



From 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.

April 5 Election Results

Three City Council representatives were re-elected: Anthony Saper, Ward 1; Lisa Tull, Ward 2 and Ana Pellumbi, Ward 4. Tom Bailey, Ward 3 was elected to replace Zach Clevenger who chose not to run for re-election. Tom Bailey is also Manager of SPS Metallurgical Laboratories, a QC lab that operates within Exltube, one of North Kansas City’s largest manufacturing and distribution businesses.

The following members of the Governing Body have terms that extend beyond this year: Mayor Bryant DeLong; Wesley Graves, Ward 1; Jesse Smith, Ward 2; Adam Roberts, Ward 3; and Amie Clark, Ward 4.

New City Administrator

The new City Administrator, Mike Nichols, will begin next Monday, April 11. This meeting is the final one as Interim City Administrator for Kim Nakahodo, who has served in this role for the past ten months. She will resume her role as Deputy City Administrator next week.

Work Session – 6:00 p.m.

Hotel/Motel Tier Program

Following are tier alternatives that hotels would fall into shown in a presentation by Police Chief Kevin Freeman and Interim City Administrator Kim Nakahodo several weeks ago.

The proposed program is a three-tier program that bi-annually (January 31 and July 31) analyzes the number and type of incidents that occur at hotels/motels within NKC.

Once this process is complete, hotels/motels are placed into one of three categories based on the number of calls per room.

- Tier 1:
Hotels and motels with less than 0.50 calls for service per room per year.
- Tier 2:
Hotels and motels with 0.50-1 calls for service per room per year.
- Tier 3:
Hotels and motels with more than 1 call for service per room per year.

Under the proposed program, North Kansas City hotels would be categorized based on data between January 1 and December 30, 2021.

| Hotel | Room Numbers | Calls | Tier |
|---------------------|--------------|-------|------|
| Aloft/Element | 100 | 39 | 1 |
| American Inn | 168 | 354 | 3 |
| EconoLodge | 88 | 313 | 3 |
| Holiday Inn Express | 73 | 38 | 2 |
| La Quinta | 93 | 220 | 3 |

Poorer performance by a hotel would move that hotel into a higher, more regulated tier. Six month reviews would allow a hotel to move to a lower tier or a higher tier based on incidents requiring police attention in the prior six months.

Specific recommendations will be presented as ordinances to be approved at a future City Council meeting.

If you wish more details about the specific requirements you can view the presentation on the City's YouTube channel which you can access from the City's website under Agendas/Meetings/Recordings.

Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

The Consent agenda included approval of a new Director of Liquor Control, Matthew Brantner, following the resignation of John Harbrucker.

Agenda Topics

Sidewalk Dining Program

Due to the Downtown Streetscape Renovation Project, the Sidewalk Dining Program in downtown was initially put on hold for 2022 due to Regular Items2 construction. In March, Sail Away Wine reached out to City staff to ask if the program could be reinstated for 2022, recognizing that their Sidewalk Dining License would be revoked as soon as construction reached their block. Staff worked to create a 2022 Temporary Sidewalk Dining Permit application process with special instructions that the permit would be revoked, and license holders would receive a 5-day notice to remove their railings. This notice would be provided to the business owner in coordination with the Downtown Streetscape Renovation Project construction manager to allow for as much operating time as possible for the Sidewalk Dining License holder.

In addition, City Council approved waiving any fees for this program during 2022 due to the inconvenience businesses may encounter due to the streetscape renovation project.

The full agenda for this meeting with links to critical documents is available on the City's website 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 and later as <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-6WpmTG2Ss> part of the approved minutes.