

CITY OF COLUMBUS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2022
6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met April 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. presided over by Mayor Grant Spieth. Council members present: Kathy Doherty, Stephanie Farstvedt, Sammye Opela, Tom Pryor, Lindsay Shoemaker. Council members absent: None.

Juanita Dobkins representing The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints provided the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grant Spieth opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m. and stated the purpose of the hearing is to entertain comments regarding vacating a portion of the undeveloped street between 233 North Bay Avenue and 235 North Bay Avenue. No one stepped forward to speak to the matter. City Attorney Barbara Wright explained the City received a petition and notification from the adjoining landowner to vacate the street. Wright stated this is an irregularly shaped undeveloped area that leads to a lake/pond and would not deny through access to anyone by not being improved.

Opela moved to approve vacating the unopened east/west street off North Bay Avenue between lots 86 and 83 in the Lakewood Addition subject to utility easements. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Wright will draft an ordinance for the matter to be presented at the next council meeting for approval.

Spieth closed the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Doherty moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Council Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2022, Work Session Minutes – April 11, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2022, Appropriation Ordinance 22-571, Treasurer Report April 15, 2022. Shoemaker seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Forum

Randy Froebe of 1004 East Buckeye approached the council with concerns about the city's new polycart program. Froebe stated he received a doorhanger noting an infraction of the program regulations. Froebe noted he had broken down a cardboard box and put it in the cart without bagging it. Froebe does not feel it necessary to bag cardboard, it should be able to be loose in the cart. Mayor Spieth offered a suggestion to utilize the recycle bins that are available to residents. Froebe commented that the containers are always full. Spieth acknowledged there have been problems with cardboard overflow and staff is working diligently to rectify the matter. Several council members sympathized with Froebe's concerns noting this program is still new and we are working through the kinks. City Administrator Jake Letner stressed this program is a work in progress and it may take a while to get everything figured out asked Mr. Froebe to contact him directly with problems in the meantime.

Mayor Report-

Spieth noted an open spot on the Cherokee County Economic Development Board with the resignation of previous City Administrator Daniela Rivas.

Awards and Presentations-

Mayor Spieth presented a Years of Service Award to Cemetery Sexton Russell Zwahlen who has been with the City for 20 years. He thanked Mr. Zwahlen for his dedication and service to the citizens of Columbus.

Staff Reports- None.

New Business-

H.1.A. Consider Resolution 623 providing for a Rural Housing Incentive District for 129 East Maple. Pryor moved to adopt Resolution 623 providing for a Rural Housing Incentive District (RHID) for 129 East Maple. Doherty seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.1.B. Consider revised Community Development Coordinator job description.

Doherty moved to approve the revised Community Development Coordinator job description as presented. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

H.3.A. Consider street closing for H&H Splash Pad Grand Opening. Police Chief Jason Daniels stated the grand opening will have several attractions including food, vendors and designated eating areas and asked that council approve the suggested street closing to accommodate the event safely. Opela moved to close the 100 block of East Pine Street, the 200 block of South Kansas Street to the alley and the intersection of Kansas and Pine diagonally from the southwest corner of the intersection to the northeast corner during the H&H Splash Pad Grand Opening. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Daniels noted children attending the event will receive certificates for free sno-cones from a local merchant courtesy of the Columbus Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Shoemaker moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Farstvedt seconded the motion. Voting aye: Doherty, Farstvedt, Opela, Pryor, Shoemaker. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 5-0.


Meetings:

Council Meeting

Monday, May 2, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Council Meeting

Monday, May 16, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.


Cheri Chancellor, City Clerk

