



MINUTES OF THE MISSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 20, 2022

The Mission City Council met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 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 Chocie, Ken Davis and Mary Ryherd.

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 please state their name and city of residence as well as to be conscientious of others talking and to speak clearly and slowly.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Public Hearings.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Remarks by Police Chief Madden

Mayor Flora recognized Police Chief Dan Madden who spoke about the senseless loss of North Kansas City police officer Daniel Vasquez. Chief Madden shared that two Mission police officers were impacted by the killing as they were friends with Officer Vasquez and the killing happened on the six years to the day as another officer involved shooting. Chief Madden asked for a moment of silence and for citizens of Mission to pray for Officer Vasquez, his family, friends, his police officer family and the citizens of North Kansas City for healing.

Introduction of New City Clerk



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Mayor Flora recognized City Administrator Laura Smith who introduced Mission's new City Clerk Robyn Fulks. Ms. Smith spoke of Ms. Fulks's background, status as a citizen of Mission who lives on Woodson Street, and her involvement with the Rushton Elementary School PTA and Girl Scouts.

Parks + Recreation Month Proclamation

Mayor Flora shared that she was proud to proclaim July 2022 as Parks + Recreation Month in Mission. Mayor Flora stated that parks and recreation are vitally important to maintaining the quality of life in our community, ensuring health of all citizens and contributing to economic and environmental wellbeing to our comm & region. Mayor Flora encouraged all citizens to enjoy our many facilities, parks and programs and thanks Director Almoney and his staff for their important work. Parks + Recreation Director Penn Almoney and staff members Jenna, Jenny, Craig and Taylor accepted the proclamation from Mayor Flora. Director Almoney thanked the Council on behalf of the Parks + Recreation Department to which Mayor Flora remarked "short and sweet. I like it".

ISSUANCE OF NOTES AND BONDS

There were no Issuance of Notes and Bonds.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 4a. Minutes of the June 15, 2022 City Council Meeting and the July 6, 2022 Special City Council Meeting
- 4b. Contract for Crossing Guard Services
- 4c. Community Center HVAC Maintenance Agreement
- 4d. Mohawk Park Inspection Services



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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no report from the Planning Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee

Councilmember Boultinghouse shared that the Finance & Administration Committee met on July 6 and considered two items. The meeting minutes, and a contract for crossing guard services with All City Management Services (ACMS) were approved under the Consent Agenda. No items tonight will be considered under the Regular Agenda.

Community Development Committee

Councilmember Chociejski reported that the Community Development Committee also met on July 6 and considered three items. The meeting minutes, community center HVAC maintenance agreement and the Mohawk Park Inspection Services were approved under the Consent Agenda. There is one additional item for consideration on the Regular Agenda tonight.

55th Street (Lamar to 165 Feet East of Maple) Street Preservation Program Design



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Mr. Chociey shared that during budget discussions, City Council has expressed an interest in accelerating the residential Street Preservation Program depending upon available funding. The City has currently allocated \$2.0 million annually for residential streets and four residential streets are currently in design for construction in 2023.

The Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for 55th St. from Lamar Ave. to 165 feet east of Maple St. (city limits) ranges from 34 ("very poor") to 55.1 ("poor") and the asphalt depth ranges from 3 inches to 8 inches. Based on the pavement condition and the poor condition of the sidewalk, this street is identified as the next highest priority street after the 2023 residential streets currently in design. The scope of work for 55th St. (Lamar Ave. to 165 feet east of Maple St.) includes full depth pavement reconstruction; curb and gutter, sidewalk, retaining wall, and driveway approach removal and replacement; and stormwater improvements or repairs (pipes, structures, and culverts with risk ratings of 4's and 5's).

If this task order is approved, Olsson will begin design for potential construction in 2023. During preliminary design, Staff will reach out to utility companies (WaterOne, JCW, and Kansas Gas Service, etc.) who have all expressed interest in replacing their infrastructure prior to street reconstruction. Depending upon the number of utilities interested in replacement and their timelines, the construction may need to be delayed until 2024; however, every effort to construct 55th St. in 2023 will be made if at all possible.

Current estimates for the four streets planned for 2023 is approximately \$2,450,000. Once final design is completed for these streets the construction costs may potentially increase, especially on 61st Terrace. Since this number already exceeds the estimated annual budget, there are some financial decisions that will likely need to be made

The task order includes all design services for 51st Street. Additionally, costs are included for administrative/construction services for this street (project meetings, permitting, preparation of bid documents, and bid and construction phase services) in case 55th St. cannot be constructed with the four streets designated for construction in 2023.

The services listed in Olsson's task order will be completed for a total amount not to exceed \$210,588. This cost is higher than the cost for 61st



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Terrace since 55th St. is approximately 1,000 feet longer and therefore requires more design and plan sheets. Costs are also included for TCEs for all 46 properties (\$34,434).

Olsson is currently working on a conceptual cost estimate for 55th St. and has estimated a ballpark construction cost of \$1.6 to \$1.8 million for 55th St. east of Lamar Ave. Costs may increase.

Moved by Chocie, seconded by Davis to Approve a task order with Olsson for engineering services for 55th St. (Lamar Ave. to 165 Feet East of Maple St.) in an amount not to exceed \$210,588.00. Voting AYE: Chocie, Inman, Kring, Boultinghouse, Loudon, Ryherd, Davis and Thomas. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for the July 20, 2022 agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for the July 20, 2022 agenda.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Flora wished a happy 10th anniversary to Councilmember Thomas and Max, and thanked Councilmember Thomas for attending the City Council Meeting on her 10th wedding anniversary.

Councilmember Davis announced that the Ward IV meeting will be on Tuesday, Aug 9 at 7:00pm by Zoom.

Councilmember Boultinghouse announced that Ward I will meet on August 4, however no time or locations have been decided so residents should stay



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tuned for details.

Councilmember Kring announced that Ward III would hold its meeting the following day at the community center in the breakout room. All are invited from 7-8 p.m. Additionally, Councilmember Kring sent a thank you to the parks and recreation folks for the wonderful job on the Mission Family Picnic. The weather and the group were wonderful, and the staff was amazing. Penn and his group did a fantastic job.

Councilmember Thomas thanked Chief Madden and Sergeant Hodge for the recent ride along with the police department last Friday. She stated that although there was not much action in the City, the night was very informative and interesting, and she learned so much. Especially in the light of the events of the previous day, it's always a solid reminder of the important sacrifices our officers make every day on the streets and she is thankful for the experience.

Mayor Flora reminded everyone to go vote in the primary election and if you have not already, please go vote. If you are registered to vote you will have something on your ballot, and early voting can be completed at the Northeast county offices here in Mission.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Sustainability Commission (Kring/Thomas)

Councilmember Thomas reported that the Climate Action Task Force is continuing and should have recommendations soon for the full Council soon. She also reminded everyone about the Environmental Fair scheduled for September 17. The committee is looking for sponsors, vendors, and volunteers for the fair. To get involved with that reach out to Terri Baugh. The commission also had two presentations at the last meeting on the



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sustainability scoreboards on various developments including the 58 Nall project and the 56th and Foxridge project. The Commission as a whole was pleased with both reports. Finally, they are excited about Johnson Drive road diet. Councilmember Kring seconded the sentiments of Councilmember Thomas.

Parks, Recreation + Tree Commission (Loudon/Ryherd)

Councilmember Ryherd shared that the bulk of the last meeting was dedicated to discussing the sales tax renewal, including talking about signage around the city within the group and marketing materials that will be sent out in advance of the vote. New signs for tree identification have been installed at the Mission Market site, Mohawk and Broadmoor parks. Mohawk Park is still on track to be finished in early March.

Councilmember Loudon shared that she wanted to add that Parks + Rec has identified groups to help get word out about the sales tax vote including Mission marlins, Rushton scout troops and PTA, the Stroke Foundation and other groups who generally use our parks. In the first part of August there will hopefully be a groundbreaking at Mohawk Park. The feasibility study will be giving their report soon and there is a stakeholder meeting the first week of August for that. Members of the Parks + Rec committee are going on a tour of the City's parks to see things in person, including Streamway, Broadmoor, Legacy and Waterworks parks. Additionally, a person from sustainability committee approached Parks, Recreation & Trees Commission to report that almost 2 tons of batteries have been collected for proper disposal or recycling since 2006. She thought that was great.

Councilmember Kring reported that she spoke to the owner of Adams Cable Company that day. He will be at the Environmental Fair as an invited guest. He has offered to take the collected batteries to recycle which will alleviate a cost of recycling and will allow residents to know where the old batteries are going and what the outcome is.



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Mission Magazine Editorial Board (Boultinghouse)

Councilmember Boultinghouse stated that the Editorial Board met last Wednesday at noon. They reviewed the latest edition of the Mission Magazine that had just hit mailboxes. The edition is fresh off the presses and includes lots of exciting content including the remaining four councilmember profiles along with some nice features on authors. This edition is a very exciting seasonal issue, and the board hopes that the community continues to enjoy the magazine. He continues to enjoy serving on the committee.

Family Adoption Committee (Chociej)

Councilmember Chociej reported that the committee has finally met for the first time this year. They met for the first time this year on June 30 and reviewed donations and expenses from last year, what went well and what they can do better, and what to expect this year. They discussed how much they enjoyed being able to store and stockpile donations year-round in the POD, it was a big help. For this year they anticipate help from Harvesters amongst challenges such as rising cost and need and how to tackle those. Hope to dup police and FD cereal challenge from past, very successful and fun. The committee is looking for a couple of volunteers to look over bikes before distribution this year to make sure they are operational, and they are looking for a Spanish speaking volunteer. Their next meeting is scheduled for July 29.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Flora had no appointments or other items to report. She again reminded folks of the importance of going to vote in advance of the August 2 primary elections.

Appointments

There were no appointments.



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CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Smith echoed Councilmember Kring's sentiments as she too heard great reports of the Mission Family Summer picnic throughout the evening and after. She is always proud of the work our staff does. Events like the picnic Give the community a great opportunity to come together and celebrate. She reminded the public about some upcoming events including yoga on deck with wine tasting on July 28 at 8pm at the Mission Family Aquatic Center; Harvesters mobile collection event Saturday July 30 in the parking lot at Shawnee Mission North; as Councilmember Loudon reference, the City is working with the contractor for a Mohawk Park groundbreaking that will be well timed close enough to mobilization of the project so that residents see work happening immediately after groundbreaking.

Ms. Smith reported that message boards related to the full closure of the intersection of Nall and Johnson Drive are in place. The City had hoped to avoid a full closure, but because of brick in street a full closure is necessary. The intersection will be closed from 5:00 am on Friday, July 22 through 7:00 am on Monday, July 25. Message boards are up, and businesses in the immediate vicinity had received flyers and been notified of the closure.

Touched on interim monthly financial report. Ms. Smith planned to send out in the morning a firmed-up calendar for the remainder of the budget process and conversations related to Gateway. The overall budget picture looks good. She highlighted a couple of things: the repayment of approximately \$311,000.00 of use tax revenues. The City is slowly working its way through the processes with KDOR to have a full and complete understanding and then be in a position to evaluate if we can engage our legislators to help with some sort of notification process. Ms. Smith also reported that sales tax performance (had it not been for the refund) is strong in the City. She touched on a jump in ending fund balance in June as result of 2nd half of distribution of property taxes from the county. In August we will see a corresponding decrease as principal payments on debt issues will occur. Ms. Smith also thanked the hard work of our staff and Parks + Recreation. Reviewing the cost



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recovery chart, the community center was trending in low 40s this year but is at 53% at end of June in large due to Childcare aware grant secured by staff for Mission Summer Camp program. Ms. Smith hoped that the cost recovery number would continue to move in the positive direction and looks forward to further conversations coming out of feasibility study. There were no questions from the public for Ms. Smith.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Flora reported that there was a need for an Executive Session for a discussion of security measures. She explained that the Governing Body, and those individuals named in the motion, would adjourn to Executive Session for the allotted time. When that time expired, the Governing Body would reconvene to either extend the time required for discussion and return to Executive Session or continue with the regular legislative meeting. She reminded the public that the Governing Body may take no binding action in an Executive Session.

Moved by Boultinghouse, seconded by Kring to recess to Executive Session under K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2), consultation with Attorney on Matters Deemed Privileged. Also attending the meeting will be City Administrator Laura Smith, Assistant City Administrator Emily Randel, City Attorney Dave Martin, and Chief of Police Dan Madden. The open meeting will resume in thirty minutes at 7:59 p.m. Voting AYE: Thomas, Boultinghouse, Loudon, Ryherd, Kring, Inman, Chociej, Davis. **Motion Carried.**

The Governing Body reconvened at 7:59 p.m., there was no need to extend the time and the meeting moved into adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Moved by Ryherd, seconded by Davis to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



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All present voted AYE. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Robyn Fulks, City Clerk.



Solana Flora, Mayor



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