



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.

East/West Connection for Pedestrians and Bicycles Under I-35/I-29

A study was partially funded by MARC and performed by WSP to determine the best alternatives to allow pedestrians and bicycle riders to move safely from east to west between Ozark to Taney.



Challenges:

- Narrow sidewalk under the bridge, exposed to dangers from automobiles entering and exiting I-35/I-29.
- Dark under the bridge.
- Difficult to see around the corner to see oncoming traffic.

Various focus groups and surveys. Responses included “loud, unsafe, scary”.

One option for eastbound is to use existing right turn lane (to go NB I-35) for protected path and use outside auto lane to enter northbound right turn lane.

The recommend solution is to create protected lanes in both directions which would require reducing auto lanes from 3 lanes to 2 lanes in both directions.

Estimated \$2.5 million to implement the recommended solution. Includes lighting. Could be broken up in two phases to distribute the cost over two years.

Next steps: finalize technical report, develop detailed design in coordination with MoDOT, develop final design and construct.

Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.

Tax Increment Financing Commission

Now that Clay County has a Constitution form of government it changes the number and manner of selection of TIF commission members.

Pursuant to Section 99.820.3 of the TIF Act, North Kansas City is now required to create a TIF commission consisting of twelve persons to be appointed as follows:

- 1) six members appointed by the Presiding Commissioner of the County
- 2) three members appointed by the City
- 3) two members appointed by the North Kansas City school board; and
- 4) one member to represent all other districts levying ad valorem taxes in the redevelopment area.

Approval of 2022 Tax Levy (provided by Clay County)

This tax levy will impact revenue for the City for its fiscal year 2022-23 beginning October 1 with funds received in January 2023.

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.