

**CITY OF NORTH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

CITY HALL

2010 HOWELL ST. NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO 64116

February 1, 2022

7:00 PM

As a precautionary measure during the Covid-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be held virtually, with the Mayor, City Council members and City staff joining the meeting through an on-line platform.

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1. **Call to order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Comments from the Public**
Please limit comments to five minutes

Consent Agenda

All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of the City Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired on any item by any member of the City Council or by any member of the audience who has spoken during *Comments From the Public*, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda.

6. **Approval of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 18, 2022**
[Item 6 Attachment.pdf](#)
7. **Approval of the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of January 18, 2022**
[Item 7 Attachment.pdf](#)
8. **Approval of the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of January**

25, 2022

[Item 8 Attachment.pdf](#)

- 9. Approval of a Proxy for North Kansas City Levee District Annual Meeting**
[Item 9 Attachment.pdf](#)
- 10. Planning Commission Appointment**
[Item 10 Attachment.pdf](#)
- 11. Approval of Successor Directors – Board of Directors of the North Kansas City Destination Developers Community Improvement District (Resolution No. 22-012)**
[Item 11 Attachment.pdf](#)
- 12. Proclamation for Sara Copeland**
[Item 12 Attachment.pdf](#)
- 13. Snake Saturday Short Term Conditional Use Permit**
[Item 13 Attachment.pdf](#)
- 14. Resolution Opposing the Purchase, Construction and/or Operation of Illegal Gaming Facilities or Devices (Resolution No. 22-011)**
[Item 14 Attachment.pdf](#)

Regular Items

- 15. Emergency Public Health Order Extension {Bill No. 7666 (Ordinance No. 9463)}**

Councilmember Smith has requested that an extension of Mayor DeLong's Emergency Public Health Order No. 22-007 be placed on the City Council Agenda so that the Council may vote to extend the Order from 12:01 a.m. on February 5, 2022, until February 26, 2022, at 12:01 a.m. unless rescinded, extended, modified or amended pursuant to applicable law. Ordinance No. 9463 and Order No. 22-008 have been prepared for the City Council's consideration.

[Item 15 Attachment.pdf](#)

- 16. Engagement of Consultant – River Forest Park Feasibility Study (Resolution No. 22-009)**

As part of the FY 2022 Budget, the City Council approved a feasibility study for River Forest Park. In the fall of 2021, staff issued a Request for Qualifications from interested professional teams and received ten submissions. Of the submittals, staff interviewed four teams. Staff found that SWT Design was the most suitable firm for this project. The River

Forest Park Feasibility Study will consist of the tasks identified in the accompanying Scope of Work, which consists of multiple stakeholder meetings, technical reviews, and the development of concepts for River Forest Park. It is anticipated that the feasibility study will take around six months to complete. Once complete, SWT will present the study's findings to the City Council and the Parks & Recreation Board. Any future project considerations for River Forest Park can be incorporated into the FY 2023 Budget process. As noted in the attached Scope of Work, the fee will be \$62,700, which is reasonable for an engagement of this nature. Staff requests that the City Council authorize an additional \$7,000 for possible technical services that may be necessary as part of the feasibility study.

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17. River Forest Park Budget Amendment (Resolution No. 22-013)

Should the City Council approve the Engagement of Consultant – River Forest Park Feasibility Study, a corresponding budget amendment has been prepared in the amount of \$31,230.

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18. Sign Ordinance Amendment – Digital Sign Standards {Bill No. 7665 (Ordinance No. 9462)}

The City's sign regulations are contained in Chapter 15.44 of the Municipal Code. Similar to the Zoning Ordinance, the sign ordinance divides the City into Sign Districts and establishes requirements for each sign type allowed in each sign district. Standards that apply citywide, such as traffic safety standards, illumination standards, and standards for digital signs, are contained in Section 15.44.300 of the sign ordinance. Recently, the development team for the City's Master Developer for the One North redevelopment area submitted a site plan for the erection of a billboard in the redevelopment area. This billboard has been a planned part of the redevelopment area since the City entered into the master development agreement. When the sign ordinance was amended to create the Redevelopment Area sign district, Off-Premise Commercial Signs were included as a permitted sign type. However, in reviewing the application with the developer's agent, staff found that the digital sign regulations were not amended to allow the planned billboard to use a digital sign face. This was an oversight by staff. The proposed amendments concern Section 15.44.300.D of the Sign Ordinance regarding the standards for digital signs.

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19. Sign Ordinance Amendments – General Business District {Bill No. 7664 (Ordinance No. 9461)}

The City's sign regulations are contained in Chapter 15.44 of the Municipal Code. Similar to the Zoning Ordinance, the sign ordinance divides the City into Sign Districts and establishes requirements for each sign type allowed in each sign district. In December, the City Council approved amendments to the General Business sign district to permit an iconic rooftop sign on the rook of the Oxbow Apartments that are under construction at 18th & Swift.

As staff has continued to assist the developer with their plans, it has become clear that two other amendments are needed to fully address the issue of signs on taller buildings. The proposed amendments concern Section 15.44.230 of the Sign Ordinance regarding the General Business Sign District. The amendments adjust the regulations for wall signs and roof signs specifically for taller buildings and would not affect signage on buildings under five stories in height.

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20. Approval of Task Order 4 with Confluence regarding Town Square (Resolution No. 22-010)

At the City Council work session of June 1, 2021, the Council discussed renovations to Town Square to make the space more attractive and functional. As part of their work on the Downtown Streetscape project, staff asked Confluence to provide conceptual ideas for re-activating Town Square as a downtown amenity and those concepts were discussed with the Council. Since June 1, 2021, when the Council also approved the Downtown Streetscape CMAR contract with MegaKC, City staff has been working with both Confluence and MegaKC on pre-construction tasks. For the Town Square renovation project, staff recommends Confluence and MegaKC as best positioned to provide additional services due to the similarities between the Downtown Streetscape and Town Square Renovation projects. Confluence is familiar with both the Town Square space and the improvement plans for downtown as the landscape architect engaged for the downtown project. MegaKC will be in downtown this year to construct the new Downtown Streetscape, providing the City with the opportunity to avoid the costs of mobilization for Town Square renovation work.

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21. Water Treatment Plant Change Order Authority {Bill No. 7667 (Ordinance No. 9464)}

On September 15, 2020, the City awarded, by action of the City Council, a construction contract in the sum of \$13,754,251.00 to MegaKC Corporation for rehabilitation and improvements to the North Kansas City Water Treatment Plant and Well Field. At the time the construction contract with MegaKC was approved, the City Council also granted the Mayor the authority to approve change order requests up to a total amount of

\$250,000. Thus far durin the construction of the project, there has been a cumulative change order amount of \$237,855.89. This represents a project increase of 1.8% of the original contract amount. The project is projected for completion in the Spring of 2022. To continue the current construction momentum, City staff recommends extending the Mayor’s change order approval authority by an additional \$150,000. This will represent a total change order authoriting of \$400,00, or 29% of the total approved budget contingency of \$1,375,425.00. If the proposed \$150,000 extension is approved and nears exceedance in the future, City Staff will return to the Council again for consideration on additional extensions.

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22. First Amendment to Engagement and Fee Arrangement with Jackson Lewis P.C. for Providing Labor Relations Advice and Counsel (Resolution No. 22-008)

The City has worked for years with labor attorney Jeff Place when negotiating collective bargaining agreements with the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 42 and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #50. As the Council may recall, Mr. Place left his previous law firm, Littler Mendelson, P.C., and joined the firm Jackson Lewis P.C. Mr. Place assisted the City during the recent International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 42 negotiations, and staff proposes utilizing his services for the upcoming Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #50 negotiations. An engagement letter with Jackson Lewis is presented accordingly for City Council approval.

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23. Approving Accounts Due and Payable by the City through January 28, 2022. {Bill No. 76687 (Ordinance No. 9465)}.

[Item 23 Attachment.pdf](#)

24. Staff Comments

[Upcoming City Items of Note](#)

[NKC Hospital COVID-19 Reports](#)

25. Councilmember Comments

26. Mayor's Comments

27. Consideration of a Request to Hold and Recess Into an Executive Session, as Requested by the City Counselor, to be Held on this Date, on a Potential Litigation Matter Pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes §610.021(1)

28. Adjournment

Copies of ordinances referred to above are available for inspection prior to the meeting in the office of the City Clerk. Note: Meetings of the City Council are being broadcast live and recorded.

Posted this 28th day of January at 5:00 p.m.