

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 16, 2016

6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met May 16, 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, Sammie Opela, John Paradee, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards, W.E. Schaiff, Grant Spieth. Council members absent: None.

Dennis Johnson pastor of Sherwin Christian Church led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES

Burton moved to approve Council Meeting minutes of May 2, 2016 as presented. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Burton moved to approve Special Meeting minutes of May 11, 2016 as presented. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 16-408

Burton moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 16-408 as presented. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

VISITOR – ROBIN WELLS/DAVID CARRIGER

Robin Wells and David Carriger representing Columbus Recreation Commission approached the council with idea of turning the old Pamida building on South East Avenue into a recreation center for the City. Carriger stated the Columbus Community Foundation would be willing to acquire the building and donate it to the City for this purpose. Wells provided diagrams and program possibilities for the facility as well as potential income projections. Carriger noted they would be in contact with the owner of the building again on June 15 and would need an answer before then whether or not the council would be interested in pursuing this project. Mayor Opela offered the Property, Pool and Parks committee could have a meeting and review the feasibility and report back to the full council for consideration at the June 6 council meeting.

VISITOR – LARRY ZAHM

Larry Zahm owner of old Bulldog Building Company property located at 130 South Kansas approached the council asking for clarification regarding what needed to be addressed or fixed to bring the building into safety compliance. Pictures of the structure were reviewed, structural integrity of the south side and points of concern were noted. Mr. Zahm thanked the council for their time and suggestions and noted he would address this to see what he can get done.

VISITOR – LAURA LOWERY GREENE

Laura Lowery Greene co-owner of Maple UnCommon Hotel approached the council with request to revise the details of her Rehabilitation Grant awarded November 2015. Unforeseen events have caused her to revisit the plans for the building. Mrs. Greene still would like to take advantage of the matching funds but will be looking at rebranding and marketing opportunities instead of cosmetic changes to the structure. Mrs. Greene also noted the facility will be celebrating its ten year anniversary this November.

Schaiff moved to approve the changes to the Rehabilitation Grant for Maple UnCommon. Richards seconded the motion. Motion and second rescinded before a vote. Mrs. Greene will provide two bids and new renderings/plan for council consideration.

FENCE – LION’S PARK

Schaiff moved to approve fence quote from Reliable Fence Company Grove, Oklahoma not to exceed \$8,400.00 for removal and installation of chain link fence at Lion’s Park to be paid out of park reserves. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 10-0.

POOL PASSES

Burton moved to approve swimming pool passes for city employees, volunteer firefighters, seasonal employees and their immediate families. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dunlap called for a twenty five minute executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel at 8:34 p.m. with the Council, City Attorney and Mayor 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 8:59 P.M.

POLICE OFFICER – DENNIS PETTY

Dunlap moved to approve Dennis Petty for the position of Police Officer I with a starting wage of \$12.79 per hour, Appendix A-1 and Ordinance 1362 providing he passes all pre-employment requirements. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dunlap called for a fifteen minute executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel at 9:01 p.m. with the Council, City Attorney and Mayor in attendance. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. 10-0.

REGULAR SESSION 9:16 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dunlap called for a fifteen minute executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel at 9:17 p.m. with the Council, City Attorney and Mayor in attendance. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

REGULAR SESSION 9:32 P.M.

SEWER AVERAGING

Schaiff moved to approve sewer averaging for in town residential utility services. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: Spieth. Motion carried 9-1.

RESOLUTION 476, 477, 478

Dunlap moved to adopt Resolutions 476, 477 and 478, *Resolutions Fixing a Time and Place and Providing for Notice of a Rehearing 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 Structure Should Not Be Condemned and Ordered Repaired or Demolished as Unsafe or Dangerous Structure. Properties involved are 416 West Walnut, 422 West Sycamore, and 521 North Indiana.* Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS – DILLION ROBERTS/BREAH BIGGERSTAFF

Dunlap moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Dillion Roberts and Breah Biggerstaff as volunteer fire fighters. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: Burton. Motion carried 9-1.

ADJOURNMENT

Lucian moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m. Paradee seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Meetings:

Budget and Finance

Thursday May 19, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

Property/Pool/Parks

Monday May 23, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

Streets

Monday May 23, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m.

Police and Licensing

Tuesday May 24, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk