



From City Council meeting . . . to Business Council MEMBERS ONLY

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North Kansas City 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.

Reminders:

City Council meetings now start at 6:00 p.m. What was previously covered in Work Sessions are now referred to as “Discussion Items” in the agenda. “Comments from the Public” occur early in the agenda, just a few minutes past 6:00 p.m.

Mayor and City Council representatives as of the most recent election:

Bryant DeLong – Mayor

- Tabitha Todd – Ward 1
- Anthony Saper – Ward 1
- Lisa Tull – Ward 2
- Jesse Smith – Ward 2
- Connor Fitzgerald – Ward 3
- Linda Alvarez – Ward 3
- Amie Clarke – Ward 4
- Katie Stokes – Ward 4

Remember: Every business in North Kansas City has two City Council representatives. The ward division lines run north and south from the Missouri River to the northern city limits. Don’t hesitate to reach out to them concerning any issues you have that involve the City.

Discussion Items

Recycling

Within a discussion about the upcoming decision by the City Council whether to extend the trash pickup contract with Jim’s Disposal or search for other alternatives was an interesting, but very discouraging discussion about recycling.

A very disappointingly low percent of what is sent for recycling actually qualifies for recycling and more than half of it ends up in a landfill, in spite of our best intentions. Part of the problem is inadequate equipment for

sorting and separating efficiently and part of the problem is putting things in the recycle bin which will not qualify.

The owner of Jim's Disposal encourages more education at the K-12 school level because those are the people who will eventually suffer the consequences of continuing to fill landfills. He expressed a willingness to do that himself.

RFP for Transportation Services

This discussion was prompted by the very costly proposal from KCATA which the City Council reluctantly approved a 7-month extension. There is a desire to discuss if there is a transit service other than KCATA which could take care of North Kansas City's public transportation needs. There is also an interest in knowing if there are other alternatives than one that looks like what KCATA provides today.

There was support for asking staff to put an RFP together to determine alternatives. Moved and approved.

Regular Agenda

Tourism Grant for Aerial Park and Zipline Course in One North

On December 14, 2022, the City, in cooperation with the North Kansas City Destination Developers, LLC, applied for a Missouri Department of Economic Development ARPA Tourism Grant. The program, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act, focused on supporting projects that further the recovery of the tourism, travel, and hospitality industries. This grant application supported a new aerial park and zip line course at One North.

On April 13, 2023, The Missouri Department of Economic Development announced that it had awarded \$30 million through the Local Tourism Asset Development Grant Program for 26 projects across the state. The Aerial Park and Zip Line Course at One North was awarded \$1,405,500 in grant funding and was one of only three projects that featured a public-private partnership.

One of the requirements of a public-private ARPA Tourism Grant award is the adoption of a Cooperative Agreement to outline the roles and responsibilities of the grant administration. Key features of this agreement include North Kansas City Destination Developers, LLC's commitment to:

- upholding the terms of the grant agreement
- providing the necessary reporting requirements
- submitting the proper requests for reimbursement
- reimbursing the City for any single-audit expenses due to grant administration.

Approved adoption of a Cooperative Agreement.

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.