



From 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.

Re-Districting of Wards

This is the second work session devoted to reviewing the process for re-districting of wards which is required of every governing body every ten years based on the every-ten-year U.S. Census. Wards must have nearly equal populations and each must be formed in a contiguous area. The final determination must be accomplished by December 7.

Numerous alternatives were shown for residents and City Council to review. After discussing various alternatives and hearing opinions expressed by residents City Council opted to move forward toward official approval at the next City Council meeting with “Modified Option C”. It looks a lot like the current ward configuration but minor changes enables the required balancing of population among wards.

Interestingly, some of the areas which will have additional population in the next few years with new apartment complexes are currently “zero population” census blocks. But re-districting cannot be based on estimated future population. It must use the population provided from the census in April 2021.

Regular Session

Comments from the Public

Several residents spoke against the 290-unit apartment project at 23rd and Swift. Various issues related to that project were on the agenda prior to the meeting but were removed at the request of the developer.

Agenda Topics

Demolition of building at 200 E 16th for Parking Lot

Approval was given to fund the demolition of the building at 200 E 16th Ave to allow for future construction of a City-owned surface parking lot between 16th Ave and 18th Ave which will accommodate approximately 290 cars.

23rd and Swift Apartments

Agenda topics for this project which is proposed to have 290 apartments were removed from the agenda for this meeting, presumably to be re-scheduled for a future City Council meeting.

Staff Comments

Covid-19 Report from Dr. Reintjes at North Kansas City Hospital

	Oct 27	Oct 13	Sep 29	Sep 15	Sep 8
Total Active COVID cases:	14	26	35	41	41
Total recovering COVID cases:	18	21	19	25	18
Total COVID patients in the ICU:	9	7	16	16	19
Total COVID patients on a ventilator:	8	4	11	14	15

NKCH is closely monitoring the increase of COVID cases affecting our community and we continue to ask for all support to encourage those who are unvaccinated to get vaccinated. We will continue to meet the healthcare needs of our community. Thank you.

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/watch?v=Z-6WpmTG2Ss> part of the approved minutes.