

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
October 20, 2011

Present: Barbara Wasinger, Troy Hickman, Kent Steward, Henry Schwaller IV, Ron Mellick, John Bird, Toby Dougherty

Hays Arts Council Financial Request

Due to cutbacks, Kansas Governor Brownback eliminated all state funding for the arts in Kansas. The Hays Arts Council (HAC) has been greatly affected by this cutback and made a request for a one-time allocation of \$35,000 to cover the three-year grant funding loss of approximately \$51,000. HAC believes that in three years, they will have developed an avenue of self-sustaining support.

Commissioner Steward presented some general guidelines to consider should the Commissioners decide to adopt a policy to consider special financial requests. Discussion of guidelines for creating a policy followed.

Commissioner Mellick suggested the Arts Council make this additional one-time request along with their regular request when requesting funding in 2013. This will allow the City to budget the additional funds in 2013.

Commissioner Hickman suggested that the funding request be spread over 3 years instead of the entire amount of \$35,000 this year.

The Commissioners will consider HAC's request at the October 27, 2011 Commission meeting. Further discussion about developing a policy will take place at a future work session.

2012 Job Classification and Pay Plan

City ordinance requires the adoption of a resolution regarding the salary schedule and job classification plan for the next fiscal year. The 2012 Budget contains salary changes, which include a 2% COLA and a 2% merit increase, as recommended by staff.

The Commissioners will be requested to consider approval of a resolution amending the pay plan and job classification schedule for City employees at the October 27, 2011 Commission meeting.

Vehicle Abatement – 600 East 8th Street

At the October 27, 2011 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be requested to approve a resolution authorizing the City to abate the vehicle nuisance located on the property at 600 East 8th Street.

Stormwater Utility Credit Policy

A policy concerning stormwater utility adjustments to impervious areas and credits was presented by Nick Willis, Stormwater Superintendent. This policy adopts and uses the criteria in stormwater utility consultant CDM's *Stormwater Management Assessment Phase 2* (CDM's report) dated May 25, 2011, while extending credits for other practices improving water quality and/or reducing the amount of runoff from a non-residential property.

An adjustment is a change to the actual amount of impervious surface on a property. A credit is an incentive given for aspects of a property which decrease costs the City would have to bear to manage stormwater quantity and/or quality. As stated in CDM' report, credits for a stormwater utility fee for a property should result only from direct savings to the City's stormwater management program. Credits are available for non-residential properties which decrease the City's cost in EPA compliance, operation and management of the stormwater system, engineering and planning, and capital improvement projects.

The Commissioners will consider formal adoption of the policy at the October 27, 2011 Commission meeting.

Other Items for Discussion

Commissioner Steward asked if the City has ever done any dredging or removal of trees in Big Creek, does the City have any responsibility to do that, and is there any benefit to doing that.

City Manager Toby Dougherty responded that trees have been removed from the levy fairly recently. He will do some research on the issue and report back.

Executive Session

Henry Schwaller IV moved, Barbara Wasinger seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 7:32 p.m. for 20 minutes to discuss attorney-client privileged information and possible property acquisition. The executive session included the City Commissioners, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the City Attorney, and the Director of Public Works. K.S.A. 75-4319 authorizes the use of executive session to discuss the topics stated in the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Barbara Wasinger

Troy Hickman

Kent Steward

Henry Schwaller IV

Ron Mellick

Chairperson Wasinger called the work session back to order at 7:52 p.m. She stated no action was taken during executive session.

The work session was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk