

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES
OTTAWA, KANSAS
Minutes of
April 25, 2011**

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

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

Public Comments

None offered at this time.

Proclamation-Building Safety Month

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a proclamation to recognize May 2011 as Building Safety Month and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda for May 4.

Ordinance-Agricultural District

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance for the adoption of amendment to Article 5, Agricultural District (A) of the City of Ottawa Zoning Regulations and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda.

Ordinance-Rezone

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance to rezone an area in the Urban Growth Area (UGA) from Franklin County Zoning to City Zoning. Addresses included in this rezone include: 1500 E 15th Street, 3085 Marshall Road, 3125 Marshall Road, 2749 Montana Road, 2789 Montana Road, 1307 E 15th Street, 2150 E. 15th Street, 2201 E. 15th Street, 2203 E. 15th Street, 3095 Marshall Road, 3087 Marshall Road, 2200 E 15th Street, 1324 E 15th Street, 1386 E. 15th Street, 1500 E. 15th Street. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning with a 7-0 vote. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place this item on the Regular Meeting Agenda for May 4, 2011.

Ordinance-Annexation 120 N Willow

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed an ordinance for the annexation of the property located at 120 N Willow. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda for May 4, 2011.

Public Hearing-Demolition 604 S Locust

Thereupon, a hearing has been called for the purpose of considering the demolition of the single-family residence located at 604 S Locust at 7 pm on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. This hearing will consider all relevant factors and will determine if the proposed demolition represents the only feasible and prudent alternative, and if the project includes all possible planning to

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minimize harm to the historic property and its environs. A resolution providing for the demolition of this structure was provided. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda.

2011 Street Rehabilitation Projects

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Director of Public Works Andy Haney who reviewed the 2011 Street Rehabilitation Projects. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to allow staff to solicit bids and place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda for May 4.

Tree Board Appointments

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a request to reappoint Tree Board members Roger Bell and Connie Thompson. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place this item on the next Meeting Agenda.

Library Board Appointments

Thereupon, the Governing Body reviewed a request to reappoint Library Board members Liz Reusch and Kelly Fish-Greenlee. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda.

Ottawa Recreation Commission

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard a report from Therron Dieckmann, Executive Director of the Ottawa Recreation Commission, on the status of the Ottawa Community Recreation Center/Goppert Building.

Ottawa Main Street Report

Thereupon, the Governing Body heard from Brian Dennis, Program Director who provided the third quarter report for Ottawa Main Street.

Monthly Financial and Activity Reports

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey requested the Monthly Financial and Activity Reports be tabled until the next Study Session. Thereupon, the Governing Body agreed by consensus to table this item until May 2.

City Manager's Report

Thereupon, City Manager Richard Nienstedt reported on the following:

- Request to reschedule the May 4 & May 18 Regular meeting times to 9:30 am and 7pm respectively: Governing Body agreed to change the times
- Discussed Commission board and Liaison appointments

Thereupon, City Attorney Bob Bezek provided a short primer on KOMA (Kansas Open Meeting Act) and open records law.

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Commissioners' Reports

Thereupon, Commissioner Caylor inquired about the volume on the Government Access Channel, at the City Commission meetings, being louder. Thereupon, Director of IT Chuck Bigham explained he would review the volume issue.

Thereupon, Commissioner Reed stated she would not be in attendance for the May 2nd and May 4th City Commission Meetings.

Thereupon, Commissioner Richards explained he would not be in attendance at the May 4th City Commission Meeting.

Mayor Report

Thereupon, Mayor Ramsey noted the City Manager is working on a "retreat" for the Governing Body and more information will be provided as it becomes available.

Announcements

Thereupon Mayor Ramsey announced:

1. May 2, 2011: Study Session at pm
2. May 4, 2011: Next Regular Meeting 9:30 am (revised time)

Adjournment

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

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk