



From Virtual 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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### **Work Session – 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Residential Water Billing**

City Finance Manager Nick Hawkins and Interim City Administrator Kim Nakahodo described the current procedures for billing, cutoffs for non-payment, etc. with the goal of getting guidance from City Council members about changes that should be made. Some issues in question were bills sent in envelopes or by email instead of by post card which is currently done, threshold for cutting off for non-payment, type of alerts and relief, etc. There was a good discussion about these issues, often reflecting a benevolent attitude by City Council members that could result in improved practices. Staff will bring forward at a future City Council meeting reflecting this input for official approval.

### **Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.**

#### **Agenda Topics**

##### **A few interesting Consent Agenda topics:**

- Proclamation Honoring Sara Copeland who recently resigned as the City's first Community Development Director after 7 years. She has taken a position with Burns & McDonnell in their Transportation Planning unit.
- Approval of short-term conditional use for Snake Saturday to be observed the weekend before St Patrick's Day in March.
- Resolution opposing the purchase, construction and/or operation of illegal gaming facilities or devices

#### **Extension of Public Health Order**

The City Council approved extension of the mask mandate for schools in North Kansas City until February 26. This impacts North Kansas City High School and the temporarily relocated Briarcliff Elementary School while that school is going through refurbishment.

## Sign Ordinance Changes

Approval was given to enable a digital billboard with digital sign face next to I-35 which was inadvertently omitted in an ordinance update.

### Digital Signs

Digital signs shall not exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the total sign area allowance for the selected sign type (i.e., twenty-five (25) percent of the total allowance for wall signs, or ground signs), **with the exception of off-premise signs in the manufacturing or redevelopment area sign districts**, that may allocate up to six hundred seventy-two (672) square feet for digital signs, and reader board signs

Approval was also given for changes to the sign ordinance for the downtown business district concerning large signs. This was prompted by the agreement given for the new 9-story Oxbow apartment complex at 18<sup>th</sup> Ave and Swift.

### Wall Signs

Each building shall have a total wall sign allowance of 25% of the wall area, per wall. Each building may have up to 3 wall signs per wall. Or, buildings with multiple tenants occupying individual units with separate entrances may have 1 wall sign per tenant space, provided the sign is located on the individual unit space. Buildings taller than five stories or 60 feet in height may have 1 additional wall sign per wall. No sign shall be more than 150 square feet.

Buildings taller than five stories or 60 feet in height may have one sign per wall with an area of up to 600 square feet or 25 percent of the wall area on which the sign is erected, whichever is smaller. Each sign shall be at least 20' from another sign.

## Covid-19 Report from Dr. Reintjes at North Kansas City Hospital

The most recent report reflects a significant increase in Covid cases, patients in ICU and patients on ventilator at North Kansas City Hospital in recent weeks.

### Staff Reports

	Jan 26	Jan 12	Dec 15	Dec 6	Nov 8	Oct 27	Oct 13	Sep 29
Total Active COVID cases:	91	102	90	68	20	14	26	35
Total recovering COVID cases:	38	17	16	13	16	18	21	19
Total COVID patients in the ICU:	19	28	13	16	2	9	7	16
Total COVID patients on a ventilator:	16	16	8	7	1	8	4	11

NKCH is closely monitoring the increase of COVID cases affecting our community and we continue to ask for all support to encourage those who are unvaccinated to get vaccinated. We will continue to meet the healthcare needs of our community. Thank you.

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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.