

Minutes of the Independence City Commission's March 17, 2021 Special Meeting

The Independence City Commission met for a special meeting on March 17, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. at the Memorial Hall. Mayor Louis Ysusi, Commissioner Leonhard Caflisch and Commissioner Dean Hayse were present. Others present included:

City Staff

Jeff Chubb, City Attorney
David Cowan, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Passauer, City Manager/Zoning Administrator
David Schwenker, City Clerk/City Treasurer
John Garris, City Engineer/Director of Public Works and Utilities
Shawn Wallis, Fire/EMS Chief
Jerry Harrison, Police Chief
Lacey Lies, Director of Finance
April Nutt, Director of Housing Authority
Brian McHugh, Memorial Hall Supervisor

Visitors

Larry McHugh
Taina Copeland
Tony Royse

I. SPECIAL SESSION

A. Call to Order

Mayor Ysusi called the meeting to order.

II. PRESENTATION

- A. Recognition of water/sewer crews for going above and beyond during the sub-zero windchills in February.
- B. Recognition of Employee of the Year Shawn Wallis and the following nominees:
 - 1. David Schwenker, Finance
 - 2. Lisa Helkenberg, Police
 - 3. Melissa Adey, Police
 - 4. Richard Hawk, Street
 - 5. Curtis Wilson, Sanitation
 - 6. Crystal Ellis, Park & Zoo
 - 7. Mia Perez, Park & Zoo

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client

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relationship.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch the Commission moved to recess for an executive session for consultation with the City's attorney regarding possible litigation pursuant to the attorney client privilege exception (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume at 9:30 A.M.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse

Nay: None

The meeting resumed at 9:30 A.M. with no action taken.

IV. ITEMS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

A. Discuss future City facilities and any related action.

In a previous meeting Commissioner Hayse brought up possible alternatives to utilize Memorial Hall for administrative City offices and to relocate all of Fire/EMS into 1916 City Hall with the Police Department. In addition, the marketing of Building D has also been discussed and City staff has started drafting an RFP which we would like to review with the Commission. City staff suggests utilizing the previously scheduled third Wednesday at 9 AM Special Commission meeting to discuss the above topics.

On October 15, 2020 TreanorHL presented proposed floor plans for 1916 City Hall at 120 North 6th Street and the Fire/EMS addition to the apparatus bay at 900 West Myrtle Street. No suggested changes were made to the 1916 layout, however, there were some additional modifications requested for the Fire/EMS layout. TreanorHL has made the requested changes and will be available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Hayse, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch the Commission moved to engage an architect to develop a phase 2 alternative including Memorial Hall and the space here and the 1916 City Hall with the addition of an apparatus bay.

Aye: Hayse

Nay: Ysusi, Caflisch

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hayse the Commission moved to proceed with the project based with the construction manager at risk.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse

Nay: None

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Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch the Commission moved to recess for five minutes.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse

Nay: None

The meeting resumed at 11:05 A.M.

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch the Commission moved to authorize City staff to contract with a local survey company to do a site survey at 811 W. Laurel and 120 N 6th and give City staff direction to acquire geotechnical engineering services for 811 W. Laurel Fire/EMS addition and an ad alternate for 120 N. 6th.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse

Nay: None

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hayse the Commission moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the amended document G802 with Treanor HL for professional services relating to the Fire/EMS facility and the consultant provide a breakdown per phase of the services.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch

Nay: Hayse

V. ADJOURNMENT

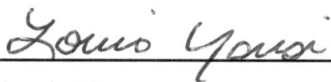
Motion:

Mayor Ysusi moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hayse seconded.

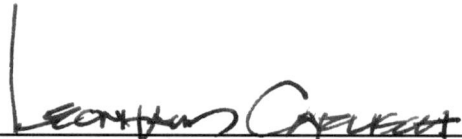
Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse

Nay: None

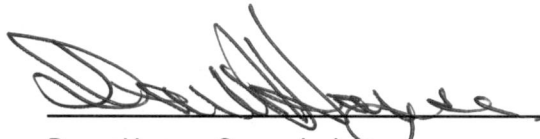
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Louis Ysusi, Mayor



Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner



Dean Hayse, Commissioner

Attest:



City Clerk/Treasurer