



**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON ST.**

Wednesday, April 01, 2026 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session April 1, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Hutchinson, Lambertz, and Wentz and Jackson.

Absent: Commissioner Hasch.

Other Officers: City Manager Amy Lange, City Clerk Hunter York, Finance Director Amber Farha.

Visitors: Russell Gagnon, Caleb Lausen, Doug Hutchinson, Julie Willoughby, Haven Hall, Rylee Wogomon, Karleigh Davis, Taylor Parker, Keri Farmer, Alyssa Patterson, Elora Henderson, Samantha Bartlett, Michael G. James J., Staff present: Brent Gering, Police Chief, Tim Jessup, Building Inspector; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Shane Kisby, Public Works Director; John Christensen, Fire Chief, Chris Atkins, Parks and Recreation Director

There being a quorum present, Mayor Hutchinson called the meeting to order.

The invocation was followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ITEMS SCHEDULED AT A CERTAIN TIME

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

Julie Willoughby from the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK) presented and read the proclamation, and the Mayor proclaimed April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

ACTION AGENDA *(Action Expected)*

Minutes of March 18, 2026 Meeting

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the minutes as amended of March 18, 2026. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #6

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #6. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-2228 – Intent to Establish RHID (TransEquity)

There was presented to the City Commission a Resolution making certain findings and determinations regarding the need for housing in Concordia, and setting forth the legal description for the proposed RHID in the 1100 block of E. 11th Street.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Wentz, seconded by Commissioner Lambertz, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yea: Commissioners Hutchinson, Lambertz, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2026-2228, was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

Certificate of Final Inspection – Fort Kearney St.

This Certificate confirms completion and acceptance of public water main and street extensions along Fort Kearney Street for City maintenance.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the Certificate of Final Inspection for Fort Kearney St. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Certificate of Final Inspection – St. Joseph Subdivision

This Certificate confirms completion and acceptance of public water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and street improvements within the St. Joseph Subdivision for City maintenance.

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the Certificate of Final Inspection for the St. Joseph Subdivision. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Manager’s Report

Amy Lange discussed travel and community engagement from the previous week. She discussed attending the Senior Interview Day with USD 333 and the Dave Hanson forum round table discussion in Hayes to present the St. Joseph Housing Project. She provided legislative updates regarding House Bill 2745 being passed and how this will affect the budgeting process.

Staff Reports

Tim Jessup updated discussed completing a variety of building inspections, permit reviews, and construction oversight activities over the last two weeks.

Chris Atkins discussed finishing the restoration of the roof of the pool house. He stated that the damage was not as severe as initially thought and the amount of repair will be available for the next commission packet.

Shane Kisby updated the Commission on being 1/3 of the way done with the planter box project and gave an update on pothole patching. He discussed the types of trees that will be planted in these planter boxes including: Taylor Juniper, Tatarian Maple, Sargent Crabapple, and Kindred Spirit Oak.

Brent Gering discussed attending the active shooter tabletop training at the courthouse. He discussed it being very informative and provided insight into how to respond to future incidents.

Amber Farha discussed setting up budget meeting dates to review the City’s budgets for the year. It was decided that the budget meetings will take place on July 13, 2026 and July 15, 2026.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Commissioner Hutchinson asked the high school students in attendance to come up and have their paperwork signed.

Commissioner Wentz discussed with Police Chief, Brent Gering, the possibility of teaching scooter safety to the public. Brent Gering stated that this would be a top priority.

Commissioner Jackson discussed the community Easter Egg Hunt and prom. She thanked the City for helping with park preparations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Non-Elected Personnel

Commissioner Lambertz moved that the City Commission recess into executive session to discuss employment/personnel issues pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) with city commission and Justin Ferrell in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:25 p.m. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion carried by following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Hutchinson, Jackson, Lambertz, and Wentz

Naye: None

Time: 6:25 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:25 p.m.

Mayor Hutchinson announced there was no binding action taken.

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Aye: Commissioners Hutchinson, Jackson, Lambertz, and Wentz

Naye: None

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Aye: Commissioners Hutchinson, Jackson, Lambertz, and Wentz

Naye: None

Time: 6:53 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:53 p.m.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 6:53 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Hunter York _____
City Clerk