



From City Council meeting . . . to Business Council MEMBERS ONLY

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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.

Overview

Just like many other businesses and meetings in the middle of July only 6 of the 8 City Council representatives were in attendance. Others presumably on vacation.

Two important business-related topics: 1) the upcoming expiration of the liNKCity contract with NOCIX and 2) the Chapter 100 agreement with Box Development for Blume NKC.

Reminder:

Every business in North Kansas City has two City Council representatives. The ward division lines run north and south from the Missouri River to the northern city limits. Don't hesitate to reach out to them concerning any issues you have that involve the City.

Mayor and City Council representatives:

Bryant DeLong – Mayor

- Tabitha Todd – Ward 1
- Anthony Saper – Ward 1
- Lisa Tull – Ward 2
- Jesse Smith – Ward 2
- Connor Fitzgerald – Ward 3
- Linda Alvarez – Ward 3
- Amie Clarke – Ward 4
- Katie Stokes – Ward 4

Discussion Items

Budget Process

City Finance Manager Nick Hawkins gave a brief, high level overview of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-24 and the process of putting it together. He said that the budget will be presented in a totally digital format. The budget will be conservative from an income perspective. For expenses there will be special

attention to annualized effect of budget amendments this year, especially related to supply and equipment purchases. Overall, the budget will be approximately six million dollars higher, including six new positions. The proposed total will be approximately \$201 million. There will be a significant increase in transportation costs because of the proposed contract with KCATA. However, the City is going to issue an RFP to see if there other better alternatives.

There will be a variety of open houses for interested residents and representatives of businesses to view the budget more closely and to ask questions.

LiNKCity/NOCIX agreement for liNKCity fiber optic services

The current 10-year agreement agreement between the City and NOCIX for operation of the liNKCity fiber optic network will expire September 7 next year. If either party wishes to cancel the agreement they need to make it known by September 7 this year. The City owns the network but NOCIX handles all operations of it.

Residents can receive high gigabyte service free. This can include apartment residents if apartment management gives permission, but many of them have agreements with other providers.

It was pointed out that NOCIX offers very high speed liNKCity free to the entire North Kansas City School District.

A motion was made and approved to bring forward a three-year extension. This would allow further analysis and consideration of what a long-term agreement should look like.

Regular Agenda

Approval of a Chapter 100 agreement with Box Development to move forward with the proposed Blume NoKC project.

Approved with no discussion since this item had been discussed at a previous City Council meeting.

The full agenda for this meeting with links to critical documents is available on the City's website www.nkc.org under the heading of Agendas and Minutes. As always, additional details about City Council agenda topics are often available as attachments on the City's website www.nkc.org and later as <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-6WpmTG2Ss> part of the approved minutes.