



From Virtual City Council meeting . . . to the Business Council

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Note: As a reminder, the notes below represent topics that, in my judgement, might be of interest to the business community. It does not include everything that was on the agenda.

Work Session – 6:00 p.m.

Discussion of Master Plan

This was the first of three planned sessions to review the City's Master Plan. Community Development Director Sara Copeland explained the main points about the Master Plan. There will be two more sessions to drill deeper into certain aspects of the Master Plan – particularly related to developmental incentives. One session will offer opportunity for public comment.

Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.

Comments from the Public

Rita Pearce, from Northland Assistance Center, reported gratefully that all the \$83,000 Covid-19 CARES Act funds that were allocated by the City of North Kansas City to assist North Kansas City residences with severe financial needs have been used.

Agenda Topics

Gallery Lofts Extension to Purchase

Some financing arrangements will take longer than originally expected so approval was given for purchase closing to be not later than April 30.

Process for Evaluating Development Incentives

City Administrator Eric Berlin recommended that the 2nd work session on the Master Plan focus on development incentives and that a 3rd session on May 25th be an open meeting allowing public input. The process for offering questions and input will be similar to the process used for the public meeting in September about the Armour Road Complete Streets session with notification by mail to all residents and a separate website to be used for this purpose.

Planning for New City-Owned Parking Lot

Approval was given to allocate \$45 thousand for detailed planning of the City-owned parking lot to extend between 16th and 18th along what would be Clay St if the street was actually a through street.

Staff Comments

New Public Works Director

The new Public Works, Director Anthony Sands, was introduced. This was his 2nd day on the job after previous jobs in Gladstone and Kansas City.

Advice for Getting Covid-19 vaccinations

Assistant City Administrator Kim Nakahodo recommended that when the tiers open up for individuals to sign up for vaccination they should get on as many lists as possible. She advised that sometimes calls to schedule appointments will be from Caller IDs not recognized as familiar or may come as email messages that end up in the spam folder.

The full agenda for this meeting with links to critical documents is available on the City's website www.nkc.org under the heading of Agendas and Minutes.

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