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Dinner with the Olathe Teen Council - City of Governors - 5:30 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Present:** Bacon, Schoonover, Felter, Vakas, Essex, Creighton, and Deneault

Others in attendance were City Manager, Susan Sherman, City Attorney, Ron Shaver and members of City staff.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Consideration of motion to recess into an executive session to discuss the following items:

- A.** Personnel matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to the exception provided in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) regarding municipal judges.  
Motion by Vakas, seconded by Felter, to recess into an executive session to discuss personnel matters related to one or more municipal court judges pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception provided in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), for 10 minutes. The open meeting will resume in the City Council chambers at 6:55 PM. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** Bacon, Schoonover, Felter, Vakas, Essex, Creighton, and Deneault

**3. RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Vakas, seconded by Felter, to authorize staff to proceed with the strategies discussed with and directed by the governing body. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** Schoonover, Felter, Vakas, Essex, Creighton, Deneault, and Bacon

**4. REGULAR MEETING BEGINS - 7:00 P.M.**

**5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**6. SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- A.** Proclamation recognizing April 19-25, 2026 as Arbor Week  
Mayor Bacon read the proclamation and presented it to Mike Katzer,

City Arborist Supervisor. Mr. Katzer thanked the mayor and council for the proclamation.

**B.** Recognition of Olathe Teen Council seniors

Mayor Bacon introduced Liz Ruback, Assistant to the Mayor. Ms. Ruback introduced the teen council seniors and the mayor thanked them for their involvement with the Teen Council and presented them with a certificate.

**C.** Consideration of Ordinance No. 26-14 adopting the revised City of Olathe Comprehensive Plan, Elevate Olathe (CPA24-0001). Planning Commission recommends approval 9 to 0.

Kim Hollingsworth, Planning and Development Manager, provided a presentation to the council.

Councilmember Felter thanked staff for working so hard on this project. She asked if this is a regulatory document and Ms. Hollingsworth said it is a guide for future growth not regulatory like the municipal code. She clarified that it is not going to automatically squash a future project if there needs to be changes.

Councilmember Creighton said he liked that this is going to continue to be a guide and not just a document to put on the shelf.

Councilmember Vakas said he believed that the outgoing plan “Plan Olathe” was great but “Elevate Olathe” is exceptional. He thanked staff for all their work.

Mayor Bacon ask how staff would respond if someone wanted to do something outside the plan and how often it would be reviewed. Ms. Hollinsworth said the plan is a guide where they start, do a full review and provide a recommendation. She said it would be reviewed annually with a possible check in at five (5) years.

Motion by Vakas, seconded by Felter, to approve Ordinance No. 24-14 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** Felter, Vakas, Essex, Creighton, Deneault, Bacon, and Schoonover

**D.** Recognition of Elevate Olathe Steering Committee

Kim Hollingsworth introduced each steering committee member. Mayor Bacon thanked them for their contribution and presented each with an award.

**E.** Annual report by Johnson County Commissioners.

Mayor Bacon introduced Johnson County Commissioners, Michael Ashcraft and Shirley Allendbrand. Mr. Ashcraft and Ms. Allenbrand provided an annual report to the Council.

Councilmember Felter thanked the commissioners for their time and for the great partnership with the County. She said she believed there are great possibilities for the airport.

Councilmember Vakas thanked the commissioners for their presentation. He said he appreciated the Board of County Commissioners for addressing housing issues. He also shared thoughts about transportation for the area and asked their thoughts on what a light rail transportation vision might look like in the future.

Councilmember Essex thanked the commissioners their presentation. She asked questions about how many transit stops are scheduled in Olathe during the World Cup. Ms. Allenbrand said she thought there were two scheduled. Ms. Essex also asked about the traffic concerns at 175th and Ridgeview area and encouraged collaboration to find solutions. Mr. Ashcraft said there have been ongoing conversations between the City and County regarding this area.

Councilmember Deneault asked about the plan for gathering data for the transit routes during the World Cup. Ms. Allenbrand said they are working on a plan. Mr. Deneault said he was happy to see the partnership with K-State and the airport. He said he believed there could be many partnerships with local businesses as well.

Council Schoonover expressed concerns about the limited number of stops for the World Cup transits. He asked about the fees to ride the circular routes that will be running. Mr. Ashcraft said the routes

from the airport are free, but the circular routes would require a small fee. Ms. Allenbrand said she would provide additional information to the Council. Mr. Schoonover said he believed there was opportunity for additional economic development policy coordination.

Mayor Bacon asked additional questions about the transit routes to and from the airport and if there would be a way to determine if the riders are World Cup visitors or local residents. Mr. Ashcraft said he believed there would be, but wasn't sure how that would look.

Mayor Bacon thanked the commissioners for the County's partnership on the parking garage.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

The items listed below are considered to be routine by the City Council and may be approved in one motion. These may include items that have been reviewed by the City Council in a prior planning session. There will be no separate discussion unless a council member requests that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Motion by Vakas, seconded by Felter, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** Bacon, Schoonover, Felter, Vakas, Essex, Creighton, and Deneault

- A.** Consideration of approval of the City Council minutes of the April 7, 2026 meeting.  
approved.
- B.** Consideration of new license(s) as recommended by the City Clerk.  
approved.
- C.** Request for acceptance of the dedication of land for public easements and public street right-of-way for a final plat of Heather Ridge Estates, 3rd Plat (FP25-0015), containing 24 lots on approximately 8.78 acres, located southwest of W. 167th Street and S. Ridgeview Road. Planning Commission approved the plat 6 to 0.  
approved.
- D.** Request for acceptance of the dedication of land for public easements and public street right-of-way for a final plat of Her Shepherd's Estate (FP26-0003), containing one (1) lot on approximately 3.4 acres, located

- southwest of W. 124th Street and S. Parker Street. Planning Commission approved the plat 6 to 0.  
approved.
- E.** Consideration of Resolution No. 26-1034 (PLN26-0001), requesting the City's consent to the enlargement of the Consolidated Main Sewer District of Johnson County, Kansas for Woodland Hills, 8th Plat, located southeast of College Boulevard and S. Woodland Road.  
approved.
- F.** Consideration of Resolution No. 26-1035 authorizing various improvements to the Water and Sewer System of the City and setting forth the intent to issue Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds.  
approved.
- G.** Consideration of Resolution No. 26-1036 authorizing various improvements to the Stormwater System of the City and setting forth the intent to issue Stormwater Revenue Bonds.  
approved.
- H.** Consideration of Consent Calendar.  
approved.
- I.** Consideration of Engineer's Estimate, acceptance of bids, and award of contract to SAK Construction, LLC for construction of the Arrowhead Truss Mains Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project, PN 1-R-003-23.  
approved.
- J.** Consideration of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Lamp Rynearson, Inc. for Water and Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation and Improvements Program On-Call Engineering Services.  
approved.
- K.** Consideration of renewal of contract with Olathe Winwater Works Co., and authorization of purchase of fire hydrants.  
approved.
- L.** Consideration of award of contract to Strada U.S. Professional Services, LLC. for configuration, testing and deployment of the Workday Adaptive Planning solution.  
approved.
- M.** Acceptance of bid and consideration of award of contract to AeroVironment Inc., for the replacement purchase of one (1) telemax EVO HYBRID V2 Unmanned Ground Vehicle (UGV) for the Fire Department.  
approved.
- N.** Consideration of award of contract to Toshiba for citywide multi-function printer solution.
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approved.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Consideration of Ordinance No. 26-15 amending Olathe Municipal Code Section 10.10.010 and 10.10.020, pertaining to Main Trafficways and Main Trafficway Connections, and repealing the existing sections.

Motion by Vakas, seconded by Felter, to approve Ordinance No. 26-15 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** Essex, Creighton, Deneault, Bacon, Schoonover, Felter, and Vakas

- B.** Consideration of Ordinance No. 26-16 amending Title 10 of the Olathe Municipal Code (the Olathe Traffic Ordinance).

Motion by Vakas, seconded by Felter, to approve Ordinance No. 26-16 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** Deneault, Bacon, Schoonover, Felter, Vakas, Essex, and Creighton

## 9. GENERAL ISSUES AND CONCERNS OF CITIZENS

None heard.

## 10. CONVENE FOR PLANNING SESSION

### A. REPORTS

1. Report on a request by Aspen Industrial Land Fund I, LLC and assigns for an issuance request for a master resolution for industrial revenue bonds and tax phase-in for the construction of approximately 1,340,615 square feet of warehouse and industrial facilities on a total of 80.45-acres located on the NWC of 171st Street & Lone Elm Road.

Report accepted.

2. Report on a request by Aspen Industrial Land Fund I, LLC and assigns for an issuance request for industrial revenue bonds and tax phase-in for a first phase project request in a business park with a master resolution. The first phase project will construct a 215,575 sf facility on a 12.87 acre parcel located near the northwest corner of 171st Street & Lone Elm Road.

Report accepted.

3. Report regarding a proposed ordinance pertaining to the takeoff and landing of unmanned aircraft systems (drones).

Councilmember Creighton said he had spoken to Deputy Police Chief Schroeder yesterday and had questions

regarding how this ordinance could affect drone deliveries.

Deputy Police Chief, Dave Schroeder, said they do not control the airspace, but only control the land for take off and landing. He said as technology progresses, there could be changes.

Councilmember Felter said technology has outpaced the laws of the land and drones have been used for stalking. She said that Kansas has very few provisions for drones and while she is usually all about local control, she believes this would be better addressed at the State level.

Councilmember Deneault asked what is acceptable drone use. Deputy Chief Schroeder said there are differences between personal uses vs. commercial uses. Additionally, there are some required tests to fly a drone.

Councilmember Schoonover asked about the first responder drones and how they are being used in relationship to schools. Deputy Chief Schroeder said there are three (3) schools being utilized for the nests and they cover about 80% of the City. He said the cameras are only focused on their take off location and they go directly to where they were dispatched. He said they are not hovering over the schools where children are and that the police department controls the cameras. He said they can clear calls much quicker than waiting for an officer to arrive on the scene and there should be no concerns regarding children being on a video.

Mayor Bacon asked how this would effect the use of a drone for insurance purposes such as roof inspections. Deputy Chief Schroeder said this ordinance addresses the safety of the community at events and does not limit the use of them for inspections. He also reiterated that they do not have the authority to limit the airspace where they are flying but can only control the landing zone which gives the police department the opportunity to have a conversation with citizen operators.

Mayor Bacon said he thought this was a good first step.

## 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Personnel matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to the exception provided in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) regarding the evaluation of the City Auditor.

Motion by Vakas, seconded by Felter, to recess into an executive session to discuss personnel matters related to the evaluation of the City Auditor pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception provided in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), for 20 minutes. The meeting will resume in the City Council chambers at 9:00 PM. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** Bacon, Schoonover, Felter, Vakas, Essex, Creighton, and Deneault

## 12. RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The open meeting resumed at 9:00 P.M. and Mayor Bacon said there was a need for a few more minutes in an executive session.

Motion by Vakas, seconded by Felter, to recess back into executive session for an additional 4 minutes. The meeting will resume in the City Council chambers at 9:05 PM. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** Schoonover, Felter, Vakas, Essex, Creighton, Deneault, and Bacon

Motion by Vakas, seconded by Felter, to authorize staff to proceed with the strategies discussed with and directed by the governing body. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** Bacon, Schoonover, Felter, Vakas, Essex, Creighton, and Deneault

## 13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Councilmember Creighton thanked Councilmember Vakas for sharing some concerns with the County Commissioners. He also thanked the steering committee of the Comprehensive Plan for all their hard work.

Councilmember Schoonover thanked everyone for their work on Elevate Olathe. He said he was impressed with the Teen Council and all they have accomplished this year. He also gave a shout-out to the Olathe Fire Department for their quick response when his father had a need. He then said he wanted to reiterate the education component as a part of the newly approved e-scooter, e-bike ordinance. He also shared that he has concerns about the number of

vape shops located in close proximity to schools and asked staff to see if there was a way to restrict those locations.

Councilmember Felter thanked Councilmember Schoonover for mentioning the concern regarding vaping. She believes the one thing that can be done soon is regulating the signage. She also thanked Liz Ruback for her work with the Teen Council and Kim Hollinsworth for her work on Elevate Olathe. She thanked the county commissioners for coming to share the annual report with the council.

Councilmember Vakas complimented planning staff for Elevate Olathe and for their continued economic development work.

Councilmember Essex thanked the teen council and the steering committee for Elevate Olathe. She also shared that the city's fleet team was recognized. She shared that the budget team had the opportunity to present at ???

Councilmember Deneault said Elevate Olathe had all the elements in it that he had hoped for and he was appreciative for everyone's hard work.

City Manager Susan Sherman thanked the Council for their kind words and reminded everyone that Public Service Recognition Week is the first week in May.

Mayor Bacon thanked Fire Chief DeGraffenreid and the fire department staff for their response after the Hillsdale tornado. He also said a citizen had asked about installing a school zone around Heritage Christian Academy. City Manager, Susan Sherman, said she would provide him with some additional information. Mr. Bacon said there is approximately one month left of school and invited everyone to the summer kick off at Lake Olathe on May 29th. He indicated there would be more information available on the City's website.

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Brenda D. Swearingian  
City Clerk