

The Governing Body of the City of Emporia, Kansas, met in Adjourned Session, Wednesday, December 30, 2020, in the City Commission Meeting Room with Mayor Giefer present and Commissioners Brinkman, Geitz, Gilligan and Smith present. Also present were City Manager McAnarney, Assistant City Manager Massey, City Clerk Sull and City Attorney Montgomery.

**CITY COMMISSION
(Ignite Emporia)
(Approve Memorandum of Understanding)**

Rob Gilligan, Director of Ignite Emporia, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. He stated Ignite Emporia is planning development of new housing subdivision that would include at least 50 buildable lots for single-family residential development. Ignite desire to enter into a public-private partnership with the City for this project. Ignite requests that the City reserve \$200,000 in un-utilized public-private partnership funds from 2020 for consideration of this project. He stated Ignite will provide a formal application and proposed housing development plan to the City Manager within 180 days of execution of the Memorandum of Understanding. This MOU would reserve the funds for use in 2021 for a future project that will be presented at a later date, it will make the funds available but does not commit the funds if no project is produced.

City Attorney Montgomery, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. She stated the City Commission approved an Annual Public/Private Partnership Infrastructure Allocations Policy in 2018 which allocated funds yearly for public-private partnerships aimed at enhancing the City's quality of life, housing availability, commercial redevelopment and economic development throughout the community. No funds have been utilized in 2020 for public-private partnerships.

Commissioner Smith stated she had reservations about MOU with not knowing exactly what the funds are going to be used for. She also suggested that when the project does come forward to the Commission a housing committee should present the project.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Geitz made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Ignite Emporia and authorize the Mayor to sign. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Geitz, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Mayor Giefer, aye; and Commissioner Smith, nay. Commissioner Gilligan abstained from the vote.

City Attorney Montgomery was recognized and addressed the Governing Body for an unscheduled portion of the meeting to allow for a public comment portion of the meeting.

CITY COMMISSION
(Public Comment)

Jay Vehige and Alex Babb addressed the Governing Body about the unhoused population in Emporia. They wanted to raise awareness about the homeless population and the potential evictions in Kansas. They stated felons don't have access to housing and people dealing with mental illness are being pushed out of the mission due to lack of employment. They wanted to bring awareness to the Commission about other housing issues in Emporia.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss proprietary information of private businesses and organizations considering development projects in the City of Emporia and to invite Special Projects Manager Jim Witt, from 10:53 a.m. to 11:05 a.m., in the City Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Geitz seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Geitz, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Giefer, aye.

Upon reconvening the meeting in Adjourned Session at 11:05 a.m., this same date, in the City Commission Meeting Room, Mayor Giefer stated they had discussed proprietary information of private businesses and organizations considering development projects and no action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for consultation with the City Attorney regarding a legal matter and to invite Special Projects Manager Jim Witt, from 11:07 a.m. to 11:17 a.m., in the City Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Geitz seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Geitz, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Giefer, aye.

Upon reconvening the meeting in Adjourned Session at 11:17 a.m., this

same date, in the City Commission Meeting Room, Mayor Giefer stated they had consultation with the City Attorney regarding a legal matter and no action was taken.

OFF THE AGENDA ITEM
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to adjourn into Execution Session to discuss non-elected personnel from 11:20 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in the City Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Geitz, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Giefer, aye.

Upon reconvening the meeting in Adjourned Session at 11:30 a.m., this same date, in the City Commission Meeting Room, Mayor Giefer stated they had discussed non-elected personnel and no action was taken.

Commissioner Geitz made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Geitz seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Smith, aye; Commissioner Geitz, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Gilligan, aye; and Mayor Giefer, aye.

Danny Giefer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kerry Sull, City Clerk