

Minutes of the Independence City Commission's July 27, 2017 Meeting

The Independence City Commission met on July 27, 2017 at 5:30pm in the Veterans Room at Memorial Hall. Commissioner Leonhard Caflisch and Commissioner Fred Meier were present. Commissioner Gary Hogsett was present via phone. Others present included:

City Staff

Craig Whitehead, City Manager
Kelly Passauer, Assistant City Manager
Michael Borovetz, Director of Finance/City Clerk
David Cowan, Public Safety Director
Jeff Chubb, City Attorney
Terry Lybarger, Director of Utilities
Mike Passauer, Director of Public Works
Shawn Wallis, Fire Chief
April Nutt, Housing Authority Director
Don Cushing, Building Inspector
Jerry Harrison, Police Officer

Visitors

Jerry Bright	Michelle Anderson
Sarah Unruh	Charolotte Caflisch
Don Farthing	Debbie Miller
Louis Ysusi	Judith Ysusi
Chuck Schmidt	Larry McHugh
Ray Woods	Amanda Williams
Jessica Fleischer	Loraine Hills
Stephanie Mese	Linda Raincrow
Ned Stichman	

Call to Order

Mayor Meier called the meeting order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

Adoption of the Consent Agenda

- a. Appropriations
 1. A-1795
 2. P-1761
- b. Consider authorizing the Yona Julian Fun Run on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at Riverside Park.
- c. Consider an ordinance vacating an alley in Block 10, Bloom's Addition to the City of Independence, Kansas.

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Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission approved the Consent Agenda

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Public Hearing(s)

- a. Public hearing to consider condemnation of the following structures as dangerous and unsafe:**
 - 1. 500 S. Wald Avenue**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. The Building Inspector stated the owners were working towards making repairs to the property and recommended condemnation and working with the owners to establish repair plans. After no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Mayor Meier, the commission adopted a resolution condemning the property at 500 S. Wald Avenue as dangerous and unsafe.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- 2. 520 S. Penn Avenue**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. The Building Inspector recommended condemning the structure as he was made aware of the issues of the property by the police department due to an open flame or fire at the property and no progress had been made on repairing it. Linda Raincrow, property owner, addressed the Commission and stated that there wasn't a fire at the property and the City had put up barriers around the property. The Building Inspector stated that there was a large opening in the middle of the house and people had been entering the house so the barriers were placed around the property for public safety. After no comments from the public, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission adopted a resolution condemning the property at 520 S Penn

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Avenue as dangerous and unsafe.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Items for Commission Action

- a. Consider proclaiming August 1, 2017 as Tom Porter Day.**

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Meier, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, the commission proclaimed August 1, 2017 as Tom Porter Day.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- b. Consider a request from the Diversity Taskforce to co-sponsor a fund-raising event on September 30, 2017 at the Civic Center.**

Chuck Schmidt, Diversity Task Force, addressed the Commission and requested the City be a co-sponsor or the fund raiser. He also informed the Commission on the purpose and activities of the task force which included training to the community, City and the police department. As part of the request, by co-sponsoring the fund raiser, the City would waive the fee for the Civic Center but it was noted that if alcohol was served that a permit and deposit would still be required.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Meier, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, the commission approved to co-sponsor the Diversity Taskforce fund raising event on September 30, 2017 at the Civic Center contingent on the Diversity Taskforce obtaining any required licenses or permits, and paying the alcohol deposit.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- c. Consider an agreement with PEC for engineering services relating to improvements at the water treatment plant.**

Sarah Unruh, PEC, addressed the Commission and discussed the engineering agreement. Commissioner Caflisch stated that he didn't feel that it was necessary for full-time inspection for all phases of the project. PEC agreed that normally inspection will occur twice per week after construction begins

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and they will seek City approval for any full-time inspections for the portion of construction as required.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement with the modifications noted.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- d. Consider an ordinance vacating the plat known as Parkhurst's Grand Elevation Addition to Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Meier, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, the commission authorized the Mayor to sign the ordinance vacating the plat known as Parkhurst's Grand Elevation Addition to Independence and all other documents.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- e. Consider a conditional use permit for a daycare at 306 Crestview Drive.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission adopted a resolution for a conditional use permit for a daycare at 306 Crestview Drive.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- f. Consider proposals received for debt analysis.

Greg Vahrenberg, Piper Jaffray managing director, made a presentation to the Commission concerning his proposal of analysis of the City's debt structure.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission approved the selection of Piper Jaffray to work with City staff in developing a debt analysis and financial plan.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

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Nay: None

- g. Consider initiating a text amendment to Section 802.5 of the zoning code relating to Attention Attracting Devices and Electronic Signs.**

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Meier, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch, the commission authorized City staff to initiate a text amendment to Section 803.6 of the zoning code for consideration by the Planning Commission.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

- h. Consider adopting the 2017 revised, 2018 proposed budget for publication; and setting the date of August 14, 2017 at 5:30 PM for a budget hearing.**

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Meier, seconded by Commissioner Hogsett, the commission approved the 2017 revised, 2018 proposed budget for publication; and setting the date of August 14, 2017 at 5:30 PM for a budget hearing.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None

Reports

A. City Board Minutes

- 1. April 19, 2017 Library Board of Trustees**
- 2. May 17, 2017 Library Board of Trustees**
- 3. June 6, 2017 Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals**

Commissioner Comments:

There were no Commissioner Comments for this meeting

Public Concerns:

There were no Public Concerns for this meeting

Executive Session:

There were no Executive Sessions for this meeting

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Adjournment

Motion:

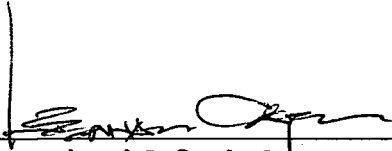
On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Mayor Meier, the commission adjourned the meeting.

Aye: Caflisch, Meier, Hogsett

Nay: None



Fred Meier, Mayor

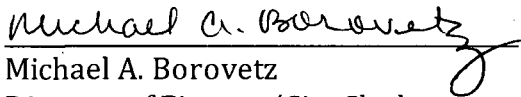


Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner



Gary Hogsett, Commissioner

Attest:



Michael A. Borovetz

Director of Finance/City Clerk