



From City Council meeting . . . to the 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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After each City Council meeting I usually send a brief enewsletter to Business Council MEMBERS ONLY explaining anything covered on the agenda that would be of interest to the business community. Last night – in a week with “Spring Break” absences in abundance and a record short meeting of less than 15 minutes – three City Council members were absent and there were no topics of broad interest to the business community on the agenda.

However, here are three items of possible interest I would like to share:

1. City Council last week approved in a special meeting the hiring of the new City Administrator – Michael C Nichols, MPA. He is a North Kansas City High School graduate who is currently the City Administrator in Hiawatha, KS. He will begin in North Kansas City on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Kim Nakahodo, Assistant City Administrator, who has served so effectively the last 10 months as the Interim City Administrator.
2. City Council also announced at the last regular City Council meeting the selection of Xue Wood to be the next Community Development Director, replacing Sara Copeland. Xue has already started in her new position.
3. The downtown streetscaping project has begun, with removal of trees that will not be suitable in the re-built landscape and demolition work beginning in Phase 1, temporarily removing curbside parking and sidewalks on the east side of Swift between Armour and E 21<sup>st</sup> Ave and the west side of Swift between Armour and E 18<sup>th</sup> Ave.

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