

ADJOURNED**COMMISSION MEETING****10:45 A.M.****JANUARY 13, 2021**

The Governing Body of the City of Emporia, Kansas, met in Adjourned Session, Wednesday, January 13, 2021 in the City Commission Meeting Room with Mayor Gilligan presiding and Commissioners Brinkman, Geitz, Giefer and Smith present. Also present were City Manager McAnarney, Assistant City Manager Massey, City Clerk Sull and City Attorney Montgomery.

CITY COMMISSION**(Adopt 2021 Joint Legislative Statement for Emporia and Lyon County)**

City Attorney Montgomery, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. She stated City staff met with the local Legislative Policy Committee whose members represent the Chamber of Commerce, Lyon County, City of Emporia, and received input from numerous community organizations. The statement was prepared by the Emporia Chamber of Commerce and addressed Education, Health Care, Transportation, Economic Development, and Tax Policy. She stated staff was recommending adopting the 2021 Joint Legislative Statement for Emporia and Lyon County.

Mayor Gilligan stated the City Manager should be authorized to sign on behalf of the City of Emporia.

Commissioner Geitz made a motion to adopt the 2021 Joint Legislative Statement for Emporia and Lyon County and authorize the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City of Emporia. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Geitz, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

CITY COMMISSION**(Adopt 2021 Legislative Policy Statement)**

City Attorney Montgomery, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. She stated the City adopts its legislative position detailing the community goals from the State Legislature during the upcoming legislative session. She then reviewed the 2021 Legislative Policy Statement as follows:

HOME RULE - We believe the governing of public affairs should as close to the people as possible and that Home Rule is essential to vigorous, effective and responsible local government under our representative system. Home Rule is crucial to the continued ability of locally elected officials to solve problems in ways more appropriate to local needs and conditions. Legislative action which affirms the ability to pass local laws on the same subject is strongly supported.

FUNDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT - Revenue streams designated for specific state aid programs should be directed to those programs without reallocating revenues to the state. Legislative action reducing local revenues must be matched with action to replace the reduced funds.

KDOT - The City supports full restoration of KDOT funding. State highway funds should be used for highway improvements only. The City-County Highway Fund is essential to maintaining local roads and should be fully funded. The City also supports increasing the amount of State funding which supports maintenance of State highways within city limits.

PUBLIC EDUCATION - We believe the state legislature should provide balanced education funding with continued support for K-12, job training, technical colleges and our state universities. Coordination of higher education programs should be encouraged. To support a strong economic future we need a prepared workforce.

HIGHER EDUCATION - The City supports both ESU and the Flint Hills Technical College on their legislative issues and agendas. The City supports increased state funding for higher education in Kansas. Investment in higher education is investment in Kansas cities.

SALES TAX FAIRNESS - We support requiring out of state sellers of goods to pay local sales tax on internet sales. We further generally oppose any further exemptions to the base of state and local sales taxes, including sales of food. Any change in the method of taxing food should be accomplished by a system of income tax credits or direct rebates, rather than complete exemption.

BUDGETING - The statutory timetable for budget preparation, publication, hearing, adopting and certification should be extended by at least one month. The increasingly efficient methods of communication and data transmission should allow such an extension without an undue impact upon county officers and would help ensure the municipality's receipt of accurate assessed valuation information.

EMS/HOSPITAL FUNDING - Emergency medical services and public hospitals must provide medical services without regard to ability of patients to pay. The expansion of Medicaid in Kansas would allow medical providers to be at least partially compensated for some medical services to economically disadvantaged citizens. We support the expansion of Medicaid in Kansas.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - We support the Department of Commerce economic development and workforce development incentives including Rural Housing Incentive Districts, the PEAK program and the HPIP program.

KPERS - The City supports the continued commitment to stabilize and fully fund the Kansas Public Employees Retirement Systems (KPERS).

Commissioner Brinkman made motion to adopt City of Emporia 2021 Legislative Policy Statement. Commissioner Geitz seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Geitz, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Smith 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 10:47a.m. to 10:57 a.m., in the City Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Giefer seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Smith, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Geitz, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

Upon reconvening the meeting in Regular Session at 10:57 a.m., this same date, in the City Commission Meeting Room, Mayor Gilligan stated they had consultation with the City Attorney regarding a legal matter and no action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Brinkman made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss proprietary information of a private business in the City of Emporia and to invite Special Projects Manager Jim Witt, and City Engineer Jim Ubert, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m., in the City Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Geitz seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Geitz, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

Upon reconvening the meeting in Regular Session at 11:10 a.m, this same date, in the City Commission Meeting Room, Mayor Gilligan stated they had

discussed proprietary information of a private business in the City of Emporia and no action was taken.

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

Robert F. Gilligan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kerry Sull, City Clerk