

From City Council to Business Council – Tuesday, July 20, 2021

	<p><i>From Virtual City Council meeting . . . to the Business Council</i></p> <p>Prepared by Rich Groves, Executive Director North Kansas City Business Council June 1, 2021</p>
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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.

Note: City Council meetings have resumed as in-person, in-Council Chambers meetings.



From left to right: Ana Pellumbi, Amie Clarke, Adam Roberts, Zach Clevenger, Mayor Bryant Delong, Jesse Smith, Lisa Tull, Anthony Saper and Wesley Graves

Note: The July 6 City Council meeting was the first meeting with Kim Nakahodo serving as Interim City Administrator following the retirement of City Administrator Eric Berlin effective July 2. A search is in process to select a permanent City Administrator.

Work Session – 6:00 p.m.

Minor Home Repair and Home Modification Programs

Deb Hermann with Northland Neighborhoods, Inc., and Clay McQuerry with Rebuilding Together Kansas City presented the services they provide to the City of Gladstone and Clay County residents.

If the City of North Kansas City subscribes to the services provided by NNI and RTKC the City will need to pay 50% as a matching requirement for use of funds from a grant. Informally, City Council members favored a \$10,000 initial commitment as a 50% match.

Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.

Prohibiting the Practice of Conversion Therapy in North Kansas City

Mayor DeLong requested that the City Council amend Title 5, “Business Licenses and Regulations” of the City’s Code by adding a new Chapter 5.56, “Conversion Therapy Prohibited” to prohibit the practice of Conversion Therapy on minors in North Kansas City.

Approved.

Juneteenth Federal Holiday

Based on the declaration of June 19 to be a Federal holiday Juneteenth, celebrating the end of slavery in the United States, City Council approved the same for North Kansas City.

Board, Commission, and Committee Term Limit Discussion

Councilmember Tull requested that the City Council discuss term limits for City Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Only the Library Board requires term limits because of state statute. A majority of the City Council has come to the belief that term limits for volunteers for committees should **not** be put in place. This reverses opinions expressed at a previous City Council meeting.

City Councilman Graves pointed out the need to try to involve more people, discourage the same persons serving on multiple boards and try to get a balance of volunteers among all four wards. He pointed out that Wards 1 and 2 currently seem to have a disproportionate share of volunteer Board/Committee appointments.

Armour Road Delineator Discussion Item

At the December 15, 2020 and January 5, 2021 Work Sessions, the City Council provided direction to staff on a series of proposed improvements to the Armour Road Complete Street

project. Those improvements included replacing the delineators at the Armour Road and Howell Street intersection with permanent bump-outs and replacing other delineators with pre-cast curb stops to provide protection for the bicycle lanes in strategic locations.

The City of Kansas City, MO, as part of its new Gillham Road cycle track, recently installed a combination of curb stops and delineators as part of the buffer between the cycle track and the vehicle lane. This combination both protects people using the cycle track and provides a taller vertical element for better visibility by drivers. Staff would like to clarify the City Council's direction regarding replacing the existing delineators on Armour with curb stops.

Concern was expressed that the white delimiter poles have not been removed even though City Council approved that in January. There was also concern that further action needs to follow repaving which is controlled by the North Kansas City Road District and attention to Armour Road does not seem to be a priority for the Road District.

Approval of Second Amendment to Parking Agreement with Storsafe IV, L.L.C.

This second amendment to the Parking Agreement with Storsafe IV, L.L.C., provides for the establishment of a closing date, the total number of parking spaces, and provides the newly designed Parking Layout. Adjustments in the number and exact location of parking spaces due to some physical constraints were necessary. Amendment approved.

Budget Amendment – Establishing the One North TIF Fund

The One North Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district was activated in the calendar year 2020. The district receives funding through three primary sources: payments in lieu of taxes (property tax increment), economic activity taxes (increment from city and county sales taxes), and hotel/motel taxes. The City receives these funds and reimburses the district according to the TIF plan adopted by the City Council in 2017.

The One North Fund will track revenue and reimbursable expenses for the district and will be included with the annual budget process moving forward. Approved.

Staff Comments

2021-22 Budget

Interim City Administrator Kim Nakahodo explained that the draft budget will be presented the 3rd week of August with City Council review sessions on Tue, Aug 31, 6 p.m. for the Operating Budget and Wed, Sep 8, 6 p.m. for the Capital Budget

Councilmember Comments

Encouragement to be vaccinated was expressed by various City Council representatives to help prevent further increases in Covid-19 disease and death. In addition to reducing/avoiding Covid-19 infection another important reason is to help avoid a repeat of shut downs that negatively impact businesses as well as cause serious inconvenience to all people.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Delong has put his "State of the City" presentation given at a recent Clay County EDC luncheon on his Facebook page.

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