

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

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met September 6, 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.

Pastor Mike Jones of Center Christian Church led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES

Burton moved to approve Council Meeting minutes of August 15, 2016 as presented. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: Lucian. Motion carried 9-1.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 16-415

Burton moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 16-415 as presented. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: Lucian. Motion carried 9-1.

VISITOR – DEBRA BALL

Debra Ball representing The VFW Auxiliary approached the council for permission to hold the annual POW/MIA Watchfire at the VFW Pond Friday September 16 at 6:30 p.m. and to waive the camping fees for the participants of the Watchfire for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 15-17, 2016.

ALLOW POW/MIA WATCHFIRE

Spieth moved to allow the VFW Auxiliary to hold the annual POW/MIA Watchfire at the VFW Pond September 16 and to waive the camping fees for the participants of the event for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 15-17, 2016. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

VISITOR – MIKE BOWMAN

Mike Bowman spoke to the council regarding a courtyard fence he plans to erect on the southwest corner of Pine and Kansas Streets 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. Mr. Bowman will provide a plan view of the proposed project.

PROPERTY UPDATE – 521 NORTH INDIANA

Deborah Anderson and Jeff Woods provided an update on 521 North Indiana. This property was included in a condemnation hearing on June 26, 2016. The owners were granted a sixty day extension and asked to provide update at the September 6 council meeting. Woods stated they have made progress and would like more time to complete the cleanup.

EXTENSION – 521 NORTH INDIANA

Schaiff moved to allow 60 day extension for renovation of the residential structure at 521 North Indiana. Progress will be reviewed at the November 7, 2016 council meeting. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

BUDGET HEARING 7:00 P.M. – SEE BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

CEMETERY CHAPEL CURB/GUTTER

Schaiff moved to approve quote for curb and guttering at the cemetery chapel of \$4,361.80 from Travis Kitch/Dustin Clark. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Spieth called for a ten minute executive session at 7:30 p.m. for discussion prior to acquisition of real estate with the council, mayor, city attorney, chief of police, city superintendent and city clerk 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 7:40 P.M. NO ACTION TAKEN

LKM VOTING DELEGATE – GRANT SPIETH

Paradee moved to approve Grant Spieth as a voting delegate for the City of Columbus at the League of Kansas Municipalities annual convention October 8-10, 2016. Burton seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Spieth. Motion carried 9-0-1.

LKM VOTING DELEGATE – JOHN PARADEE

Spieth moved to approve John Paradee as a voting delegate for the City of Columbus at the League of Kansas Municipalities annual convention October 8-10, 2016. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Paradee. Motion carried 9-0-1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dunlap called for a fifteen minute executive session at 8:31 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the council, mayor, city attorney, fire chief and police chief in attendance.

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

REGULAR SESSION 8:46 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dunlap called for a fifteen minute executive session at 8:47 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the council, mayor and city attorney 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 9:02 P.M.

APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Dunlap moved to approve updated job descriptions as amended. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

ADVERTISE POSITIONS

Dunlap moved to advertise the open city superintendent and public works foreman positions both in house and out. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: Bennett, Burton. Motion carried 8-2.

RESIGNATION – JACOB CAIN

Dunlap moved to accept the resignation of Jacob Cain, Laborer, effective September 1, 2016 in good standing. Lucian seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

RESIGNATION – ZACK OVERMAN

Dunlap moved to accept the resignation of Zack Overman, Meter Reader, effective September 16, 2016 in good standing providing he fulfills his two week notice. Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

LABORER – DEVON CARVER

Dunlap moved to approve Devin Carver for the position of Laborer, with a starting wage of \$9.03 per hour, 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.

ADVERTISE POSITION

Dunlap moved to advertise the open meter reader position both in house and out. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

HIRING RESOLUTION

Dunlap moved to allow City Attorney Barbara Wright to draft, and Mayor Opela to sign a resolution temporarily allowing the personnel committee in conjunction with the city superintendent to hire laborers. Spieth seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

EMPLOYEE RAISE

Dunlap moved to approve an \$1.00 per hour raise for all full time city employees with the exception of the police department who will receive \$1.50 per hour or the amount necessary to bring a Police Officer I up to \$14.29 and a Police Officer II up to \$15.00 effective October 1, 2016. Spieth seconded the motion. Motion and seconded were rescinded before a vote. The City Attorney will draft resolution for personnel committee review.

PUBLIC WORKS FORMAN – SCOTT BENNETT

Burton moved to approve Scott Bennett for the position of Public Works Foreman with a starting wage of \$17.85 per hour. Schaiff seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Spieth. Abstain: Bennett. Motion carried 5-4-1.

ADVERTISE POSITION

Spieth moved not to advertise the public works foreman position. Schaiff seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: Opela, Spieth. Motion carried 8-2.

RESOLUTIONS 485, 486, 487

Spieth moved to adopt Resolutions 485, 486 and 487 - *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 Structure 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 Structures.* (118 E. Olive, 523 W. Olive, 533 W. Olive) Opela seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0

RESOLUTIONS 488, 489, 490

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ORDINANCE 1388 – EMPLOYEE RESIDENCY

Schaiff moved to approve Ordinance 1388 – *An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbus, Kansas, Chapter I, Section 1-434, and Amending Article XII-3 of the Personnel Rules and Regulations Regarding Residency of City Officials and Employees.* Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Spieth called for a ten minute executive session at 9:53 p.m. for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney – client relationship with the council, mayor, city attorney and chief of police in attendance. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

REGULAR SESSION 10:03 P.M. NO ACTION TAKEN

CEREAL BEVERAGE LICENSE – AMERICAN LEGION

Burton moved to approve a cereal malt beverage license for the American Legion. Richards seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: Patterson. Motion carried 9-1.

ADJOURNMENT

Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 p.m. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Bennett, Burton, Dunlap, Lucian, Opela, Paradee, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff, Spieth. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 10-0.

Meetings:

Personnel

Wednesday September 7, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

Police and Licensing

Monday September 12, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

Cherri Chancellor City Clerk