Minutes

The City Council of the City of Leawood, Kansas, met in regular session in the Council Chambers, 4800 Town Center Drive, at 6:00 P.M., on Monday, January 14, 2008. Mayor Peggy Dunn presided.

Councilmembers present: Gregory Peppes, Gary Bussing, Jim Rawlings, Lou Rasmussen, James Azeltine, and Debra Filla.

Mayor/Councilmembers absent: Mike Gill and Scott Gulledge.

Staff present:
Scott Lambers, City Administrator
Chief Ben Florance, Fire Department
Chris Claxton, P&R Director
Mark Andrasik, IS Director
Patty Bennett, City Attorney
Kathy Rogers, Finance Director
Deb Harper, City Clerk

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mayor Dunn noted that an amended agenda has been placed upon the dais. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Councilmember Rasmussen; seconded by Councilmember Peppes. The motion carried following a unanimous vote of 5-0.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS
Members of the public are welcome to use this time to make comments about City matters that do not appear on the agenda, or about items that will be considered as part of the consent agenda. It is not appropriate to comment on pending litigation, municipal court matters or personnel issues. Comments about items that appear on the action agenda will be taken as each item is considered. CITIZENS ARE REQUESTED TO KEEP THEIR COMMENTS UNDER 5 MINUTES.

4. PROCLAMATIONS – None.

5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS
Approve Appointment of New Human Resources Director, Lovina Freeman
City Administrator Scott Lambers reviewed Ms. Freeman’s prior work history and the interview process. He recommended her appointment as it is believed that she will be a tremendous asset to the City of Leawood.

A motion to appoint Lovina Freeman as the Human Resources Director was made by Councilmember Rasmussen; seconded by Councilmember Peppes.
Mayor Dunn shared her delight with the fact that Ms. Freeman will be joining the Staff as she was very impressed upon meeting with her. She thanked Mr. Lambers for his efforts in recruiting such a great candidate for the position.

Mr. Lambers stated that each Councilmember will have the opportunity to meet with Ms. Freeman on an individual basis.

The motion was approved following a unanimous vote of 5-0.

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS – None.

7. CONSENT AGENDA
Consent agenda items have been studied by the Governing Body and determined to be routine enough to be acted on in a single motion. If a Councilmember requests a separate discussion on an item, it can be removed from the consent agenda for further consideration.
A. Accept Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 1094A
B. Approved 2nd Revised 2008 Budget Calendar
C. Accept minutes of the December 17, 2007 Governing Body meeting
D. Accept minutes of the October 9, 2007 Historic Commission meeting
E. Accept minutes of the December 10, 2007 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting
F. Resolution No. 2936 approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute an Amendment to that certain Master Lease Agreement dated September 5, 2006, in the amount of $154.79/month between the City and Lanier Corporation for a 5-year Lease for a copy machine for Public Works Maintenance Department
G. Resolution No. 2937 approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute an Amendment to that certain Master Maintenance Agreement dated September 5, 2006, in the amount of $35.00/month, between the City and Foto Office Systems for a 5-year Maintenance Agreement for a copy machine for Public Works Maintenance Department
H. Approve purchase in the amount of $80,729.46 from Insight Public Sector for the purchase of police in-car lap-tops computers

On motion of Councilmember Azeltine, seconded by Councilmember Rasmussen, the Consent Agenda was approved following a unanimous vote of 5-0.

8. MAYOR’S REPORT
A. Acknowledgment receipt of monetary gift to Leawood’s Police and Fire Departments, in the amount of $1,770.00 from Cloisters Homes Association. Mayor Dunn accepted the donation and expressed sincere appreciation to Dr. John Wiley, President of the Cloisters Homes Association, and all of the members who made a contribution.
B. Attended the Convener’s Reception at Zurich Financial for the Johnson County legislative delegation. Councilmembers Peppes, Rawlings, and Azeltine also attended the event. The new legislative session began today in Topeka.
C. Served as a member of the Region Alliance Panel on behalf of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. Discussion included issues and topics that were addressed at the most recent Leadership Exchange in Seattle, Washington, which took place last September.

Councilmember Bussing arrived at 6:18 P.M.

9. COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORT – None.

10. STAFF REPORT – None.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

11. PLANNING COMMISSION – None.

12. OLD BUSINESS – None.

13. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

14. NEW BUSINESS
   A. Re-schedule a Governing Body Work Session at 6:00 P.M. from Monday, January 22, 2008, to 5:30 P.M., Monday, February 4, 2008, pertaining to discuss 2008 Governing Body Near and Long Term Goals and Objectives

   A motion to approve the rescheduled Work Session was made by Councilmember Rasmussen; seconded by Councilmember Rawlings.

   Mayor Dunn noted that the regular City Council meeting scheduled for January 22, 2008, has also been canceled.

   The motion carried following a unanimous vote of 6-0.

   B. Schedule a Governing Body Work Session at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, April 7, 2008, to discuss Special Benefit District [SBD] and Transportation Development District [TDD] financing for Park Place Improvement District [CIP # 80196]

   Mr. Lambers informed that Park Place Developers are proposing to incorporate the currently approved SBD financing into a TDD. No changes have been made in terms of the construction.

   A motion to approve the Work Session was made by Councilmember Rawlings; seconded by Councilmember Peppes. The motion was approved following a unanimous vote of 6-0.
C. Schedule a Governing Body Work Session at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, April 21, 2008, to discuss Transportation Development District [TDD] financing for One Nineteen Development

A motion to approve item No. 14C was made by Councilmember Filla; seconded by Councilmember Peppes.

Mr. Lambers reported that the developers were anticipating making a request for SBD financing for offsite improvements, which is typical for developments. They have incurred a significant amount of costs with regards to the parking lot due to the large quantity of fill that was required. At this point and time, the developers would like to request a TDD rather than the SBD in order to cover the expenditures associated with the parking lot improvements.

The motion carried following a unanimous vote of 6-0.

D. Schedule a Governing Body Work Session at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, May 5, 2008, to discuss Master Plan for Public Art

A motion to approve the Work Session was made by Councilmember Rawlings; seconded by Councilmember Filla. The motion was approved following a unanimous vote of 6-0.

Due to the already full meeting schedule, Mr. Lambers noted that it will not be possible to hold future Work Session requests until the month of May.

ADJOURN

Mayor Dunn adjourned the meeting at 6:22 P.M.