

**Minutes**

DVD No. 254

The City Council of the City of Leawood, Kansas, met in regular session in the Council Chambers, 4800 Town Center Drive, at 7:30 P.M., on Monday, April 4, 2011. Mayor Peggy Dunn presided.

**Councilmembers present:** Julie Cain, Andrew Osman, James Azeltine, Debra Filla, Jim Rawlings, Gary Bussing, Lou Rasmussen, and Carrie Rezac

**Mayor/Councilmembers absent:** None

<b>Staff present:</b> City Administrator Scott Lambers	Patty Bennett, City Attorney
Chief John Meier, Police Department	Joe Johnson, Public Works Director
Chief Ben Florance, Fire Department	Chris Claxton, P&R Director
Richard Coleman, Comm. Dev. Director	Deb Harper, City Clerk
Mark Klein, Planning Official	Pam Gregory, Assistant City Clerk
Karl Weinfurter, Info. Systems Specialist	

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilmember Rasmussen; seconded by Councilmember Osman. The motion carried following a unanimous vote of 8-0.

**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.**

Shazia Baig, 15604 Pawnee, Overland Park, is an exchange student from Pakistan attending Blue Valley West High School. Ms. Baig commented that America has been a great learning experience and plans to apply everything she has learned when she returns home. She has been in America for 7 months and plans to stay for another 3 months.

Don Marsolek, 6724 W. 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, Overland Park, is the International Coordinator for the American Council Program. This is a program connected with the U.S. Department of State, which brings high school students from 40 different countries to the U.S. each year. These students come from the Middle East, Central Asia, Africa, Russia, Ukraine, and Lithuania. They also currently have a student from Morocco attending Blue Valley Northwest High School.

Jeff Nessel, 12012 Ensley Lane, had expressed safety concerns at the corner of 121<sup>st</sup> Terrace and Wenonga at a prior Governing Body meeting. Public Works Director Joe Johnson contacted him addressing his request for a stop sign at this intersection and he was told traffic and accident statistics do not warrant a stop sign at this location. Mr. Nessel was concerned because of the grade in the road and visibility problem and thought this was an accident waiting to happen unless something gets done. He asked that the Governing Body further review his request for a stop sign.

Councilmember Azeltine responded this item went before the Public Works Committee for review. There has been one accident at this intersection in six years. Mr. Nessel responded there had been several "close calls" and felt they should be proactive and not wait for a bad accident to happen. Mr. Azeltine replied there is a certain uniform standard for measuring this. Several engineers and past engineers on the Public Works Committee reviewed this objectively and the facts determined this intersection does not justify a stop sign. Mr. Azeltine commented he could give a full report when the minutes are submitted for approval.

**4. PROCLAMATIONS** **National Volunteer Week, April 10-16, 2011**  
Mayor Dunn read the proclamation into the record and thanked the nearly 300 individuals in Leawood that volunteer to be on councils, commissions, advisory boards, and committees.

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

**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 No. 2011-11
- B. Accept minutes of the March 21, 2011 Governing Body meeting
- C. Accept minutes of the March 21, 2011 Governing Body Work Session
- D. Accept minutes of the February 15, 2011 Public Works Committee meeting
- E. **Resolution No. 3568** calling for a pre-budget Public Hearing to be heard on Monday, April 18, 2011 on the 2012 Fiscal Budget for the City of Leawood, Kansas
- F. **Resolution No. 3569** declaring the City's Intent to Participate in the Firefighter's Relief Act
- G. **Resolution No. 3570** approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Design Engineering Contract in the amount of \$70,000, between the City and Continental Engineers pertaining to the design of the 2011 Storm Sewer Maintenance Project [Project # 77111]
- H. **Resolution No. 3571** approving a Final Sign Plan for Bi-State Centennial Park-Haute House Interior Design, located at 1920 W. 143<sup>rd</sup> Street, [PC Case # 10-11] *[from the March 22, 2011 Planning Commission meeting]*

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Rasmussen; seconded by Councilmember Osman. The motion carried following a unanimous vote of 8-0.

**8. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- A. Hosted one of 17 "No Bad Ideas" focus groups whose charge has been requested by the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Chairman Greg Graves to come up with "5 Big Ideas." These ideas will be presented to Governors Sam Brownback and Jay Nixon at the Governors Summit in September. Besides Greg Graves and Mayor Dunn, participants included Johnson County Commission Chairman Ed Eilert, Mayor Joe Reardon of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, Overland Park Mayor Carl Gerlach, Olathe Mayor Michael Copeland, Shawnee Mayor Jeff Meyers and Lenexa Mayor Mike Boehm.
- B. Participated in a ribbon cutting hosted by the Leawood Chamber of Commerce for "The Gents Place," located in Park Place. This was formerly "CA Men's Fine Grooming," which is now under new ownership. Mayor Dunn wished them much success.
- C. Attended a Patriotic Assembly, honoring veterans and U.S. military at Leawood Elementary School. This was organized by Hannelore Snyder Brown. Police Chief John Meier and Fire Chief Ben Florance, along with leadership from their departments, participated in the presentations. This was all very well done with hundreds in attendance.
- D. Attended the State of the County Address, presented by Johnson County Commission Chair Ed Eilert, hosted by the Johnson County Public Policy Council. Councilmembers Lou Rasmussen, Jim Rawlings, Carrie Rezac and James Azeltine as well as a number of Leawood's professional staff were also in attendance.
- E. Congratulations to the Aloft Hotel for receiving the "2010 Starwood Hotel" award for outstanding "REVPAR," which stands for Revenue Per Available Room. The manager of the Aloft Hotel sits on the Leawood Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and informed Mayor Dunn their numbers at the start of 2011 are even stronger than 2010.
- F. The April edition of the "Leawood Lifestyle" magazine has a great article and picture of the Leawood Sustainability Advisory Board, including Chair Debra Filla and Vice-Chair Julie Cain. The article speaks about Leawood going green and the "Green Gauntlet Challenge."
- G. Reminder to vote tomorrow, Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Voting is a great privilege and responsibility.

**9. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORT** – None.

**10. STAFF REPORT** – None.

***COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS***

**11. PLANNING COMMISSION**

*[from the March 22, 2011 Planning Commission]*

**Resolution No. 3572** approving a Revised Final Site Plan for Gezer Park, located on the northeast corner of 133<sup>rd</sup> Street and Mission Road

Mayor Dunn asked the timeline for completion of the fire pit. Parks and Recreation Director Chris Claxton responded they don't expect any delays, weather permitting.

Mayor Dunn reminded the City Council there were three families that came together generously donating the monies for the fire pit. She commented they were very grateful for the private donations making this possible.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilmember Rasmussen; seconded by Councilmember Osman. The motion carried following a unanimous vote of 8-0.

## **12. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Governing Body 2011 Goals and Objectives- *[Continued From the March 7, 2011 Governing Body Meeting]***

Councilmember Bussing felt having goals and objectives was one of the most important things the Council can do to provide direction to staff. It allows the staff to explain the direction the Council sees the City moving in to its residents and vendors. He was concerned the list of goals and objectives didn't have the kind of specificity and measurement he preferred to see.

A motion to schedule a work session to further define the goal setting session was made by Councilmember Bussing; seconded by Councilmember Filla.

Mayor Dunn noted she had shared with Councilmember Bussing that over time this has been more of a brain storming session, not a strategic planning session. After brain storming, if the majority of the Council felt the items were deemed worthy, they remained on the list. The definition of what it would take to accomplish it has been left in the hands of staff.

Councilmember Rasmussen concurred with Mayor Dunn and stated he was not in favor of the motion.

Councilmember Filla liked the looseness of it remaining a brain storming and idea session. Specificity should be discussed at a second session to be more definitive, explore their visions, and prioritize.

Councilmember Bussing was concerned this list would begin to consume staff resources since most of these activities don't specify what they are trying to accomplish. Something they may have talked about for a few minutes could end up returning to them from a volunteer committee as a staff recommendation when they haven't had an opportunity to discuss specifics. Part of the City Administrator's performance evaluation is his ability to accomplish this list. If this document is going to be the direction they want the City to take, then it should require further discussion.

Councilmember Azeltine concurred with Councilmember Bussing; however, he thought it would be more practical to take his comments under advisement for 2012 because by the time they schedule a work session, it would be too late to conclude year.

City Administrator Scott Lambers clarified the session in January, 2011, was the start of the goal setting for 2012. They should proceed with the work session if the Council wants to change the format of the goal sessions to be more specific. This discussion could take several meetings. In mid-year 2012, they would begin the process again. His performance is based upon the calendar year because of the budget. Some of the goals are tied to the budget. His annual performance in March reflects his ability to accomplish the goals. The timing would need to change due to the need to schedule multiple meetings.

Councilmember Bussing didn't feel it was too late to better define the list for this year. He suggested due to timing, that they consider only discussing the on-going and short-term goals for 2011.

Councilmember Rezac asked if the work session discussion would be to review individual goals for further definition or defining the process. Councilmember Bussing thought first they should determine whether this is a brain storming "wish list" or a measurement tool for the City Administrator's performance. Each individual item would need to be addressed.

The motion to schedule a work session to further define the goal setting session was approved with a vote of 6-2. Yea: Councilmembers Bussing, Filla, Rezac, Rawlings, Cain, and Osman. Nay: Councilmembers Azeltine and Rasmussen.

**13. OTHER BUSINESS** – None.

**14. NEW BUSINESS** – None.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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Debra Harper, CMC, City Clerk

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Pam Gregory  
Recording Assistant City Clerk