

Minutes of the Independence City Commission's January 13, 2022 Meeting

The Independence City Commission met for a regular meeting on January 13, 2022, at 5:30 P.M. at the Memorial Hall. Mayor Louis Ysusi, Commissioner Leonhard Caflisch, Commissioner Dean Hayse and Commissioner-elect Tim Emert were present. Others present included:

City Staff

Jeff Chubb, City Attorney
David Cowan, Assistant City Manager
Kelly Passauer, City Manager/Zoning Administrator by phone
David Schwenker, City Clerk/City Treasurer
Jerry Harrison, Police Chief
Shawn Wallis, Fire/EMS Chief
Dustin Stafford, Police Officer
April Nutt, Director of Housing Authority
Lacey Lies, Director of Finance
Mason Carter, Intern
Levi Lloyd, Intern

Visitors

Larry McHugh
Andy Taylor
Brea Sanford
Charlotte Caflisch
Darin Axthelm
JD Cox
David Adams
Carole Farthing
Don Farthing
Tony Royse
Robin Royse
Edwin Wesley
Eloise Wesley
Carrol Lemon
Dale Lemon
Susan Scovel
Lavonda Cotton
Sharon Prather
Kathy Shepard
Jean Barnett
Caroline Goodgion
Ron Lawrence
Glenna Lawrence
Peggy Helmkamp
Ned Stichman
Faith Taylor
Elizabeth Capp

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Eenie Fitzpatrick

I. REGULAR SESSION

A. Call to Order

Mayor Ysusi called the meeting to order.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America
- C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hayse the Commission adopted the agenda.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse

Nay: None

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Appointments

- 1. Planning Commission –One open position
- 2. Economic Development Advisory Board – One open position

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Hayse the Commission appointed Rod Zinn to a 3 year term ending on January 1, 2025 to the Economic Development Advisory board.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse

Nay: None

- 3. Historic Preservation Resource Commission –One open position

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Caflisch the Commission appointed Julie Dunham to a 3 year term ending on January 1, 2025 to the Independence Historic Preservation Resource Commission.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse

Nay: None

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- B. Consider approving City Commission minutes from October 27, 2021; November 10, 18, 30, 2021; December 6, 23, and 29, 2021.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Caflisch, seconded by Commissioner Hayse the Commission approved the minutes from October 27, 2021; November 10, 18, 30, 2021; December 6, 23, and 29, 2021.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse

Nay: None

III. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation of plaque to Leonhard Caflisch for his service as City Commissioner from April 2013 to January 2022, and his service as Mayor from April 2015 – February 2016, January 2018 – January 2019, and January 2020 – January 2021.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Reorganization of the Commission

- 1. Oath of Office (Tim Emert - 4 Year Term, and Louis Ysusi - 2 Year Term)

City Clerk David Schwenker gave the Oath of Office to newly elected Commissioner Tim Emert and re-elected Commissioner Lois Ysusi.

- 2. Election of Mayor

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Emert the Commission elected Dean Hayse as Mayor.

Aye: Ysusi, Emert, Hayse

Nay: None

- 3. Election of Vice Mayor

Motion:

On the motion of Mayor Hayse, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi the Commission elected Tim Emert as Vice Mayor.

Aye: Ysusi, Emert, Hayse

Nay: None

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4. Designation of Official City Newspaper

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Emert the Commission designated the Independence Daily Reporter as the Official City Newspaper.

Aye: Ysusi, Emert, Hayse

Nay: None

5. Designation of Official City Depository

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Emert the Commission designated Community National Bank as the Official City Depository.

Aye: Ysusi, Emert, Hayse

Nay: None

6. Consider changing day of week and time for Commission meetings

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Emert, seconded by Commissioner Ysusi the Commission adopt the 2022 City Commission Meeting schedule as previously approved.

Aye: Ysusi, Emert, Hayse

Nay: None

B. Commission Orientation by the City Attorney

V. CONSENT AGENDA

(Consent is that class of Commission action that requires no further discussion or which is routine in nature. All items on the Consent Agenda are adopted by a single motion unless removed from the Consent Agenda.)

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Emert the Commission adopted the consent agenda.

Aye: Ysusi, Emert, Hayse

Nay: None

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A. Appropriations

1. A-1904
2. D-2023
3. P-1878
4. P-1879
5. P-1879-A

B. Consider approving the following Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses:

1. Kevin Ford Dba Ace & Gunner's Tavern -- 112 S. 25th
2. Mikies -- 1901 N. Penn

C. Consider authorizing receipt of proposals for an animal control truck box.

D. Consider authorizing issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for fiberglass and paint restoration at Riverside Beach Family Aquatic Center.

E. Consider authorizing interior modifications to the Independence Public Library building.

F. Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign a telecommunications provider right-of-way license agreement with Cox Communications Kansas LLC.

VI. ITEMS FOR COMMISSION ACTION

A. Consider proclaiming January 16, 2022 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Day.

The Independence Diversity Taskforce requests the City proclaim January 16, 2022 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Day and urge citizens to watch the local celebration "*Kings Vision - It Starts With Me: Shifting Priorities to Create the Beloved Community*" on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 3 PM at the Independence High School Performing Arts Center. The Diversity Taskforce is a subcommittee of the Independence Chamber of Commerce.

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Emert, seconded by Commissioner Ysusí the Commission proclaimed January 16, 2022 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Day and authorized the Mayor to sign the proclamation.

Aye: Ysusí, Emert, Hayse

Nay: None

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B. Consider setting the date of March 10, 2022 for a public hearing to consider condemnation of 729 N. Penn Avenue as dangerous and unsafe.

The structure was involved in a fire on December 14, 2021, that destroyed the south side of the house and the house is not inhabitable

Motion:

On the motion of Commissioner Ysusi, seconded by Commissioner Emert the Commission set the date of March 10, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. for a public hearing to consider condemnation of 729 N. Penn. Ave.

Aye: Ysusi, Emert, Hayse

Nay: None

VII. REPORTS

A. City Board Minutes

1. December 7, 2021 Economic Development Advisory Board
2. December 15, 2021 Recreation Commission

B. CRS Recertification Report

C. December 2021 Sales Tax Report

D. Reminder of January 19, 2022 Strategic Planning Retreat

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

None

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None

X. PUBLIC CONCERNs

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Commissioner Ysusi moved to adjourn. Commissioner Emert seconded.

Aye: Ysusi, Caflisch, Hayse

Nay: None

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Dean A. Hayse, Mayor

Louis Ysus, Commissioner

Tim Emert, Commissioner

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer