

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES
OTTAWA, KANSAS
Minutes of
March 7, 2011**

The Governing Body met at 4 pm this date with the following members present and participating to wit: Mayor Reed, Commissioner Humm, Commissioner Ramsey, Commissioner Jorgensen and Commissioner Fler. A quorum was present.

Mayor Reed called the meeting to order and asked for Public Comments.

Public Comments

None offered at this time.

Neighborhood Stabilization Grant Program

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Director of Planning/Codes/Inspection Wynndee Lee who provided an update on the Neighborhood Stabilization Grant program.

Blue Ribbon Committee-Ottawa Municipal Auditorium

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Blue Ribbon Committee member Robyn Bowman. Ms. Bowman reviewed a request for permission to allow the Ottawa Municipal Auditorium Blue Ribbon Committee to hold a fundraiser. The fundraiser requested would be a “boot block”, June 18th, 10 am – 2 pm, at 1st & Main and 15th & Main. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to allow the committee to hold the “boot block”.

Monthly Financial and Activity Report-January

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed the Monthly Financial and Activity Report for the month of January.

City Manager’s Report

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt announced the following:

- Allies Day June 6th, 67th Anniversary of D-Day
- County Summit, May 18th on Workforce Development
- Leslie Quillen, Assistant to the City Manager, provided an update on the “Take Charge Challenge”
- Mayor Reed inquired about the Energy Manager grant position of the County, City, and USD 290.

Commissioners’ Reports

Commissioner Fler reported on the recent Library meeting she had attended. Thereupon, Commissioner Fler reported the Library Board authorized the Library Director to close the Library during storms.

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Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey inquired about consideration of the Library being open when City Hall was open.

Thereupon, Mayor Reed stated she had received a lot of feedback from working adult citizens regarding the Library change in hours. The new hours close the Library at 1pm on Saturday and no open hours on Sunday.

Mayor's Report

Thereupon, Mayor Reed acknowledged the "News Release" regarding the Loves Travel Center moving forward.

Thereupon, Mayor Reed reminded Mayor pro tem Humm she will need to chair the March 14, 2011 Study Session due to the Mayor being absent.

Executive Session

Recess

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fler, to recess into Executive Session to discuss Attorney Client Privilege, with the City Attorney and City Manager present, for a period of 20 minutes. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly recessed at 4:40 pm.

Reconvene

Thereupon, Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fler, to reconvene into Regular Study Session. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly reconvened at 5 pm.

Recess

Thereupon, Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fler, to recess back into Executive Session to continue discussion for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly recessed at 5 pm.

Reconvene

Thereupon, Commissioner Fler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Humm, to reconvene the meeting into Regular Study Session. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly reconvened at 5:10 pm.

Open Agenda

Thereupon, the Governing Body discussed the Annexation Bill moving to the Senate.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body Commissioner Humm made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Flear, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. Thereupon, the Mayor declared the meeting duly adjourned at 5:23 pm.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk