

CITY OF COLUMBUS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
July 20, 2015  
6:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

The City Council of Columbus, Kansas met July 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers presided over by Mayor Dexter Opela. Council members present: Dale Burton, Jerri Burton, Barbara Capron, Steve Dunlap, David Martin, Marion Morgan, Alvin Patterson, Drew Richards, W.E. Schaiff. Council members absent: Mike Leighty.

Ken Kelly of Calvary Baptist Church led the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Burton Jerri moved to approve Council Meeting minutes from July 06, 2015 as presented. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: None. Abstain: Schaiff. Motion carried 8-0-1.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 15-385**

Richards moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance 15-385 as presented. Schaiff seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**VISITOR – Carolyn Eddington**

Carolyn Eddington appeared before the City Council to ask them to consider giving a warning to an owner of a property that is found out of compliance with the health nuisance ordinance for the first time. She also asked the council who directed the police to not give warnings. The police chief said the police committee directed the police chief to issue citations without warnings. At the end of her presentation Dr. Schaiff and Dale Burton asked to be on record as favoring a warning before a citation is issued. Mrs. Eddington also asked that court be held in a larger room because of the hot and crowded conditions of the current court site.

**VISITOR – Columbus Recreation Commission**

City Administrator Brad Reams spoke on behalf of CRC requesting use of the Industrial Park for the 2015 fall soccer program, with the City to supply a handicap accessible port-a-potty at the field and continue with mowing through October.

**MINI SOCCER TO USE INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Burton Dale moved to allow the Columbus Recreation Commission to use the Industrial Park for the fall youth soccer program through October with the City taking care of the mowing and portable restroom facilities. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

**VISITOR – Jason and Malinda Heflin**

Jason and Malinda Heflin approached the council seeking permission to place a manufactured home at 621 North Ohio.

### **ALLOW MANUFACTURED HOME PLACEMENT**

Burton Jerri moved to allow Jason and Malinda Heflin to place a manufactured home at 621 North Ohio providing they adhere to all guidelines and requirements of Ordinance #1298 and Ordinance # 1331. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **VISITOR – Ron Holmes**

Ron Holmes representing the Columbus Museum addressed the council with museum expansion information. He states they need more room to house more and bigger items. The museum will be covering the cost of the improvements, they wanted to make City aware of increase utility cost and ask the council's blessing on the improvement project.

### **APPROVE MUSEUM EXPANSION**

Burton Dale moved to approve the Columbus Museum improvements, expansion and added utility costs as presented. Schaiff seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **CONDEMNATION**

Capron moved to begin condemnation process on detached garages at 210 East Country Road, 316 East Elm, 528 South Delaware, 327 South Tennessee, and house at 712 East Walnut as presented by the Chief of Police. Morgan seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Capron called for a fifteen minute executive session at 8:23 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Governing Body, City Administrator, City Attorney and the Chief of Police in attendance, the open meeting to resume at 8:38 p.m. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **REGULAR SESSION 8:38 P.M.**

### **EXTEND PROBATION PERIOD**

Capron moved to lift suspension of Police Office David Elmore effective 7/21/2015 and extend his probation period to six months from hire date. Schaiff seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: Burton Dale. Motion carried 8-1.

### **UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE**

Dunlap moved to allow utility terrain vehicle (UTV) use on city streets providing they adhere to ordinance guidelines. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Motion and second rescinded. Attorney will bring back ordinance to include roll bar requirement.

### **SIGN REGULATIONS**

Dunlap moved to approve Ordinances 1345, 1346, 1347, and 1348 updating sign regulations. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: Morgan. Motion carried: 8-1.

## **RESERVE POLICE FORCE**

Dunlap moved to approve Ordinance 1349 repealing the provisions for an Auxiliary Police Force and establishing a Reserve Police Force for the City of Columbus. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

## **HAUNTED HOUSES**

Dunlap moved to approve Ordinance 1350 establishing regulations pertaining to haunted houses, Halloween houses, attractions, mystery mansions and ghost walks with changes as noted. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Capron called for a ten minute executive session at 9:35 p.m. for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Governing Body, City Administrator and City Attorney in attendance with the open meeting to resume at 9:45 p.m. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

## **REGULAR SESSION 9:45 P.M.**

### **RESIGNATION – *TODD HART***

Capron moved to accept the resignation of Todd Hart, Sanitation Lead Man, effective July 31, 2015 in good standing, providing he fulfills his two week notice. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **INCREASE SPENDING LIMIT**

Burton Dale moved to approve Ordinance 1351 revising the maximum expenditures authorized by the City Superintendent without prior Council approval. Capron seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried. 9-0.

### **VFW CAMPING FEE**

Burton Dale moved to approve Ordinance 1352 increasing the camping fees at the VFW Lake. Dunlap seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards. Voting nay: Burton Dale, Schaiff. Motion carried 7-2.

### **PERSONNEL REGULATIONS UPDATE**

Dunlap moved to approve Ordinance 1353 and Ordinance 1354 updating the Personnel Handbook to post all position vacancies internally and advertise externally concurrently. Burton Dale seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried 9-0.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Burton Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m. Burton Jerri seconded the motion. Voting aye: Burton Dale, Burton Jerri, Capron, Dunlap, Martin, Morgan, Patterson, Richards, Schaiff. Voting nay: None. Motion carried: 9-0.

**Meetings:**

**Streets/Alleys/Bridges**

Tuesday July 21 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Property/ Pools/Parks**

Tuesday July 21, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Budget & Finance**

Thursday July 23, 2015 @ 6:15 p.m.

**Economic Development**

Monday July 27 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Personnel**

Monday July 27 @ 7:00 p.m.

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*Cherri Chancellor City Clerk*