



## MINUTES OF THE MISSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 15, 2025

The Mission City Council met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Flora. The following councilmembers were in attendance: Wanda Vaughn, Mary Ryherd, Lea Loudon, Ben Chociej, Debbie Kring, and Josepha Haden Chomphosy. Councilmembers Schmid and Carpenter-Davis were absent.

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. The members of the public participating virtually had the option of utilizing the "chat" feature to voice their comments which would be read aloud. Mayor Flora 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.

### **REVISED AGENDA**

Mayor Flora explained that there was a need for a revised agenda. Ms. Smith added that the agenda was revised to include the Mission Community Food Pantry proclamation.

**Moved by Chociej, seconded by Kring** to adopt the Revised Agenda as presented.

Voting AYE: Chociej, Loudon, Ryherd, Kring, Vaughn, and Loudon. **Motion Carried.**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no public hearings.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Police Department Award from Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center (MOCIC) for "Outstanding Cooperation and Performance in Law Enforcement."**

Mayor Flora welcomed Brian Karman from the Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center (MOCIC) to present an award for Outstanding Cooperation and Performance in Law Enforcement to the Mission Police Department. Mr. Karman highlighted the department's impeccable work surrounding an officer-



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involved shooting event in 2022. Chief Madden and his team accepted the award with thanks.

### **Proclamation Honoring Mission Community Food Pantry's 5th Anniversary**

Mayor Flora issued a proclamation honoring the Mission Community Food Pantry's fifth anniversary. She explained that the Mission Community Food Pantry's commitment to serving those in the local community struggling with hunger and food insecurity has not wavered during its five years of operations, and it is an honor to have them serving the Mission community. Over the years, the pantry has been a steadfast source of nourishment, dignity, and hope — operating twice monthly to serve neighbors in need with food, hygiene, and basic essentials, with no qualifications or identification required. Behind every distribution is a community: donors who give generously, volunteers who labor tirelessly, and leaders who persevere in building partnerships (including with Harvesters) to expand the pantry's reach and impact. Because of this shared commitment, countless families have had the reassurance that their next meal is not uncertain.

On this milestone, she honored the Pantry, its hardworking and dedicated volunteers, and all who give with open hands. She also hoped that this proclamation was a good reminder of the power of collective compassion and inspires to continue strengthening this vital resource for years to come.

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

There were no items related to the Issuance of Notes and Bonds.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 4a. Minutes of the September 17, 2025 City Council Meeting
- 4b. Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRBs) for the Mission Flats, LLC Project
- 4c. KORA Fee Schedule Changes Ordinance Update
- 4d. Sale of Real Property and Equipment Council Policy Update
- 4e. Johnson Drive Traffic Signal Enhancement Project Contract Award

**Moved by Kring, seconded by Chocie j** to adopt the Consent Agenda as



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presented.

Voting AYE: Chociey, Loudon, Ryherd, Kring, Vaughn, and Loudon.

**Motion Carried.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jacob from The Mission Project asked for some sidewalk help near the Mission Hills apartments along Dearborn. He worries for his neighbors who may have mobility issues navigating a large dip in the sidewalk.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

There were no items from the Planning Commission.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Councilmember Chociey explained that the Finance and Administration Committee met on October 8 and considered four items. The meeting minutes, Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRBs) for the Mission Flats, LLC Project, KORA Fee Schedule Changes Ordinance Update, and Sale of Real Property and Equipment Council Policy Update were approved under the Consent Agenda. No items were considered under the regular agenda.

#### **Community Development Committee**

Councilmember Carpenter-Davis explained that the Community Development Committee also met on October 8 and considered two items. The meeting minutes and Johnson Drive Traffic Signal Enhancement Project Contract Award were approved under the Consent Agenda. No items were considered under the Regular Agenda.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **9a. Easement Acquisition for the 2026 Johnson Drive Reconstruction Project**



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City Administrator Laura Smith explained that two tracts are ready to complete the easement process ahead of the 2026 Johnson Drive Reconstruction Project. Those two tracts are for the Arby's restaurant and Pizza Hut. The documents are in hand and signed and compensation will be issued following Council approval. She explained that a hearing is scheduled for the following week regarding the eminent domain process, where appraisers will be appointed. Staff will continue to negotiate throughout the process to remove as many properties as possible from the legal process.

Public Works Director Stephanie Boyce gave an update on the project. She explained that she and the acquisition team have been working with ownership of the 10 parcels remaining. They will meet with additional ownership groups the following week, and three additional owners that may go through the legal process. She explained that challenges for this process include the corporate ownership of many of the buildings being difficult to make contact with. Some owners have also gone out for independent appraisals and some inflated valuations have come back due to the assumption of improved value, which is not the same for this type of process. There have been additional challenges regarding potential drive-thru access issues and new grading. Ms. Boyce explained that the process won't stop after the hearing, and her team will continue to work to get the remaining easements resolved.

Councilmember Chociey asked to clarify that loss of business is not a consideration for the compensation amounts offered for the easements and Ms. Boyce confirmed that is correct. She referred Councilmember Chociey to the City's legal counsel for the project for additional information. Ms. Smith added that loss of business is not compensable under the eminent domain statutes, however Staff has been asked to accommodate questions related to the length of closure of drive-thrus, which is something that will not affect compensation amounts. Cost to cure will include restoration work, replacing signage, and adding additional parking to compensate for parking that was lost.

**Moved by Chociey, seconded by Kring** to authorize the acceptance and recording of right-of-way, permanent sidewalk easements, and temporary construction easements required for the 2026 Johnson Drive Street Reconstruction Project. This includes authorizing the City Administrator to execute the easement documents on behalf of the City of Mission and to issue payment to property owners as applicable.



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Voting AYE: Chociejski, Loudon, Ryherd, Kring, Vaughn, and Loudon.

**Motion Carried.**

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

Councilmember Kring thanked the Public Works and Police Departments for their work and their great communication and services provided.

Mayor Flora thanked Chief Madden for the invitation to the Police Department recognition ceremony over the weekend and shared her appreciation for their work and for including them to learn and hear more about the department.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

#### **Sustainability Commission (Loudon/Haden Chomphosy)**

Councilmember Haden Chomphosy shared that the Commission met on October 6 at The Lanes to celebrate the platinum scorecard that was issued for their LEED certification. They are also forming two sub-committees and will work on their strategic planning process. They also highlighted the Go Green! Environmental Fair over the upcoming weekend.

#### **Parks, Recreation + Tree Commission (Kring/Schmid)**

Councilmember Kring shared that the commission met earlier in the week and heard a summer camp overview, along with the Mission Family Aquatic Center. They also discussed Broadmoor bridge improvements, along with design options at the community center. She also reminded the group about the upcoming Spooky Walk over the weekend.

#### **Mission Magazine Editorial Board (Ryherd/Chociejski)**

Councilmember Chociejski shared that the board met on October 9 and reviewed the most recent issue. The board will continue work on the last issue of 2025, set to come out in December, and featuring Mission eats. They will also focus on 2026 planning in conjunction with the City's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### **Family Adoption Committee (Carpenter-Davis)**



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There was no update from the Family Adoption Committee.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

There was not a Mayor's report.

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

#### **13a. Business Updates**

City Clerk Robyn Fulks shared new business openings including:

The Kid Crew – 5404 & 5408 w. 58th Terrace

Beauty Lab – 5904 Woodson Street

The Book Club KC – 5735 Johnson Drive

She also spoke about the upcoming Oktoberfest event on Saturday, October 18, noting that Johnson Drive will be closed for the event from 11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

#### **13b. Interim Financial Report**

Ms. Smith reviewed the interim financial report in Mr. Carroll's absence. She noted that September was closed the prior week, and additional budget detail and focus is being looked at in the last quarter of the year. There are always a lot of moving parts moving into the end of the year.

Ms. Smith also explained that an emergency stormwater project began earlier in the day at 56th Street and Metcalf, and work will happen there over the next few days. Crews had hoped to keep the pipe viable in the area until the approved multi-family development project started however that was not possible. The cost for the work was less than \$10,000.

She also mentioned that the old JC Penney call center building is on track to begin demolition in the coming days.

Ms. Smith next explained that several Staff and elected officials will meet with



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KDOT as part of the Local Consult process next week to provide support for community projects, and Mission believes the project of the Metcalf bridge will be on the list. KDOT will do temporary repairs to the bridge at the beginning of 2026 which will extend the bridge's expected life by 10-15 years. The City will be advocating for more comprehensive bridge replacement in the future.

### **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 at [missionks.org](http://missionks.org).

**Moved by Kring, seconded by Chociej** to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. All present voted AYE. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Robyn L. Fulks, City Clerk.

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Solana Flora, Mayor

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