



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.

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### **Work Session/Special Meeting – 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Proposition P on the April 4 North Kansas City Ballot**

“Shall the City of North Kansas City, Missouri, impose a sales tax of one-quarter of one percent (1/4 of 1%) for the sole purpose of providing funding for local parks projects for the City of North Kansas City, Missouri.”

This tax is expected to contribute \$800,000 per year. It would be collected from anyone who shops, dines or buys services in North Kansas City.

Following are some of the slides from the presentation by North Kansas City Parks & Recreation Director Victoria Ressler.

## **PARKS REVENUE**

- **PROPERTY TAX – (68% of budget)**
  - TAX LEVY SET AT MAX. LEVEL
- **KCMO DOG PARK MAINTENANCE**
- **CHARGES FOR PROGRAMS/RENTALS**
- **DONATIONS, GIFTS, INTEREST**
- **SPONSORSHIPS**
- **GAMING FUND OPERATIONS**
  - ✓ **Administrative**
  - ✓ **Public Works**
  - ✓ **Major Capital Improvements**

## WHO WILL PAY THE SALES TAX?

**BOTH RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS SHARE IN THE COST OF IMPROVING AND MAINTAINING THE PARKS SYSTEMS. IN TURN, THIS WILL ALSO FREE UP FUNDING FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS, STREET IMPROVEMENTS, AND CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS.**



**APRIL 2023 BALLOT PREVIEW**

On April 4, 2023 North Kansas City residents will be asked to vote on the following measure:

"Shall the City of North Kansas City, Missouri, impose a sales tax of one-quarter of one percent (1/4 of 1%) for the sole purpose of providing funding for local parks projects for the municipality?"

The last time voters in North Kansas City approved a sales tax increase was in 2017 for a 1/2 cent Public Safety Sales Tax. The proposed Park Sales Tax rate is 1/4 of one (1) cent that is projected to generate approximately \$800,000 per year.

For more information, visit [nkc.org/parkssalestax](http://nkc.org/parkssalestax)

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**Proposition P**  
VOTE TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023

## PLANS FOR REVENUE GENERATED?

- **CREATE A MASTER PLAN FOR REPAIRS TO THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE FOR A PROACTIVE, RATHER THAN REACTIVE APPROACH.**
- **REMOVE PARKS FROM THE GAMING FUND FOR OPERATIONS.**
- **ABSORB INCREASED LABOR AND OPERATION COSTS.**
- **PREPARE FOR FUTURE GROWTH WITH RIVER FOREST.**
- **RAINY-DAY FUND & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.**

**Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.**

**Agenda Items**

**Out-of-Title Compensation**

Kim Nakahodo will be serving as Acting City Administrator until City Administrator Mike Nichols is able to return to work. When employees are required to work in a pay grade above their regular pay grade assignment for a length of time, they are to receive a 5% out-of-title pay. In order to process this out-of-title compensation, the Mayor asked that the City Council approve this compensation adjustment. Approved.

### **Auditor's Presentation of FY 2021-2022 Financial Statements**

The City's Auditor, RubinBrown LLP, has completed its audit of the City's financial statements for Fiscal Year 2021-22, and will present its report to the City Council.

### **Nine-Month Service Contract with KCATA -- Fixed Route and Flex Service**

Several City Council representatives had questions that were not all answered satisfactorily concerning a very large proposed increase. The contract expires March 31. KCATA would be willing to operate on month-to-month basis until resolved.

City Councilman Jesse Smith moved to table this item until questions can be resolved. No second. Special sessions of KCATA and the City Council will be required to come to agreement by March 31. Another proposal for another 3-5 months while terms are worked out.

After a very long discussion it was agreed that a four-month extension would be acceptable, subject to KCATA approval, to allow more time for contract resolution between North Kansas City and KCATA.

### **Eating and Alcohol Consumption on Sidewalks, Public Streets, and City Properties**

This offered a revised ordinance regarding Sidewalk Eating and Alcohol Consumption Licenses, which allow portions of the public sidewalks in front of eating and drinking establishments to be used for sidewalk dining subject to the requirements of the Municipal Code. Approved.

### **License Agreement for Camera on Building at 1501 Burlington**

The Police Department operates several exterior cameras around the City to monitor traffic and safety issues in certain areas. The Police Department is seeking to move one of its traffic cameras from the camera's current location on the roof of the building at 1600 Swift to the roof of the building at 1501 Burlington. The building will allow the City to have video coverage of the Burlington Corridor. Approved.

### **Staff Comments**

There will be a meet the candidates for City Council which will be moderated by North Kansas City High School debate students.

Because of the municipal election on Tuesday, April 4, the next City Council meeting will be Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> instead of the normal first Tuesday.

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The full agenda for this meeting with links to critical documents is available on the City's website [www.nkc.org](http://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](http://www.nkc.org) and later as <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-6WpmTG2Ss> part of the approved minutes.

