



# City Council Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

**Mayor:** John McTaggart  
**Councilmember** Chuck Adams Carolyn Caiharr Garrett Mellott  
Margaret Shriver Chuck Stites

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*This meeting was held using a hybrid of in-person and remote participants with Councilmembers Caiharr and Stites participating remotely.*

1. **Consider approval of consent agenda items**
  - a) **Approve minutes of April 12, 2021**
  - b) **Statement of bills paid in the amount of \$134,495.08**
    - **Motion:** Councilmember Mellott made the motion to approve the consent agenda items
    - **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion
    - **Vote:** Passes 5-0
  
2. **Requests or Comments from the public**
  - David Streit, 1396 S. 104<sup>th</sup> St., addressed the Council and stressed City officials continue to maintain control over north end development where appropriate. Specifically, Mr. Streit noted sewer connectivity as a control mechanism for development.
  - Rod Pappé, 1208 S. 102<sup>nd</sup> Terrace, noted that staff should ensure that sewer capacity should be considered when entering into agreement with Bonner Springs.
  - City Manager Michael Webb broadly addressed these comments, noting that both areas are part of ongoing reviews between both communities related to north end development.
  
3. **Consider motion to recess into Executive Session pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for consultation with legal counsel for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship for discussions related to a project in the City's industrial park**
  - It was noted by staff that there would be no need for the executive session at this time as the City is waiting on materials from other parties for review.
  - No executive session taken.
  
4. **Hear presentation by BHC on the 98<sup>th</sup> St. preliminary design project**
  - Dave Nolte, representing BHC, presented this item to the City Council.
  - Mr. Nolte summarized the 98<sup>th</sup> street design project, highlighting the street's current condition and drainage concerns.
  - Challenges he noted for the project included sight distances on the hilly terrain.
  - Mr. Nolte noted that 98<sup>th</sup> St. has been split up in four zones for project purposes.
  - Two street section concepts were presented, the primary difference between the two being the inclusion of bike lanes vs. a multi-purpose, off-street trail. Sidewalks and future sidewalks were included in both designs.
  - There was discussion among the Council regarding these two concepts. Councilmember Caiharr noted her support for the concept which excluded bike

lanes, which eliminated bike lanes in favor of a longer multi-purpose trail, noting cost and use concerns.

- Councilmember Adams stated his initial support of the option which included the bike lane portion because it could open up opportunities for future development and region-wise use.
- Similarly, Councilmember Mellott noted that a multi-purpose trail would also be a larger maintenance concern vs. a bike lane on the asphalt.
- Mr. Nolte noted that he estimated about a 5%-10% difference in cost between the two options, with concept without bike lanes coming in slightly less expensive.
- Councilmember Stites noted that connectivity to KCK is an important factor as well to make sure plans are in alignment.
- BHC and City staff noted that cost estimated would be develop for both concepts and presented to Council at a later date.
- No action was required for this item.

**5. Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a Project Programming Request with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for the 98<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Project**

- Public Works Director Dustin Zenger reviewed this item, noting that the request was related to the 98<sup>th</sup> street project.
- Mr. Zenger noted that the original MARC request was only partially funded (\$3.7M after a \$4.8M request). The current estimate for the whole project is a little more than \$7M.
- The project programming request form is a preliminary form that would allow the project to be let for bid for the federal fiscal year 2024.
- **Motion:** Councilmember Stites made the motion to approve this request
- **Second:** Councilmember Adams seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes, 5-0

**6. City Manager Report**

- City Manager referred to the written report included in the packet and also highlighted recent updates to the installation of an electronic sign at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> St. and K-32.
- There was some discussion of how to place a temporary test sign to gain citizen input prior to spending funds on the project.
- Ultimately, staff will place the temporary electronic sign in the area for a trial period.

**7. Council and Mayor Comments**

Councilmember Shriver asked who sprays for weeds, which Public Works confirmed that it does. She asked that some consideration be made regarding dandelion control. She also noted that the City Park looked great during the past weekend's soccer games.

Councilmember Adams presented information from a recent Air Quality Report from the TTPC Committee. In short, ozone protection seemed to be improving in several areas for the first time in several years. He also summarized the forecasting information for the remainder of the year. He closed with concerns with drought conditions creeping closer to the Midwest area.

Councilmember Stites thanked staff and guests for the 98<sup>th</sup> Street presentation, noting he is excited to see these developments moving forward. He also asked the

City Manager if there were any updates to the mask mandates in the County, which Mr. Webb noted that there is not at this time. However, the regional call will be conducted the next day and a UB Board meeting later this week that will likely update conditions. Councilmember Stites stressed that community members reach out to their County representative and express their views.

Councilmember Caiharr noted she was happy to see 98<sup>th</sup> Street improvements moving forward. She also noted that the Harvester's Food Pantry event would return on May 8. She asked if the CPPS Board needed volunteers for the monument restoration, which Assistant City Manager noted that work will be done through a contractor and no volunteers will be needed. Councilmember Caiharr also asked for an update on the upcoming Garage Sale (May 1) and City-Wide Clean Up (May 15). Mr. Daniel updated the group on these events. Councilmember Caiharr closed by urging citizens to reach out to County Commissioners asking that Edwardsville and Bonner Springs be included in ARP funded projects through the County.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Zachary Daniel  
City Clerk