



1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Bacon, Vogt, Gilmore, Felter, Essex, Vakas, and Schoonover

Others in attendance were City Manager, Michael Wilkes, Deputy City Manager, Susan Sherman, and City Attorney, Ron Shaver.

2. BEGIN TELEVISED SESSION – 7:00 P. M.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. Black History Month Proclamation

Mayor Bacon presented the proclamation to Greg Mosley, a local Farmers Insurance agent and the newest recipient of the Chamber of Commerce's Dana Ketterling volunteer of the year award. Mr. Mosley thanked the Mayor for the presentation.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Essex asked for item H to be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

Motion by Vogt, seconded by Gilmore, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of item H. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: Bacon, Vogt, Gilmore, Felter, Essex, Vakas, and Schoonover

A. Consideration of approval of the City Council meeting minutes of January 23, 2024.
approved.

B. Consideration of renewal license(s) as recommended by the City Clerk.
approved.

C. Consideration of Travel Request Authorization for City Manager Michael Wilkes and Councilmembers LeEtta Felter, Matthew Schoonover and

Dean Vakas to attend the National League of Cities conference in Washington, DC from March 10 to March 13.
approved.

- D.** Consideration of business expense statement for the City Manager Michael Wilkes to attend a League of Kansas Municipalities conference in Washington, DC on Jan. 29 to January 31, 2024.
approved.

- E.** Consideration of business expense statement for the City Manager Michael Wilkes to attend a Strategic Government Resources conference in Dallas on Jan. 24 and 25, 2024.
approved.

- F.** Consideration of Consent Calendar.
approved.

- G.** Consideration of an Agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation, Johnson County, Douglas County, DeSoto, Edgerton, and Gardner for the Southwest Metro Area Transportation Connection Plan.
approved.

- H.** Consideration of renewal of contract with Clarence M. Kelley & Associates of Kansas City, Inc. to provide screening personnel for the security checkpoint at the Municipal Court.
Councilmember Essex asked for item H to be considered separately so she could highlight the service the vendor provides for the Municipal Court.

Motion by Vogt, seconded by Gilmore, to approve item H. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: Bacon, Vogt, Gilmore, Felter, Essex, Vakas, and Schoonover

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Consideration of Ordinance No. 24-03, RZ23-0012, requesting approval of a rezoning from the CTY RUR (County Rural) District to the R-1 (Residential Single-Family) District, a preliminary plat and preliminary site development plan for Heritage Ranch on approximately 128.98 acres; located southwest of 159th Street and Black Bob Road. Planning Commission recommends approval 9-0.
Planner II, Taylor Vande Velde, provided the Council with a presentation regarding the project.

Councilmember Felter asked if the traffic concerns on 159th street

had been addressed. Nate Baldwin, City Engineer, said it is included in the CIP.

Mayor Bacon asked what that project would include and Mr. Baldwin said it would be a full arterial improvement.

Councilmember Gilmore asked about the connection to Heritage Park and Mr. Baldwin explained how future improvements would change the entrances.

Councilmember Schoonover asked about the surrounding school capacities. Ms. Vande Velde said she knew the school district continued to evaluate growth. Councilmember Felter said she knew from her time serving on the school board that they would make adjustments for growth.

Motion by Vogt, seconded by Gilmore, to approve Ordinance No. 24-03, RZ23-0012. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: Bacon, Vogt, Gilmore, Felter, Essex, Vakas, and Schoonover

- B.** Consideration of Ordinance No. 24-04, RZ23-0014, requesting approval of a rezoning from the C-2 (Community Center) District to the D (Downtown, Mixed Use) District and a preliminary site development plan for The Olathe Group addition on approximately 0.16 acres; located at 222 S. Kansas Avenue. Planning Commission recommended approval 9 to 0.

Motion by Vogt, seconded by Gilmore, to approve Ordinance 24-04, RZ23-0014. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: Bacon, Vogt, Gilmore, Felter, Essex, Vakas, and Schoonover

7. NEW CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

Councilmember Felter said the Chamber's annual meeting was great. She mentioned that Honeywell had announced an expansion. She also expressed her condolences to the family of Starfish Project founder for their recent loss.

Councilmember Vogt also acknowledged the Chamber's annual meeting as well as the Honeywell expansion.

Councilmember Schoonover gave a shout out to Damien Denmark, Downtown

Development Coordinator and said he was excited to hear about upcoming plans.

Mayor Bacon mentioned that Toby Keith had passed away and shared the lyrics to one of his songs that had meant a lot to him.

8. END OF TELEVISED SESSION

9. GENERAL ISSUES AND CONCERNS OF CITIZENS

Gregory Betzen, 19998 W. 122nd Terrace, asked the Council to allow the Woodland Road railroad crossing to remain open.

Debra Wallace, 20279 W 122nd Terrace, asked the Council to allow the Woodland Road railroad crossing to remain open.

10. CONVENE FOR PLANNING SESSION

If report items are present, they have been prepared for informational purposes and will be accepted as presented. There will be no separate discussion unless a Councilmember requests that a report be removed and considered separately.

A. REPORTS

1. Report on a request by Scannell Properties #717, LLC and assigns for an issuance request for industrial revenue bonds and tax phase-in for the construction of a 729,120 square foot warehouse facility for General Mills Blue Buffalo brand on 57-acres located west of the northwest of 159th Street and Clare Road (Old 56 Highway).
Report Accepted.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion on the status of the K-10 Corridor Project.
Infrastructure Deputy Director, Beth Wright, introduced Cameron McGown, Vice President of HNTB and Steven Cross from KDOT. Mr. McGown gave an update on the K-10 corridor project.

Councilmembers had questions regarding the IKE Program funding and future funding of the K-10 Corridor project. They also wanted to know how the project would be prioritized. Questions were asked regarding the possible additional interchanges and the effect they will have on traffic flow and

intensity. They wanted to know if options besides traffic flow are being considered. Mr. McGown and Mr. Cross answered their questions and said there would be more community engagement in the near future.

2. Discussion of the 2024 Downtown Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit. Renee Rush, Event and Rentals Manager, introduced Chelsy Walker, Chair of the Olathe Public Arts Committee. Ms. Walker provided a presentation with pictures of the proposed art for the coming year.

Councilmembers expressed their thanks for a great program and asked questions about expanding the locations of where the art will be placed. They also had questions about how the program worked. Ms. Walker explained they are working to find additional locations to display art and that the pieces are leased from the artists.

3. Update on the 119th Street, Woodland to Northgate, Improvements Project, PN 3-C-024-21. Nate Baldwin, City Engineer, gave an update on the 119th Street and Woodland project, specifically regarding the railroad crossing on Woodland. The update included staff's proposal to not accept grant funding from the Federal Railroad Administration due to a variety of issues that had surfaced.

Councilmembers thanked staff for their work on this project and acknowledged the challenges. They asked additional questions about the change in funding, timelines and future use of grant funding for other projects.

11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Brenda D. Swearingian

City Clerk