



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - HUTCHINSON, KANSAS
January 19, 2021
9:00 a.m.

1. The Governing Body of the City of Hutchinson, Kansas met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 in the City Council Chambers with Mayor Piros de Carvalho presiding. Councilmembers Soldner, Daveline, Bagwell and Garza were present in person.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

3. The prayer was given by Paul Brown, City Attorney.

4. Motion by Councilmember Bagwell, second by Councilmember Soldner, to elect Councilmember Garza as Mayor. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Motion by Councilmember Garza, second by Councilmember Daveline, to elect Councilmember Bagwell as Vice-Mayor. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0, with Councilmember Bagwell abstaining.

Karen Weltmer, City Clerk, administered the oath of office to Mayor Garza and Vice Mayor Bagwell.

6. Petitions, Remonstrances and Communications

a. Oral communications from the audience. (Please limit your remarks to five (5) minutes and to items NOT on the agenda.)

There were no oral communications from the audience.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of January 5, 2021 City Council meeting.

b. Approval of appointments to the Hutchinson/Reno County Arts & Humanities Council of the following:

Lauren Taylor, 12 West 21st, Hutchinson, KS for reappointment to a first full three-year term beginning 1/01/2021 through 1/01/2024.

Christopher Wietrick, 10 West Avenue A, Apt. 5, Hutchinson, KS for reappointment to a first full three-year term beginning 1/01/2021 through 1/01/2024.

Greg Holmes, 906 East Avenue A, Hutchinson, KS for appointment to a first full three-year term beginning 1/01/2021 through 1/01/2024.

- c. Approval of 2021 subsidy agreements with Emancipation Day Committee, Family Community Theatre and Hutchinson Municipal Band Association.
- d. Approval of Facility Lease Renewal with the Airport Steakhouse.
- e. Approval of appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$1,699,685.19.

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve the Consent Agenda; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Public Hearing

- a. Public hearing to review CDBG-CV grant and approve the closeout of the grant.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Soldner, to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Ryan Hvitløk, Director of Planning and Development, provided a summary of the grant; and said 83 jobs were able to be retained with the grant funds. He thanked the Finance Department for their help with getting the checks out quickly. Councilmember Bagwell thanked him for all of his hard work. Councilmember Piros de Carvalho asked Mr. Hvitløk if the county had expended all of their funds. Mr. Hvitløk said they are doing that today. Mayor Garza asked if there would be additional funds available in 2021. Mr. Hvitløk said the Biden administration has indicated they would like to see additional CARES funding, but no one is sure at this point. He said the State has also mentioned they may have a second round of funding, but those funds may go to other communities that did not receive them in the first round. Mr. Hvitløk said the City will pursue funds if more become available. Additional discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Bagwell, to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Mayor Garza, to approve the close out of the 2020 CDBG-CV grant. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Public hearing to consider the adoption of a revised Floodplain Management Ordinance, updated paper and digital Flood Insurance Maps, and an updated Flood Insurance Study for the City of Hutchinson.

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Bagwell, to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Ryan Hvitløk, Director of Planning and Development, said this revision has been a long time coming; and is mostly for the Cow Creek system and anything protected by the levees. He said this is for the final accreditation of the levee system; and the new maps and study will become effective on January 29, 2021. Mr. Hvitløk also spoke about flood insurance requirements. Councilmember Bagwell asked why more homes were included in the floodplain. Mr. Hvitløk said

it is due to the new technology used; and said the City's Engineering Department is working with the State on being able to remove some of the properties from the floodplain. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Bagwell, second by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Bagwell, to approve Ordinance 2021 - 3 repealing and replacing Chapter 21, Article X of the Code of the City of Hutchinson, Kansas, the adoption of updated paper and digital Flood Insurance Maps, and an updated Flood Insurance Study for the City of Hutchinson; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Ordinances and Resolutions

a. Consider Zoning Ordinance amendment. Ryan Hvitløk, said this is the annual zoning amendment, further stating that one of the duties of the Planning Commission is to make these amendments; and then make the recommendations to the City Council. Mr. Hvitløk spoke about the amendments. Discussion ensued. Mr. Hvitløk indicated that Section 27-907. Fences, §A.8.d.v. should be amended to include the P/I zoning district.

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Ordinance 2021 - 4, with the recommended change, amending Chapter 27. Zoning Regulations of the Code of the City of Hutchinson, Kansas; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

10. New Business

a. Consider 2020 Annual Report of the Hutchinson Land Bank. Ryan Hvitløk, Director of Planning and Development, gave an overview of the report and showed photos of the properties the Land Bank owns. Discussion ensued regarding how people can obtain properties owned by the Land Bank, how the Land Bank comes into possession of these properties, the number of properties the Land Bank owns, etc. Mr. Hvitløk also spoke about the 2021-2022 strategic plan. He said they hope to increase their online presence; and to coordinate with the City and County in order to improve their effectiveness and to develop criteria for lot acquisition, etc. Additional discussion ensued regarding design recommendations, funding, maintenance costs, etc.

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, to approve the recommendation of the Land Bank Board of Trustees to accept the 2020 Annual Report. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consider final plat of Grace Arbor Addition. Ryan Hvitlok, Director of Planning and Development, spoke.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Bagwell, to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the final plat for the Grace Arbor Addition. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consider Supplemental Engineering Agreement for Washington Street Bicycle Boulevard. Jeff Peterson, Director of Engineering, gave an overview of the project; and said this is tying up some loose ends so the project can go out to bid. Discussion ensued regarding the timeline for the project, the 17th and Washington intersection design, additional phases of the bike boulevard, etc.

Motion by Councilmember Bagwell, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with WSP USA Inc. for Washington Street Bicycle Boulevard; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Report of City Officials

a. Council

- Councilmember Soldner had no comments.
- Councilmember Daveline had no comments.
- Councilmember Piros de Carvalho congratulated Mr. Garza and Ms. Bagwell in their new leadership roles. She also thanked the council for the opportunity to serve as Mayor. Councilmember Piros de Carvalho asked about an update on renovations to the Law Enforcement Center. Chief Hooper said the project is moving along smoothly; and spoke about the renovations.
- Councilmember Bagwell thanked the council for electing her as Vice-Mayor. She said we are starting a new year; and said she is looking forward to the strategic planning session. Councilmember Bagwell also said she hopes we can put 2020 behind us; and that we can get closer to vaccine distribution.
- Mayor Garza said this is an exciting year, saying he never thought he'd be the Mayor of Hutchinson. He said it is an honor, that Hutchinson is a great place to live; and that he has always liked it here. He said he knows he has a good council; and appreciates their help. The Mayor also thanked former Mayor Piros de Carvalho for her leadership.

b. City Manager

Mr. Cantrell spoke about the selection committee for the HRO position, saying there will be more people serving on the committee so they can broaden their scope. Mr. Cantrell said he won't be as heavily involved in the selection process, as there has been a lot of controversy.

The City Manager said the Strategic Planning session is scheduled for February 20. He also said the Fire Chief has put out a press release about controlled burns on the north side of town from January 25 to February 12.

Mr. Cantrell also spoke about several recent fires, and the lack of smoke detectors in the homes. He said if individuals need help with smoke detectors, the Fire Department can offer assistance.

The City Manager also thanked Councilmember Piros de Carvalho for her leadership, saying she is an excellent ambassador for the City.

Councilmember Piros de Carvalho asked Mr. Cantrell what time the strategic planning session would start. Mr. Cantrell said it would start at 8:00 a.m.

12. Executive Session

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Mayor Garza, to recess into executive session pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(3) in order to discuss issues related to 2021 contract negotiations with the City's bargaining units; the open meeting to resume in the City Council chambers at 11:10 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

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The meeting reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

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The meeting reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Bagwell, second by Councilmember Soldner, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings

February 2, 2021	9:00 a.m.	City Council meeting
February 16, 2021	9:00 a.m.	City Council meeting
February 20, 2021	8:00 a.m.	Strategic Planning Session