

# **CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

City Hall Commission Chambers

806 N. 2nd Ave

Thursday, December 7, 2023

7:30 a.m.

MEETING #5266

## **CALL OR ORDER**

**ROLL CALL** Mayor Michael Burns, Commissioner Joseph Nuci, Rick Sowers, Chuck Taylor present, Kent Smoll reported absent.

Mayor Michael Burns moved to add an executive session pertaining to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4). confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets. Commissioner Rick Sowers made a motion to amend the agenda. Commissioner Chuck Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Kansas Children's Cabinet & Trust Fund Child Care Capacity Accelerator Community Grant.

Joann Knight, Director of Director of Dodge City/Ford County Development, Joann Knight and Assistant Director, Mollea Wainscott spoke on a childcare facility. They spoke on the funding and where the facility would be located. They wanted to submit an application for funding,

There was a funding that came out through the Children's Cabinet through a broadband funding initiative that provides for construction for a day care facility but need to tie in health, workforce help and education. to build a \$5 million facility. They were needing partners, and they feel they have secured those partners to do the match and help out with the operational funds into the future.

The application would need to be submitted by December 18, 2023 with the Dodge City Ford/ County Development Center would be the applicant and they would need a physical sponsor on the application. They are requesting for the commission to be a sponsor and asking to see if the city could help in that capacity.

At 7:45 am Commissioner Rick Sowers made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4). the justification for closing the meeting is to discuss data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships trusts or individual partnerships. The meeting will resume in the city commission chambers in twenty (20) minutes at 8:05 pm to include city manager, city attorney and director of economic development. The city may take action upon

returning to open session prior to adjournment. Commissioner Joseph Nuci seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0.

At 8:05 am the meeting was reconvened.

Commissioner Rick Sowers made a motion that the city commits to the grant application to be a fiscal agent of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet & Trust Fund Child Care Capacity Accelerator Community Grant if such grant is accepted and work out further details as needed with other organizations such as the county and any other state organizations as necessary. Commissioner Chuck Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 - 0

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Rick Sowers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chuck Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk