

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 15, 2016
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met August 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor Dexter Opela. Council members present: Connie Bennett, Jerri Burton, Steve Dunlap, James Lucian, Sammye Opela, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards, W.E. Schaiff, Grant Spieth. Council members absent: None.

Council member Alvin Patterson led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES

Burton moved to approve Council Meeting minutes of August 1, 2016 as presented. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: Bennett, Lucian. Motion carried 8-2.

CONDEMNATION MEETING MINUTES

Burton moved to approve Condemnation Meeting minutes of August 1, 2016 as presented. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: Bennett, Lucian. Motion carried 8-2.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 16-414

Burton moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 16-414 as presented. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Dunlap, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: Bennett, Lucian. Motion carried 8-2.

VISITOR – MIKE/JANELLE BOWMAN

Mike Bowman spoke to the council regarding a courtyard fence they plan to erect on the corner of Pine and Kansas enclosing this area for State Theatre use. He provided pictures for the council that show marked utilities and property line. Mr. Bowman asked that the City approve extending the fence to have a similar sidewalk area as Discovery Park across the street, giving them more room for the courtyard. Council would like City Attorney to review before making a decision.

ADVANCE LIFE INSURANCE RENEWAL

Richards moved to renew city funded employee life insurance through Advance Life Insurance. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

BEGIN CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS

Burton moved to start condemnation proceedings on designated structures located at 118 East Olive, 523 West Olive, 533 West Olive, 308 South Vermont, 217 South Washington, 1200 West Elm and have City Attorney draw up resolutions for the September 6 council meeting. Paradee

seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FURNISHINGS - WESTCO

Schaiff moved to approve Westco appliance and bedding quote for the fire department in the amount of \$4,700.00 to be paid out of the fire budget. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

SET BUDGET HEARING DATE

Spieth moved to approve the 2017 proposed City budget and set Budget Hearing date for September 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Schaiff seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

POSTAGE/FOLDER MACHINE LEASE

Spieth moved to approve postage machine and folder/insert machine 60 month lease through Summit Business Systems for use at City Hall in the amount of \$364.21 per month. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN – TODD HART

Dunlap moved to approve Todd Hart for the position of Public Works Foreman with a starting wage of \$14.49 per hour Range 13 Step A per Appendix A, providing he passes all pre-employment requirements. Burton called for an executive session before the vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Burton called for a twenty minute executive session at 7:24 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Council, Mayor, City Superintendent and City Clerk in attendance. Schaiff seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

REGULAR SESSION 7:44 P.M.

PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN - TODD HART

Dunlap changed his motion to approve Todd Hart for the position of Public Works Foreman to a starting wage of \$13.53 per hour, Range 12 Step A per Appendix A per Personnel Handbook Article IV-4(B). Richards concurred. Voting aye: Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards. Voting nay: Bennett, Burton, Patterson, Schaiff, Spieth. Mayor votes aye to break the tie. Motion carried 6-5.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Richard called for a five minute executive session at 7:49 p.m. for discussion prior to acquisition of real estate with the Council, Mayor, City Superintendent, City Clerk and Chief of Police in attendance. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: Burton. Motion carried 9-1.

REGULAR SESSION 7:54 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Schaiff called for a five minute executive session at 7:55 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Council, Mayor, City Superintendent, City Clerk and Chief of Police in attendance. Bennett seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

REGULAR SESSION 8:00 P.M.

RESIGNATION – JIM BURTON

Spieth moved to accept the resignation of Jim Burton, City Superintendent, effective September 30, 2016. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee. Voting nay: Bennett, Burton, Opela, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Motion failed 3-7.

ORDINANCE 1384 - SIGNS

Burton moved to approve Ordinance 1384 – *An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Chapter V, Section 5-212 to Establish Regulations Pertaining to Political Signs Within the City of Columbus.* Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

ORDINANCE 1385 – SIGNS

Burton moved to approve Ordinance 1385 – *An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Chapter XI, Section 11-202 to Establish Regulations Pertaining to Political Signs Within the City of Columbus.* Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

ORDINANCE 1386 – SIGNS

Burton moved to approve Ordinance 1386 – *An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Chapter XIII, Section 13-112 to Establish Regulations Pertaining to Political Signs Within the City of Columbus.* Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

ORDINANCE 1387 – SIGNS

Burton moved to approve Ordinance 1387 – *An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Chapter XIII, Section 13-231 to Establish Regulations Pertaining to Political Signs Within the City of Columbus.* Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

RESOLUTION 484 – 609 SOUTH PENNSYLVANIA

Burton moved to adopt Resolution 484 – *A Resolution Fixing a Time and Place and Providing for Notice of a Hearing Before the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, at Which*

the Owners, His or Her Agent, Lienholders of Record, Occupants and Other Parties in Interest of Structures Located Within Said City and Described Herein, May Appear and Show Cause Why Such Structures Should Not be Condemned and Ordered Repaired or Demolished as Unsafe or Dangerous Structures. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Meetings:

None

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk