

**STUDY SESSION MINUTES
OTTAWA, KANSAS
Minutes of
May 21, 2012**

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

Mayor Jorgensen called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

The Governing Body heard from Robert (Bob) Marsh, 1123 Hickory, who presented a proposed alternative to the proposed Tauy Jones parking lot on the campus of Ottawa University.

The Governing Body heard from Freon Hollinger, 3090 Neosho Rd, who asked the Governing Body to take their time considering alternatives and making a decision on the proposed Tauy Jones parking lot on the campus of Ottawa University.

Review of Minutes

The Governing Body reviewed minutes from the May 14, 2012 Study Session and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting agenda on June 6, 2012.

Request-Revenue Application Notes (KANRAN) for Ottawa University

The Governing Body reviewed a request to give the Mayor authority to execute the Kansas Independent College Finance Authority (KICFA) Revenue Application Notes (KANRAN) for Ottawa University. Commissioner Reed made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramsey, to approve the request.

The Governing Body heard from Director of Finance Scott Bird who provided a brief overview of the request of Ottawa University to use the City's conduit abilities to help them through the summer months.

The Governing Body heard from Ottawa University Chief Financial Officer Clark Ribordi who reported on the details of the request and answered questions from the Governing Body. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the request duly approved.

Amendment-Neighborhood Stabilization Program Action Plan Agreement

The Governing Body reviewed a request to amend the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Action Plan Agreement with the State of Kansas and a request to amend the agreement with Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission for grant administration of the NSP project and agreed to place this item on the next Regular Meeting agenda.

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The Governing Body heard from Director of Planning/Codes/Inspections Wynndee Lee who provided an overview of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program project involving properties located at 113 S Elm and 808 S Cherry and answered questions from the Governing Body.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Richard Nienstedt reported on the following:

- June 8, 2012: Ribbon cutting at Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center, 226 Beech, at 8 am

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Richards reported on the following:

- During a recent visit to the community garden, he reported the water is on at the location and he noticed poison ivy along the north edge of the tree line and requested City staff follow up on the issue.

Commissioner Reed reported on the following:

- She requested feedback on a recent request of her to serve a 1 year term as Vice President of the Ottawa Main Street Board representing her personal business interests. Commissioner Reed wanted to make the request publically since Commissioner Richards serves on the board representing the City and both would have a vote. City Attorney Bob Bezek explained there would not be a conflict if she served the term. Mayor Jorgensen explained his concerns of the request and Commissioner Richards spoke in favor of the request.

Commissioner Caylor reported on the following:

- Play Taskforce met this day at noon
- July 14, 2012: Third Annual Ottawa Play Day at Forest Park Brick Shelter from 10 am-1 pm

Commissioner Ramsey reported on the following:

- He recently visited a local cemetery and noted they are looking better maintained than in the past.

Site Visit-Proposed Tauy Jones Parking Lot Site at Ottawa University

The Governing Body will continue discussion regarding a proposed Tauy Jones parking lot on the campus of Ottawa University during a site visit at Ottawa University and discussion will continue after returning to City Hall.

The Governing Body heard from Loyd Builders Project Manager Sonny Burch and Loyd Builders President Josh Walker who gave a brief overview of the revised plan for the proposed Tauy Jones parking lot and answered questions from the Governing Body.

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Recess

Commissioner Caylor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richards, to recess and reconvene at 4:40 pm outside Taury Jones Hall at Ottawa University. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the meeting duly recessed.

Reconvene

Mayor Jorgensen declared the meeting duly reconvened at 4:40 pm outside Taury Jones Hall at Ottawa University.

The Governing Body heard from Ottawa University President Kevin Eichner who explained the proposed parking lot is a north-side parking solution, reported on the long range planning of the campus and answered questions from the Governing Body.

The Governing Body heard from Loyd Builders Project Manager Sonny Burch who provided an overview of the proposed parking lot project and answered questions from the Governing Body.

Recess

Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, to reconvene at 5:18 pm in the Study Session room at City Hall. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted aye. The Mayor declared the meeting duly recessed.

Reconvene

The Mayor declared the meeting duly reconvened at 5:19 pm in the Study Session room at City Hall.

Commissioner Ramsey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to call a Public Hearing to consider the proposed Taury Jones parking lot on the campus of Ottawa University at 7 pm on June 6, 2012. The motion was considered and upon being put, all present voted nay. The Mayor declared the request duly defeated.

After discussion, the Governing Body agreed more information is needed from Ottawa University regarding the proposed Taury Jones parking lot and feasible alternatives and agreed to bring this back to a later study session for further discussion.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Commissioner Ramsey 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 6:02 pm.

Carolyn S. Snethen, City Clerk
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