



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

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North Kansas City 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.

The new Mayor and new City Council members elected by the April 6 election were sworn at this meeting. The City Council composition is as follows:

- Mayor – Bryant Delong narrowly defeated Jay Swearingen by a 4-vote margin
- Ward 1 – Wesley Graves won a 4-person race
- Ward 2 – Jesse Smith solidly won re-election
- Ward 3 – Adam Roberts won, unopposed
- Ward 4 – Amie Clark narrowly defeated Don Stielow
- Ward 4 – Ana Pellumbi won, unopposed

Returning City Council representatives:

- Ward 1 – Anthony Saper
- Ward 2 – Lisa Tull
- Ward 3 – Zach Clevenger



Net result – 3 new people: Wesley Graves, Adam Roberts and Ana Pellumbi

Departed from previous City Council – Mayor Don Stielow, Rick Stewart and Tom Farr

Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tempore

City Councilman Jesse Smith was elected as Mayor Pro Tempore to serve as Mayor in the absence of Mayor DeLong.

Planning Commission Representative

City Councilman Anthony Saper was selected as the City Council representative on the Planning Commission.

Future Meetings of the City Council

A preference was expressed for resuming in-person City Council meetings the 2nd City Council meeting in June (June 15) since by that time anyone who wants to have a vaccination should be able to have both vaccinations as well as two weeks following. At the 1st meeting in June (June 1) the City Council will review this issue again and move to in-person only if there is unanimous agreement. Continued use of masks will be expected even though having vaccinations cannot be mandated.

Ordinance Supporting Decision for One-Way 18th Ave

This formality was needed to ratify the decision at the last City Council meeting and the rapid implementation of signs and barricades to make 18th Ave one-way west between Swift and Clay while construction of the apartment complex takes away one of the lanes.

Staff Comments

The report from North Kansas City Hospital about Covid-19 was as follows:

Total Active COVID cases:15

Total recovering COVID cases: 12

Total Active COVID patients in the ICU: 3

Total Active COVID patients on a ventilator: 1

NKCH continues to partner with the other participants of Operation Safe to vaccinate our community together and have administered over 69,000 vaccinations. It is anticipated that Operation Safe will administer approximately 100,000 vaccinations to our community. NKCH is closely monitoring CDC guidelines and has revised the restricted visitor policy

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. As always, additional details about City Council agenda topics are often available as attachments on the City's website www.nkc.org and later as <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR2r-HHt4PmQLpfdToFLzhg> part of the approved minutes.