

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 15, 2015
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met June 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor Dexter Opela. Council members present: Dale Burton, Jerri Burton, Barbara Capron, Steve Dunlap, Mike Leighty, David Martin, Marion Morgan, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards and W.E. Schaiff. Council members absent: None.

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

MEETING MINUTES

Capron moved to approve Council Meeting minutes from June 1, 2015 as presented. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Capron, Leighty, Morgan, Patterson, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Burton Jerri, Dunlap, Martin, Richards. Motion carried 6-0-4.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-383

Leighty moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 15-383 as presented. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

VISITOR – Jean Pritchett

Jean Pritchett from the Chamber of Commerce approached the council requesting the use of the City Park for July 4 games and to have Country Road closed from Park Street to Kansas Street for some of the games and festivities.

Pritchett also requested the use of the Industrial Park over Columbus Day weekend in October for the Balloon Regatta.

CLOSE COUNTRY ROAD

Burton Jerri moved to close Country Road at 5:30 p.m. until the fireworks are over from Park Street to Kansas Street to allow for July 4 games and celebration. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

INDUSTRIAL PARK – BALLON REGATTA

Dunlap moved to allow the Chamber of Commerce to use the Industrial Park for the Columbus Day Balloon Regatta in October over Columbus Day weekend. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

VISITOR – Kathy Doherty

Kathy Doherty approached the council with concerns of Ordinance 1341 regarding cats. Mrs. Doherty felt it is not practical for all cat owners to keep the pets indoors or on a leash. Mayor Opela replied the new ordinance only changed the fines of the existing ordinance. There is no intent to require cats to be on a leash at this time.

He commented it would be good to have outdoor cats spayed or neutered to help the feral cat problem. The City currently does not have a facility to house cats. The ordinance wording may need to be revisited for clarity.

PEC PROJECT OVERSIGHT

Burton Jerri moved to accept the proposal of \$7,600.00 from Professional Engineering Consultants of Pittsburg, Kansas to provide construction engineering and administrative services for the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project and allow the Mayor to sign all necessary documents. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Capron called for a thirty minute executive session at 7:30 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel for human resource hearing with the Council, City Attorney, Mayor and Chief of Police in attendance. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

REGULAR SESSION: 8:00 P.M.

RELEASE EMPLOYEE

Leighty moved to terminate Animal Control Officer Joseph Allison with cause. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Martin. Motion carried: 9-0-1.

ORDINANCE 1340

Leighty moved to approve Ordinance 1340 *Granting a Waiver and Exception to the Code of the City of Columbus, Section 3-102, Restrictions Upon Location, on behalf of Los Lunas Mexican Restaurant, Inc. Regarding Sale and Consumption of Liquor.* Capron seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Richards. Voting nay: Morgan, Patterson, Schaiff. Motion carried 7-3.

CITY HALL REPAIR INSPECTION

Leighty moved to allow Administrator Reams and Superintendent Burton to conduct final walk through to review City Hall repair completion and determine retainage release. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Capron called for a ten minute executive session at 8:52 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney – client relationship with the Governing Body and City Attorney in attendance. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

REGULAR SESSION 9:02 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Burton Jerri moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Leighty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Leighty, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

Meetings:

Economic Development

Monday June 22, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

Police/Licensing

Monday June 22, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.

Personnel

Thursday June 25, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk