



From City Council meeting . . . to the Business Council

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North Kansas City Business Council  
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Note: As a reminder, the notes below represent topics that, in my judgement, might be of interest to the business community. It does not include everything that was on the agenda.

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### **Special Session – 6:00 p.m.**

A special session of the City Council was called to cover 3 topics:

- Possible changes to masking requirement for public meetings at City Hall – agreed on no changes; masks will be required.
- Possible reconfiguration of seating of City Council to allow more distance between members – agreed on no changes
- Review applications for Harrah’s Charitable Fund – applications were reviewed and requested amounts revised as needed to not exceed \$100,000 in total. Final allocation will be officially approved at a future City Council meeting.

### **Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.**

#### **Comments from the Public**

#### **Agenda Topics**

#### **Purchase of Silos Between Railroad Tracks at 1400 Nodaway**

These structures have been judged to be unsafe and the current owner is unable and/or unwilling to demolish or repair the silos. The City believes that the City would be considered liable if anyone was injured or killed if some of the decaying concrete were to fall. An ordinance was approved for the City to purchase the property for \$75,000. The City has budgeted \$4 million to demolish the silos when/if a plan is approved to do so.

#### **Extension of Emergency Health Order for K-12 Students**

Comments from the Public as well as several City Council representatives spoke in favor of continuing the mask mandate in schools in North Kansas City until February 5. Motion approved.

#### **Extension of Due Diligence Period for Blume NKC Real Estate Sale Agreement**

Approved to extend an additional 60 days until March 4, 2022.

## Staff Comments

### Covid-19 Report from Dr. Reintjes at North Kansas City Hospital

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	Dec 29	Dec 15	Dec 6	Nov 8	Oct 27	Oct 13	Sep 29	Sep 15	Sep 8
Total Active COVID cases:	79	90	68	20	14	26	35	4	41
Total recovering COVID cases:	25	16	13	16	18	21	19	25	18
Total COVID patients in the ICU:	21	13	16	2	9	7	16	16	19
Total COVID patients on a ventilator:	16	8	7	1	8	4	11	14	15

NKCH is closely monitoring the increase of COVID cases affecting our community and we continue to ask for all support to encourage those who are unvaccinated to get vaccinated. We will continue to meet the healthcare needs of our community. Thank you.

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## City Council Comments

A “thank you” from various City Council representatives to Harrah’s for the annual \$100,000 Harrah’s Charitable Fund.

A thank you from City Councilman Graves for the sponsored Christmas trees as well as other Christmas decorations throughout the City.

## Mayor’s Comments

Thanks and condolences for former Mayor Gene Bruns who passed away last week.

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