



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.

Work Session – 6:00 p.m.

Composition and Selection of Planning Commission

This work session focused on the regulations governing the composition of the City’s Planning Commission. City Counselor Tom Barzee explained the things that can and cannot be changed per State of Missouri statutes. There must be at least 7 members and not more than 15 members. All must be residents. The Mayor has the responsibility to appoint members.

There was the question of whether it should be required to have either the Mayor or one of the City Council representatives as members of the Planning Commission. The sentiment seemed to be that it would be better to free up that position for a resident. Decisions by the Planning Commission can be reviewed and rejected by the City Council if there seems to be significant disagreement about a ruling. Members of the Planning Commission can be removed “for cause” if so determined by the City Council.

Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Topics

Water and Sewer Rates

Following a presentation and discussion in a July work session an increase of 20% in sewer rates and an increase of 20% for water rates was recommended and approved. The sewer rate increase, particularly, reflects a decision by the City Council to quit using the Gaming Fund to reduce rate increases so that the Gaming Fund can be used for its primary purpose, for major capital projects.

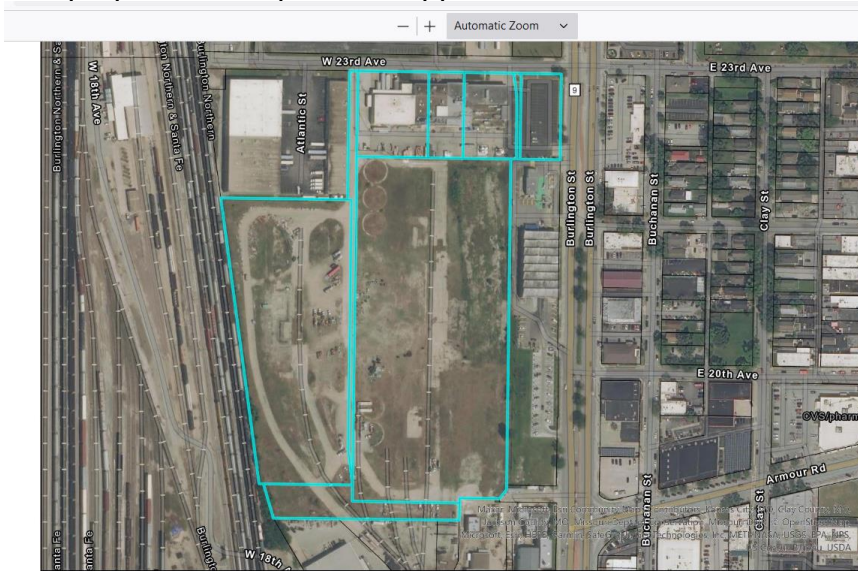
It was pointed out that approximately 80% of the total cost for water and sewers is paid by businesses in North Kansas City with one in particular consuming more than 50% (Ingredion). It was also pointed out that North Kansas City rates, even after the proposed increases, are less than other communities in the area.

Approved.

Final Plat for Tnemec Expansion

Existing conditions on the site include the currently present Tnemec building at the north end of the site and three forms of access to vehicle parking on the east side of the site from W 23rd Ave and Burlington St. The majority of the remaining areas of the site are currently undeveloped and are the former site of the ADM Mill, which was fully demolished in 2010.

The proposed final plat was approved.



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