

Minutes

The City Council of the City of Leawood, Kansas, met in regular session in the Council Chambers, 4800 Town Center Drive, at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 19, 2022. Mayor Peggy Dunn presided.

**Councilmembers Present:** Debra Filla, Mary Larson, Lisa Harrison, Jim Rawlings, Chuck Sipple, Julie Cain, James Azeltine, and Andrew Osman.

**Staff Present:**

Patrick Geschwind, Interim City Admin.	Nic Sanders, HR Director
Chief Dale Finger, Police Department	David Ley, Public Works Director
Chris Claxton, Parks & Rec Director	Chief Colin Fitzgerald, Fire Dept.
Travis Torrez, Bldg/Code Enforcement Dir.	Mark Klein, Planning Services Director
Loretta Morgan, Interim Finance Director	Marcy Knight, Asst. City Attorney
Stephen Powell, City Clerk	Stacie Stromberg, Assistant City Clerk
Mike Pelger, Info. Services Specialist	Mike Blankenship, Sen. Network Admin.

Mayor Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Dunn stated that a modification to the agenda on Item 8D. Stephen Powell, City Clerk, explained that it was corrected from \$22,000 to \$25,000. Mayor Dunn added Item 7C under Special Business to approve the selection of Diane Stoddard as the new City Administrator.

**A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Councilmember Rawlings and seconded by Councilmember Azeltine. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.**

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Persons wanting to speak during the meeting must sign in and indicate the agenda item they wish to address.

Members of the public are welcome to use Citizen Comments to make comments about City matters that do not appear on the agenda, or about items on the Consent Agenda. It is not appropriate to use profanity or comment on pending litigation, municipal court matters, or personnel issues. Speakers are requested to keep their comments to 3 to 5 minutes. A total of 30 minutes per meeting is allocated for the Citizen Comment portion of the agenda.

The Governing Body will hear comments about items appearing on the agenda from those who have signed in, as each item is considered. In the event a large number of persons sign in to speak, individual comment time may be further limited at the discretion of the Mayor.

5. **PROCLAMATION – None**
6. **PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS – None**

## 7. SPECIAL BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing – Amended 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program [C.I.P.] (CC)

Mayor Dunn opened the hearing. There was no one from the public to speak on the item.

**A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Filla and seconded by Councilmember Sipple. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.**

- B. Resolution approving an amended 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program [C.I.P.] (CC)

Mr. Powell stated the he and Chris Claxton, Parks and Rec Director, worked on C.I.P. together. He stated earlier this year when the C.I.P. was presented, the Arts page was inadvertently left out of the document. This is an amendment to add the page back so the projects could be reflected accurately in the C.I.P.

**A motion to approve Item 7B was made by Councilmember Filla and seconded by Councilmember Larson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.**

- C. Approving and authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with terms and conditions approved by the Mayor and City Attorney in the selection of Diane Stoddard as the new City of Leawood City Administrator

**A motion to approve Item 7C was made by Councilmember Filla and seconded by Councilmember Azeltine. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.**

Mayor Dunn mentioned that Ms. Stoddard stated she is very excited about the opportunity.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items have been studied by the Governing Body and determined to be routine enough to be acted upon 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. 2022-49 and 2022-50
- B. Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City and Microsoft in the amount of \$127,866.74 for Enterprise Software (IS)
- C. Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Letter of Understanding between the City and Johnson County Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$10,000.00, pertaining to the 2023 Johnson County Utility Assistance Program (FN)
- D. Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City and Treadwell, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, pertaining to the 2nd Floor City Hall Floor Project (PW)
- E. Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City and Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of \$737,960.00, pertaining to the purchase of hardware, software, off-site video storage, and services for Police Body-Worn and In-Car Camera System, and Electronic Control Weapons (PD)
- F. Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract between the City and VF Anderson Builders, LLC, in the amount of \$12,883,559.48, pertaining to the 2022 Mission Road, 133rd – 143rd Street Project [Project #80175] (PW)
- G. Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement between the City and Olsson, Inc., in the amount of \$712,030.00, pertaining to the 2022 Mission Road, 133rd – 143rd Street Project [Project #80175] (PW)

- H. **Pulled by Councilmember Sipple.**
- I. Approve Final Pay request to Force America Inc. d/b/a Varitech Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$1,500.00, pertaining to the Brine Upgrade Installation (PW)
- J. Approve purchase of Signal Poles & Arms from Lemac Company, Inc., in the amount of \$113,189.00, pertaining to the 2022 Mission Road, 133rd-143rd Street Project [Project #80175] (PW)
- K. Approve purchase of maintenance equipment at Ironhorse Golf Course (PR)
- L. **Pulled by Mayor Dunn.**
- M. Fire Department Monthly Report
- N. Municipal Court Monthly Report

**A motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Rawlings and seconded by Councilmember Sipple. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.**

Discussion of Item 8H - Resolution waiving the bidding process in accordance with Charter Ordinance No. 39, pertaining to Phase II construction at Ironhorse Golf Course [KBS Constructors, Inc.] (PR)

Councilmember Sipple stated that he was very much in favor of this item. He stated that the kitchen at Ironhorse currently has little capacity and space, so to best serve the golfers and facility, it is important to start the renovation during the winter months.

**A motion to approve Item 8H was made by Councilmember Sipple and seconded by Councilmember Harrison.**

Councilmember Larson agreed with Councilmember Sipple. She stated that it is critical to get the project started before the season begins. She stated that KBS Constructors has a proven track record and has given the City good service.

**Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.**

Discussion of Item 8L - Police Department Monthly Report

Mayor Dunn pointed out what a fabulous job that was done by Dispatch Supervisor Greg Damron and Officer John McLaughlin who helped assist Kansas City, Missouri police stop a vehicle involved in a KCMO shooting.

She also mentioned that Leawood police officers did wonderful work in being able to positively identify two people involved in a Leawood home burglary after just a few days of the crime.

She offered a congratulations and kudos to all the officers involved.

Chief Dale Finger thanked the Council for approving the purchase of traffic cameras and license plate readers as they do assist in investigative work substantially. Mayor Dunn stated her appreciation for their work.

Councilmember Harrison expressed concern over the frequent crashes location at I-435 and State Line Rd. She acknowledged that the intersection was shared with Missouri as well as being an interstate highway, but asked if there was anything Leawood PD could do to cut down the number of crashes.

Chief Finger pointed out that in the report that intersection covers a portion of the highway on the east, but he confirmed that they will continue to set up radar. He explained the challenge of the interstate for a municipal department in that it is a danger to their officers.

Councilmember Azeltine asked about a third suspect in the theft case. Chief Finger responded that the City collected data to identify the person and is still awaiting that information.

**A motion to accept Item 8L was made by Councilmember Azeltine and seconded by Councilmember Filla. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.**

**9. MAYOR’S REPORT**

- A. We had a great celebration prior to this meeting on the second day of Hanukkah. There was a giant gumball menorah brought here by the Chadbad House Center of Kansas City. Rabbi Mendy Weineberg was here with his Rabbi son-in-law, and there was a great crowd on hand. I want to thank Councilmembers Osman, Larson, Rawlings, Harrison and Sipple for attending the celebration with many of our professional staff, and especially thanks to our Fire Chief Fitzgerald who lent his ladder fire truck for the Hanukkah gelt drop (candy drop). People were enjoying it and the music. I also want to recognize Chris Claxton who helped organize the City’s participation; and Stacey Belzer, a member of our Gezer Region Sister-City Committee, who arranged for this to occur for a second year in a row at City Hall.
- B. I was joined by Councilmembers Rawlings, Harrison, Sipple and Cain along with Interim City Administrator Patrick Geschwind, Director of Planning Mark Klein, and City Clerk Stephen Powell at the Leawood Chamber annual meeting. Sincere congratulations to Leawood Rotary Club who was inducted into their Hall of Fame in recognition of their community service. Rotary President, former Leawood Police Chief John Meier, accepted the award.
- C. Councilmembers Larson, Harrison and Sipple as well as Patrick Geschwind joined me at the Johnson and Wyandotte Counties Council of Mayors December Social which was held at the 1900 Building.
- D. Councilmembers Osman, Larson, Rawlings and Sipple joined me at the Employee Appreciation luncheon where the time and service awards were presented. Congratulations to the 2022 Employee of the Year, Linda Gonzalez, who works in our Municipal Court. We thank her for her tremendous service to our community, and also thank our Assistant City Attorney Marcy Knight for nominating her.
- E. I want to wish one and all a very joyous holiday season and many blessings in 2023! Be safe and be healthy, and I look forward to seeing you all on January 3<sup>rd</sup> when we return for our next City Council meeting.

**10. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS – None**

**11. INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Geschwind wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and happy new year.

**12. STAFF REPORTS – None**

**13. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – None**

**14. OLD BUSINESS – None**

Mayor Dunn recognized a boy scout group seated the lobby who attended for Citizenship in the Community merit badge. She thanked them for attending.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Schedule Governing Body Work Session on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. - Presentation of ETC Survey Information

**A motion to accept Item 15A was made by Councilmember Rawlings and seconded by Councilmember Filla.**

Councilmember Osman asked to clarify what the topic of the work session is. Mr. Powell replied that it will be a report on the survey regarding the dangerous dog ordinance. Councilmember Osman asked to verify that notification will be sent about the meeting and that it will be noticed on the City's website. Mr. Powell confirmed that the City notifies anyone who has signed up to receive an agenda through the City's normal communication channels.

Mayor Dunn asked if a representative from ETC will be joining the work session via Zoom. Mr. Powell replied yes. Mayor Dunn asked about the location of the meeting. Mr. Powell stated that the meeting will be held in the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Larson stated that she will not be available to attend the January 3<sup>rd</sup> work session but will try to tune in via Zoom.

**Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.**

B. Schedule Governing Body meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 7:30 P.M.

**A motion to accept Item 15B was made by Councilmember Filla and seconded by Councilmember Sipple. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.**

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.