

City Commission of Arkansas City — Special Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas City Board of City Commissioners met in virtual special session at **noon Friday, April 10, 2020**, via the [GoToMeeting](#) platform due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Mayor **Karen Welch** called the virtual meeting to order. Commissioners also present at roll call were Commissioners **Kanyon Gingham, Duane L. Oestmann, Scott Rogers** and **Jay Warren**.

City employees participating via GoToMeeting were City Manager **Nick Hernandez**, City Clerk **Lesley Shook**, Public Information Officer **Andrew Lawson** and Fire-EMS Capt. **Chet Ranzau**.

Osenbaugh Consulting was represented by consultant **Don Osenbaugh**, attending via Zoom.

Business

Public Information Officer Lawson explained the new City procedure for virtual executive sessions.

Executive Sessions

Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to recess into a **30-minute executive session** to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with **Osenbaugh Consulting** and for consultation with City Attorney **Larry Schwartz** which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, pursuant to **K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)** and **(2)**, to discuss contract negotiations with a candidate for the City Manager position, with the open meeting set to resume at **12:37 p.m.**

Mayor Welch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. The first executive session began via the Zoom platform at **12:07 p.m.** and ended at **12:37 p.m.**

Afterward, Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to recess into an additional **30-minute executive session** to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Osenbaugh and for consultation with City Attorney Schwartz which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, pursuant to **K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)** and **(2)**, to discuss contract negotiations with a candidate for the City Manager position, with the open meeting set to resume at **1:09 p.m.**

Commissioner Warren seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The second executive session began via the Zoom platform at **12:39 p.m.** and ended at **1:09 p.m.**

Afterward, Commissioner Oestmann made a motion to recess into an additional **15-minute executive session** to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Osenbaugh and for consultation with City Attorney Schwartz which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, pursuant to **K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)** and **(2)**, to discuss contract negotiations with a candidate for the City Manager position, with the open meeting set to resume at **1:26 p.m.**

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Mayor Welch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. The third executive session began via the Zoom platform at **1:11 p.m.** and ended at **1:26 p.m.**

Afterward, the commissioners reconvened via the GoToMeeting platform. No action was taken following any of the three executive sessions.

Adjournment

Commissioner Rogers made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Commissioner Oestmann seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Welch declared the special meeting adjourned at **1:26 p.m.**

**THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS**

Karen Welch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lesley Shook, City Clerk

Prepared by:

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