

# City Commission of Arkansas City — Special Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas City Board of City Commissioners met in special session at **5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, 2019**, in the Commission Room at City Hall, located at 118 W. Central Ave. in Arkansas City.

Mayor **Jay Warren** called the meeting to order. Commissioners also present at roll call were Commissioners **Kanyon Gingher, Dan Jurkovich, Duane L. Oestmann** and **Karen Welch**.

City employees present were City Manager **Nick Hernandez**, Public Information Officer **Andrew Lawson**, Finance Director **Kathy Cornwell**, City Treasurer **Jennifer Waggoner**, Fire Chief **Bobby Wolfe**, Police Chief **Dan Ward**, Environmental Services Superintendent **Rod Philo**, Human Resources Manager **Marla McFarland** and Management Assistant **Mike Crandall**.

Citizens in attendance were **Joyce Creel, Jennifer Pearman** and **Travis Pearman**.

## **Agenda Approval**

At City Manager Hernandez's request, Mayor Warren made a motion to amend the agenda by deleting discussion of a resolution regarding South Central Kansas Medical Center (SCKMC) special assessments and replacing it as Item 2 of Business with a 20-minute executive session.

Commissioner Gingher seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Warren declared the agenda amended. Commissioner Welch made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion.

A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the agenda approved.

## **Business**

### **Notice of Budget Hearing** **Resolution No. 2019-07-3269**

Mayor Warren presented for discussion a resolution approving the Notice of Budget Hearing for publication and setting the date for a public hearing to consider the **2020 budget** for the City.

City Manager Hernandez handed out state budget forms and a list of funding requests for external agencies. He said the current projected budget does include a 1-percent cost-of-living adjustment.

Finance Director Cornwell provided an illustrated explanation of how the repayment of the Public Building Commission Series 2019 bonds will occur and how compensating use tax will be divided.

After a lengthy debate about whether to apportion more compensating use tax to SCKMC in 2019, commissioners decided not to do so because it would have required additional budget cuts in 2019.

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Not making those cuts would have reduced the projected cash balance at the end of this year, which could violate guarantees that the City made to S&P Global Ratings about the City's financial status.

The commissioners directed staff to raise the projected mill levy to as close as 2019 levels as possible. City Treasurer Waggoner said this would generate an additional **\$48,500.00** and asked where the commission wanted to direct those funds. It was decided to devote that money to streets.

The current budget funds all external agency requests in the full amounts each entity requested.

Commissioner Jurkovich made a motion to approve the resolution, with maximum 2020 expenditures of **\$35,919,524.00** and a maximum total tax levy of **\$3,937,923.00** (or a projected levy of **69.971** mills), and schedule the public hearing for **5:30 p.m. August 6** in the commission room.

Mayor Warren seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the resolution approved and given **Resolution No. 2019-07-3269**.

### Executive Sessions

Commissioner Welch made a motion to recess into a **20-minute executive session**, to include City Manager Hernandez, to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, pursuant to **K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)**, with the open meeting set to resume at **7:35 p.m.**

Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The executive session began at **7:15 p.m.** and ended at **7:35 p.m.**

Afterward, Commissioner Jurkovich made a motion to recess into an additional **five-minute executive session**, to include City Manager Hernandez, to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, pursuant to **K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)**, with the open meeting set to resume at **7:40 p.m.**

Commissioner Welch seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The second executive session began at **7:35 p.m.** and ended at **7:40 p.m.** Afterward, the commissioners reconvened in the commission room. No action was taken following either session.

### Adjournment

Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jurkovich seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Warren declared the meeting adjourned at **7:46 p.m.**

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## THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

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Jay Warren, Mayor

### ATTEST:

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Lesley Shook, City Clerk

### Prepared by:

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Andrew Lawson, Public Information Officer