incentives and does not obligate the City Council to any public incentives. The specific terms of a final development agreement will be considered once City staff and the consulting team have received and evaluated the request and formulated a recommendation to the City Council.

**Moved by Kring, seconded by Thomas** to approve a predevelopment agreement with BK Properties, LLC for consideration of a multi-family development at 5665 Foxridge Drive. Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Inman, Loudon, Thomas, Chociej, Kring and Ryherd. **Motion Carried.**

### **Predevelopment Agreement – Aryeh Realty, LLC, the Gateway Project**

Councilmember Kring reported that the Mission Gateway Development Agreement expired on December 31, 2021, and the Developers have submitted a revised preliminary development plan along with an updated request related to incentives. They are seeking to re-engage in negotiation of a new development agreement in connection with the project.

While a predevelopment agreement has been executed previously with the Developer, it is now reasonable to consider a new agreement. The agreement establishes a requirement for the developer to reimburse for any City expenses incurred during discussion and review of a final development agreement, and allows the City to suspend negotiations, drafting of documents or other activities in the event the Developer fails to timely pay taxes, if the property is subject to uncured municipal code violations or a judicial foreclosure action is pending regarding any mortgage or other encumbrance against the property.



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The adoption of the predevelopment agreement does not obligate the City Council to any public incentives. The specific terms of a final development agreement will be considered once City staff and the City's consulting team have evaluated the request and formulated a recommendation to the City Council.

Kandance Khoury, Mission resident, expressed concern over the project, issue with the condition of the property and urged the City Council to no longer continue negotiating with these developers.

Josh Sturgis, Mission resident, commented that he has presented several times to the Council regarding this same issue with Aryeh Realty and the Cameron Group. He was in agreement with Mr. Khoury, and believes the City shouldn't proceed any further with negotiations. He commented that the Council hasn't done a good job with engaging the media and emphasized that while we can't pick who develops, the City can choose who to do business with. He stressed that the majority of Mission residents would feel the same and that no tax dollars should go to this development.

Gary Foster made a comment, via Zoom, concerned about the Developer and their ability to appropriately carry through to construction of the project.

Councilmember Thomas asked for clarification as to what the agreement tonight entails, if the Council were to approve it. Ms. Smith shared the following with respect to what a predevelopment agreement does or does not do. She explained that:

- The agreement is made between the City and the Developer to acknowledge a developer's request for incentives for a particular project and to prescribe a timeframe within which the City will generally seek to discuss or negotiate a redevelopment agreement.
- The predevelopment agreement protects the City from incurring any expenses incurred by third party consultants in evaluating the request for incentives (developer must reimburse all expenses).



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- The predevelopment agreement provides the City with the ability to terminate negotiations/discussions on the project for specific reasons, including the Developer's nonpayment of taxes or unremedied municipal code violations on the site.

Ms. Smith went on to explain that it requires the Developer to start with a \$10,000 escrow which will be used to pay for the City's time in evaluating the request. This protects City finances as well as tax payer dollars as the project is evaluated.

Ms. Smith also reminded the Council that to date, there have been no incentives paid out to the developer, and none would be paid until successful completion of a project. She also advised that anyone who was interested in being placed on a contact list for any future consideration of the Gateway project contact the City Clerk.

Councilmember Thomas added that this is an unenviable position to be in and the Council will do what they think is best for the City. Mayor Flora agreed, commenting that they have to give any developer that comes to the City the opportunity to go through this process. This project will go through the Planning Commission and there will be further discussion over incentives with Council.

**Moved by Kring, seconded by Chocie** to approve a predevelopment agreement with Aryeh Realty, LLC for consideration of a mixed-use redevelopment project known as the Mission Gateway. Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Inman, Loudon, Thomas, Chocie, Kring and Ryherd. **Motion Carried.**

### **Mission Bowl Request for Extension for Commencement of Construction**

Councilmember Kring explained that the preliminary development plan (PDP) for the proposed Mission Bowl Apartments project (5399 Martway) was



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approved in December of 2020, along with the tax increment financing project plan and the redevelopment agreement. The Developer has continued to work diligently to finalize plans, budgets, and financing and has demolished the existing structure and secured the site.

The anticipated project budget in March 2021 was approximately \$25.2 million. As bids were sought from contractors, prices began to escalate driven by supply chain and work force issues prevalent throughout the pandemic. As of January 2022, the overall project budget has increased by approximately \$5 million which is a 22% increase over the original budget.

As a result, the Developer's team began pursuing value engineering options seeking solutions which would allow the project to be delivered as approved. They recognized that there were several Council goals and objectives inherent in the approval of the incentives, including timely construction and completion of the project, they assumed the risk associated with slowing the development schedule slightly in order to maintain the goals related to affordable housing and sustainability.

The developers have requested a second extension to the development schedule outlined in Exhibit C of the Redevelopment Agreement. The request is to extend ONLY the commencement date for construction of the project to May 1, 2022, while leaving the project completion date the same. In addition, they are requesting the reference to vertical construction be removed. Based on the continuous execution of project work, staff and the City's land use attorney do not believe this request for additional time is unusual or unreasonable.

Councilmember Kring asked for clarification on vertical construction removal. Ms. Smith explained that there is a tremendous amount of site work including the relocation of the sanitary sewer line with the Johnson County Waste Water lift station. The construction will commence on May 1 for the actual building and not just the sitework. The end date of the project will remain the same.

Councilmember Thomas asked about how the funding was progressing. Mr. Floodman responded that they are waiting for their final GMP and the next



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step will be to have the lender complete a plan cost review. They are confident the prices will remain the same as they source materials.

Councilmember Chociejski asked about the glazing on the rear section of the building that fronts the neighborhood. Mr. Floodman assured that they are working on that design element and will share with Council as soon as the architect has updates.

Councilmember Ryherd explained that as her husband was part of the design team, for this project, she would be abstaining from the vote.

**Moved by Kring, seconded by Loudon** to approve an extension of time for commencement of construction and corresponding adjustment of the development schedule for construction of the Mission Bowl Apartments. Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Inman, Loudon, Thomas, Chociejski and Kring. Abstained: Ryherd. **Motion Carried.**

### **Community Development Committee**

Councilmember Boultinghouse reported that the Community Development Committee also met on February 2 and considered four items with the meeting minutes and Community Center Natatorium Painting and Slide Stairs all considered under the Consent Agenda. There were two additional items for review.

### **Community Center Skylight and Ceiling Repairs**

The skylights in the PCC natatorium are original to the facility and have leaks and oxidation deficiencies. Over the last two years, they have begun to leak more frequently. Replacement was scheduled for 2020 but was delayed due to COVID-19 revenue considerations. The project was revisited in connection with the ceiling painting budgeted in 2022 and the replacement of natatorium lighting occurring with the Facility Conservation Improvement Program (FCIP) improvements. SCH Concepts was recommended as the preferred



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vendor and the project is set to align with the HVAC and dehumidifying system installations during the upcoming indoor pool closure period. It is important to note that when originally included in the 2020 CIP, the project anticipated replacing 24 additional skylights in the north and south gyms of the Community Center. The budget had been approved for \$70,000. Staff reviewed the gym skylights, with SCH Concepts, and determined they are still usable for another 4-5 years which will save \$47,226.

**Moved by Boultinghouse, seconded by Kring** to approve the bid from SCH Concepts to install 10 skylights in the Powell Community Center (PCC) natatorium for an amount not to exceed \$22,774. Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Inman, Loudon, Thomas, Chociejski, Kring and Ryherd. **Motion Carried.**

### **Increase in Lifeguard Pay**

Mission lifeguards are critical to patron safety at the Powell Community Center as well as the Mission Family Aquatic Center. Staffing issues can arise when salaries are not competitive in comparison with surrounding municipalities and lifeguards decide to accept employment elsewhere. A wage study was conducted and determined that Mission's lifeguard pay is below the regional mean. In order to be able to offer a safe aquatic experience at our facilities, Staff has recommended an increase in starting lifeguard wage to \$12.50 per hour and lifeguard captain pay to \$13.50 per hour. Staff has reviewed and allocated funds through staffing adjustments to compensate the additional lifeguard wages and everything will be fully funded through the existing Parks and Recreation part time salaries operating budgets.

**Moved by Boultinghouse, seconded by Kring** to approve an increase in the starting lifeguard pay rate to \$12.50 and increase the lifeguard captain pay rate to \$13.50 with an estimated budget impact of \$23,689. Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Inman, Loudon, Thomas, Chociejski, Kring and Ryherd. **Motion Carried.**



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### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Ordinance Regulating Public Offenses within the City of Mission and Amending the Municipal Code to Extend the Requirement for Wearing Masks or other Face Coverings during the COVID-19 Public Health Pandemic and Recovery**

Mayor Flora explained that last month City Council approved an ordinance regulating public offenses and amending the municipal code to require wearing masks or other face coverings during the COVID-19 public health pandemic and recovery. The ordinance is set to expire next Wednesday, February 23 so it is appropriate that the item is revisited during tonight's meeting. When Council approved the ordinance on January 12, Johnson County was experiencing an acute increase in COVID-19 cases resulting from the Omicron variant. The percent positivity rate in the two weeks preceding adoption of the ordinance increased from 11.1% to 31.8%. Since that time, as hoped based on Omicron's impact in other areas, the decline has also been rapid, with a percent positivity rate of 12.2% reported on February 13. Mayor Flora indicated that the City Administrator would be providing some additional information this evening, and added that Charlie Hunt, Deputy Director of the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment, was attending virtually in case anyone on Council had questions.

Mayor Flora went on to acknowledge that while she recognizes this is a decision of the Governing Body, it is her position that she would be comfortable allowing the ordinance to expire as originally planned on February 23, 2022 based on where we are currently with the positivity rates.

Ms. Smith explained that when the ordinance was first enacted, it was in response to a dramatic spike in COVID cases, as a result of the Omicron variant, that was putting tremendous strain on the healthcare community and school systems. The ordinance was deliberately drafted to ensure individual responsibility, relieving business owners of any responsibility for enforcement in hopes of eliminating the potential for conflict between businesses and their



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customers. Since the ordinance took effect on January 18, 2022, the Police Department has received less than twenty-five calls, with at least half of those being generated from the Powell Community Center. Ms. Smith reported that a number was provided for individuals to call and report questions or concerns with the mask ordinance, just like we would in any other situation. Ms. Smith went on to report that since the effective date of the ordinance, fewer than twenty-five calls had been received, with nearly one-half of those coming from the Powell Community Center. The City took each as an opportunity to speak to and educate business owners and members of the public about the ordinance. No citations have been issued.

The expiration date was set based on ordinance publication requirements and timing of Council meetings. We are discussing the ordinance tonight because if you did find yourselves in a position of wanting to extend the ordinance you would need to take that action tonight. Ms. Smith also explained that if the Council is interested in terminating the ordinance, because ordinance publication requirements, the earliest the existing ordinance could be modified would be February 23, 2022. There is no opportunity to terminate it prior to that date.

Ms. Smith reminded the Council that when Mission approved the ordinance on January 12, the cities of Prairie Village and Roeland Park held meetings the same night and passed similar ordinances. The City of Fairway passed a mask ordinance a few days later. Fairway's ordinance has not been extended and will expire tomorrow. Ms. Smith indicated it was also her understanding that although both Roeland Park and Prairie Village had extended their original ordinances, both cities would be revisiting. Ms. Smith reported the data now shows a sharp decline in cases, and she hopes that with the next reporting numbers, they will be below 12.2% and continuing to trend downward.

Steve Schowengerdt, Mission resident, was present and commented that he knew why the Council made the mandate: it was for the safety and welfare of the Mission residents. Mr. Schowengerdt went on to say that, "we know science though, unless you're using an N95, the masks don't do a whole lot of good, a little bit but not a whole lot. It's very unfair to our Mission businesses.



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Mack Hardware has had their poorest 30 days in forever. I don't know about Hy-Vee, half the people wear the masks, half the people don't. It's an ordinance that is unenforceable and I think that's a bad precedent to do something like that. Hopefully you will do away this mask mandate. The county offices do not have one, Boulder, Colorado of all places does not have one. Now they're all doing away with them because they're seeing that COVID numbers are going down and the science behind the masks is like I say, unless you're wearing an N95, it's not doing a whole lot of good." Mr. Schowengerdt thanked the Council for the opportunity to comment and wished them a good evening.

Gary Foster, Mission resident, restated his opposition, via Zoom, by pointing to the large decline in COVID-19 cases and expressed his views on the ineffectiveness of cloth masks.

Councilmember Thomas and Kring both expressed their support for letting the ordinance expire on February 23. Councilmember Boultinghouse commented that he is also in favor of letting it expire since the community is in a different position, adding that he has been proud of the City's response to the pandemic up to this point and that he believes they have exercised good judgement in making decisions.

**Moved by Kring, seconded by Thomas** to allow Ordinance 1545, which requires individuals to wear masks or other face coverings while indoors in public spaces during the COVID-19 public health pandemic and recovery, to expire on February 23, 2022. Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Inman, Loudon, Thomas, Kring and Ryherd. Voting NAY: Chocie. **Motion Carried.**

Mayor Flora explained that the ordinance applied to masking while in all indoor public spaces, which included COVID-19 protocols in City facilities. Since this ordinance will be expiring in one week, it was appropriate for the Council to consider whether there is interest in revising protocols for its own facilities, including the Powell Community Center.



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Ms. Smith reminded the Council and public of the applicable conditions before the masking ordinance:

- All City facilities required masking for the public in common areas at City Hall, Police station, Public Works and Community Center.
- At the Community Center, masking was not required for people accessing private rental space or actively exercising.
- There were established check-in points, at the Community Center, closer to the south entrance to help with traffic.
- Water fountains remain inaccessible, but the water bottle filler stations were available.
- A thirty-minute window of time allowed for proper cleaning practices between rentals. Including a one-hour time for use of the aerobics studio when it was to be used for children's or youth programming.
- Maintaining a "mask only" work out area for patrons that preferred to be in an exercise space with masks.

Councilmember Boultinghouse expressed he would be comfortable letting the pre-COVID protocols return after the masking ordinance expires. Councilmember Inman disagreed, commenting that she believed the City does not need to go back to those strict protocols.

**Moved by Boultinghouse, seconded by Thomas** to return to COVID-19 protocols at City facilities, including the Powell Community Center, which were in place or strengthened at the time the ordinance was adopted on January 12, 2022. Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Chociej, Loudon, Thomas, Kring and Ryherd. Voting NAY: Inman. **Motion Carried.**

### **Date Change for March 2022 Council Legislative Meeting**

Mayor Flora explained that Council legislative meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month per Mission's municipal code. However, at the March 16 meeting, herself and four councilmembers will be absent which will



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result in a lack of a quorum.

As such, the Council discussed moving the March legislative meeting to Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7 pm at the Powell Community Center to allow for a quorum to be present.

**Moved by Kring, seconded by Loudon** to approve a change in the date of the March 2022 City Council Legislative Meeting from Wednesday, March 16 to Wednesday March 9 at 7:00 pm at the Powell Community Center. Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Inman, Loudon, Thomas, Chociej, Kring and Ryherd.  
**Motion Carried.**

### **COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Kring commented that there is progress on the Rushton rebuild plans and she will provide an update as things progress a little further. She has been pleased with their use of local businesses and incorporation of sustainability concepts.

Councilmember Thomas indicated that she had debated about whether say anything, but said that, "hearing the Hitler youth comment tonight it just really struck a chord in me. You know, I think there is a way to disagree with the policies that we make without exploiting the Jewish memory (inaudible comment from audience) and murder of six million Jews, and that's Holocaust distortion. And I just want to make clear for the public that's not something I want to allow, even publicly commented on, without addressing and saying that it's Holocaust distortion."

Mayor Flora clarified that there was more public comment tonight than we've had in a sometime, and she wanted to make clear that those comments represented only the views of the individual expressing them. The Council will have additional opportunity to respond, address or discuss as appropriate.



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### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

#### **Sustainability Commission (Kring/Thomas)**

Councilmember Kring reported that the Sustainability Commission is looking at highlighting local businesses that are doing environmentally sustainable practices. For instance, Salsa Grill utilizes recycled containers for their takeout. Councilmember Thomas added that in relation to the Climate Action Plan, they are excited about the upcoming Task Force and will be bringing back some policy recommendations to Council.

#### **Parks, Recreation + Tree Commission (Loudon/Ryherd)**

Councilmember Ryherd explained that PRT is working on best practices for more effective integration with Council.

#### **Mission Magazine Editorial Board (Boultinghouse)**

Councilmember Boultinghouse commented that they have had two meetings and he is very impressed with the dedication and passion of the members. They have had some great discussions on human-interest angles and upcoming seasonal themes for 2022 magazine issues.

#### **Family Adoption Committee (Chociej)**

Councilmember Chociej commented that they have had only one meeting and he was unable to attend.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

#### **Appointments**



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### **Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission**

Mayor Flora explained that there were three appointments to fill the remaining vacancies on the Parks, Recreation + Tree Commission. She added that we appreciate the service of community volunteers and their hard work in guiding important decisions which have a direct and positive impact on the City.

Mayor Flora put before the Council the appointment of Warren Hays (Ward III) and Kevin Schmidt (Ward III) for the Parks, Recreation + Tree Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2023, and Jay Fleer (non-resident member) to the Parks, Recreation + Tree Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2022.

**Moved by Kring, seconded by Boultinghouse** to appoint Warren Hays (Ward III) and Kevin Schmidt (Ward III) to the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2023 and the appointment of Jay Fleer (non-resident member) to the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2022. Voting AYE: Boultinghouse, Inman, Loudon, Thomas, Chociej, Kring and Ryherd. **Motion Carried.**

### **Climate Action Plan Task Force**

Mayor Flora appointed the members of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Task Force, explaining that since formally endorsing the KC Regional Climate Action Plan in October 2021, the City Council has been discussing how to effectively move forward to evaluate the goals, actions and implementation strategies included in the plan.

Through the course of discussions, it was determined that creating a multi-functional task force would be the best way to ensure that the values and principles embodied in the plan were integrated into our work as it is an ambitious set of interrelated strategies to help mitigate climate change and achieve the net-zero greenhouse gas emissions goals.



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The members of the Task Force are made up of members from Mission's Planning, Sustainability, and Parks, Recreation + Tree Commissions along with two members of the City Council. In addition, representatives from each of the cities operating departments will be participating as part of the Task Force. Their goal will be to review not only the Climate Action KC Plan, but Mission's previous studies and work around sustainability to evaluate and recommend 1-, 3-, and 5-year strategies, to be forwarded to the Governing Body.

Mayor Flora appreciates the willingness of the members to commit their time to serve and looks forward to getting this important work started. The following members were appointed:

- Hillary Thomas, Ward I Councilmember
- Ben Chociej, Ward IV Councilmember
- Josh Thede, Sustainability Commission
- Andy Hyland, Sustainability Commission
- Robin Dukelow, Planning Commission
- Jacque Gameson, Parks, Recreation + Tree Commission
- Emily Randel, Administration
- Karie Kneller, Community Development
- Robert Meyers, Police
- Craig Donner, Parks + Recreation
- Celia Duran/Brent Morton, Public Works

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

Ms. Smith provided the following updates:

- January 2022 Interim Financial reports were included in the packet and on the website.
  - During the first month of the year, the City is on budget and she



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is pleased to see a slight increase in cost recovery at the Community Center.

- Next week, the City will start working with the consultants for the feasibility study and assess long term goals and objectives for the Community Center.
- Trinity Lutheran Church will host a food drive event next Thursday as well as every second and fourth Thursdays of each month.
- The first issue of the Mission Magazine, for 2022, will be going to print shortly.
- "If I were Mayor" contest will be back, and they are hoping to receive a lot of entries from students again this year.
- There will be a work session on March 9<sup>th</sup>, before the Council's legislative meeting, to discuss incentive policies and strategies.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was not a need for an Executive Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Flora announced that the public video from tonight's meeting will be available through a link on the City's website - missionks.org.

**Moved by Kring, seconded by Thomas** to adjourn the meeting at 8:44p.m. All present voted AYE. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Audrey McClanahan, City Clerk.

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Solana Flora, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Audrey M. McClanahan", written over a horizontal line.

Audrey M. McClanahan, City Clerk