



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

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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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## **Overview**

This was a very long meeting that included a joint meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board with the City Council to discuss a proposed new park and playground in the River Forest neighborhood. Counting the Executive Sessions that are not open to the public City Council members were “on duty” from 6 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

## **Comments from the Public**

Various comments from residents about: 1) not being heard by City Council, 2) golf carts and 3) possible KC Royals stadium in North Kansas City.

Recognition was given by representatives of “Hornets of Yester Year” for Gus Leimkuhler, former teacher at North Kansas City High School for 36 years. They proposed that an “honorary” street sign honoring Gus Leimkuhler to be mounted in front of the library, at the expense of that private organization.

## **Discussion Items**

### **River Forest Park Playground**

City Council members and City staff made room for Parks and Recreation Board and consulting firm representatives to give updated details about the proposed River Forest Park playground.

### **North Kansas City Business Council Presentation**

Business Council Vice-President Julie Sola, GM of Harrah’s, made an excellent, but brief, presentation describing what the North Kansas City Business Council does and how it used the funds for the 2022-23 contract for services and how it will be used for the proposed contract for services for 2023-24. The Business Council has reduced the amount requested from \$35,000 to \$30,000 because of plans to reduce the number of printed newsletters from quarterly to two times a year in October and April.

She explained that the North Kansas City Business Council is a 501 c 6 non-profit organization that began 30 years ago in 1993. Official certification as a non-profit corporation occurred in 1994. She explained the various

ways the North Kansas City Business Council Informs, Assists and Connects in behalf of the businesses of North Kansas City. She showed a slide that reminded City Council members that each ward has a large number of businesses for them to represent, in addition to the residents who elected them. In total, the businesses of North Kansas City provide an estimated 80% of the revenue the City uses to operate and provide great amenities.

## 2023-24 Budget

An opportunity was provided for City Council members to ask questions about the proposed 2023-24 budget which had been presented and discussed in previous City Council sessions.

## 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parking

The North Kansas City police department did a study of parking lot utilization using a 360 degree camera view at the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> and Swift. Here is the data showing available spaces at 4 different times. The City's conclusion is that there is adequate parking within a block or so from that intersection and has no plans for making changes. City Councilman Jesse Smith asked questions about the impact from overnight parking by Oxbow residents who choose not to use the parking garage space which they must pay for and about signage that currently exists or may be planned for the future. City Council representative Lisa Tull pointed out that this does not touch upon the business hours of most of the nearby businesses.

**Data from the Police Department**

Data

- At 6:20 there were 15 available spaces on average
- At 7:20 there were 12 available spaces on average
- At 8:20 there were 10 available spaces on average
- At 9:20 there were 6 available spaces on average

\*The analysis was conducted between August 7, 2023, and September 1, 2023. Only weekdays were checked, and data was gathered each day from 6:20 a.m., 7:20 a.m., 8:20 a.m., and 9:20 a.m.

**Resource - Parking Map**

**NORTH KANSAS CITY**  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Parking Map**

**Street Parking**

- 2-hr parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. except weekends/holidays

**Parking Lot / Hours of Use**

- 5 a.m. to midnight
- 6 a.m. to 3 a.m.
- Business Hours
- 24 Hours

Free / Public  
Paid / Private

0 0.13 0.25 0.5 Miles

## Consent Agenda

Among other items the Consent Agenda included approval of the North Kansas City Business Council Contract for Services.

## **Regular Agenda**

### **Ordinance permitting golf carts on public streets north of Armour**

More discussion was conducted on this matter which has been on the agenda a couple of other times in recent weeks. Although a motion was made and seconded for “first reading” of the proposed ordinance, it did not pass and so the City will not move forward to allow legal use of golf carts on public streets.

### **Ordinance approving 3 year extension of NOCIX operation of liNKCity**

Approved.

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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.