

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES
OTTAWA, KANSAS
Minutes of
February 27, 2012**

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

Mayor Ramsey called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

None offered at this time.

Walk Kansas

The Governing Body heard a request for assistance to facilitate a Walk Kansas event from Rebecca McFarland and agreed by consensus to approve the request.

Ordinance-Stormwater Utility

The Governing Body heard from City Manager Richard Nienstedt, Director of Public Works Andy Haney and Bruce Kimmel, Ehlers and Associates, who provided a presentation and overview of an ordinance establishing a stormwater management program and a stormwater utility fee. The Governing Body agreed to place this item on the next Study Session agenda for March 5, 2012.

Resolution-Stormwater Utility Fee

The Governing Body reviewed a resolution establishing a stormwater utility fee and agreed to bring this item back to the next Study Session.

Urban Growth Agreement

The Governing Body reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Interlocal Agreement.

Commissioner Caylor excused herself from the meeting.

Amendment-South 59 TIF District

The Governing Body reviewed a request to approve the second amendment to the first redevelopment agreement for the South 59 TIF District Redevelopment Project Area I. Staff requested action at this study session. Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to approve the request.

Director of Finance Scott Bird provided an overview of the amendment. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the request duly approved.

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Airspace Protection Planning Grant

The Governing Body reviewed a request to approve the Airspace Protection Planning Grant application and heard from Director of Public Works Andy Haney who provided an overview of the grant offer. The Governing Body agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting Agenda.

City Manager's Report

The City Manager reported on the following:

- Upcoming Sherriff's sale: Fairway Addition on Pebble Beach Lane

Commissioner's Reports

Commissioner Richards reported on the following:

- Status of 124 S Main demolition
- Watch Dog Dads at Lincoln Elementary was a success
- Encouraged Governing Body to discuss the School Resource Officer position in the future

Commissioner Reed reported on the following:

- National League of Cities meetings offer free 20 minute consultations on economic development, public safety, and healthcare

Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported on the following:

- Impact of concealed carry to schools and cities
- Tax relief bill

Announcements

The Mayor announced the following:

- March 1, 2012: Joint Study Session with Franklin County Commissioners at 7 pm at Franklin County Commission Chambers, Franklin County Annex, 1428 S Main
- Mayor Ramsey requested an executive session for attorney-client privilege with the City Attorney and City Manager present.

Executive Session

Recess

Commissioner Richards made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to recess into Executive Session to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege, with the City Attorney and City Manager present, for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the meeting duly recessed at 5:13 pm.

Reconvene

Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to reconvene into Regular Study Session. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the meeting duly reconvened at 5:23 pm.

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Open Agenda

The Governing Body discussed the upcoming Joint Study Session with the Franklin County Commissioners meeting on March 1, 2012 at 7 pm.

The Governing Body discussed the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Ottawa and Franklin County.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the meeting duly adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk