

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

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session August 6, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Jackson, Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager Amy Lange, City Clerk Stacey Smith, Finance Director Amber Farha, and City Attorney Justin Ferrell.

Visitors: Russell Gagnon, Jason Johnson, Clayton Kelley, Brett Denham, Kelly Struebing, Tom DeBauche, Jordan Budreau, Aaron Wachsnicht, Marsha Washnicht, Henry Fletcher, KRSL. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Chris Atkins, Parks & Recreation Director; Brent Gering, Police Chief.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Jackson 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.

ACTION AGENDA (*Action Expected*)

Resolution 2025-2206 – Authorize Issuance of Bonds for Improvements

Thereupon, there was presented a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF; AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2023-2166.

Thereupon, Commissioner Hutchinson moved that said Resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lambertz. Said Resolution was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the adoption of said Resolution was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Yea: Commissioners Jackson, Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly adopted and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2025-2206 and was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

Resolution 2025-2207 – Authorize Sale of Bonds for Improvements

The matter of providing for the offering for sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025, came on for consideration and was discussed.

Commissioner Hutchinson presented and moved the adoption of a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2025, OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS.

Commissioner Lambertz seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution. The Resolution was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the adoption of the Resolution was carried by the following vote of the Governing Body:

Aye: Commissioners Jackson, Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

The Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted by the Governing Body and the Clerk designated the same Resolution No. 2025-2207.

Center Pointe Development Agreement

Center Pointe Formulations intends to construct a 24,000 sq. ft. facility located at 2060 Ft. Kearney St. The City’s responsibility would be the cost of professional design and administration of the extension of the street with rock and gravel surfacing, and extension of water mains including fire hydrants. There would be a property tax exemption for five years. The estimated cost to the City would be approximately \$40,500.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to authorize the mayor to sign the development agreement with Center Pointe Formulations. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Campbell & Johnson Professional Services Agreement for Ft. Kearney St. and Water Mains

The agreement is in conjunction with the Center Pointe agreement. Campbell & Johnson would provide the services for the extension of the street and water mains on Ft. Kearney St.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to authorize the city manager to sign the agreement with Campbell & Johnson for services related to the extension of Ft. Kearney street and water mains, in the amount of \$21,500.00. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

USD 333 License Agreement for Parking Lot in Right-of-Way

USD 333 is in the process of paving its off-street parking lot north of the high school. Staff has worked to ensure the striping plan meets public standard. Since a portion of the pavement will be located within the public right-of-way, the license agreement allows for removal should the City require it in the future. The parking lot has functioned with a temporary surface until now.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to authorize the mayor to sign the license agreement with USD 333 for parking lot pavement in the public right-of-way. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Benesch Design Services Agreement for Sidewalks to Schools

Last year, the City was awarded a \$1.032 million grant through the KDOT Transportation Alternatives program for design and construction of sidewalks near Concordia Middle School. This project also includes the addition of signed crosswalks, replacement of a pedestrian bridge over Niagra Ditch, and connectivity to both existing sidewalks along E. 6th Street north and west of CMS and connectivity to the Concordia Sports Complex and Concordia Elementary School. Local match responsibility includes only expenses associated with right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation if needed and any scope of work beyond that which was indicated in the original grant application. Design is expected to be completed in 2025, with construction in 2026.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the grant agreement with Benesch for design services associated with the KDOT Sidewalk for Schools project. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of July 16, 2025 Meeting / July 14 & 16 Budget Meetings

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the minutes of July 16, 2025, and the budget meeting minutes of July 14 and July 16. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #14

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #14. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2025-3236 - Uniform Public Offense Code

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, EDITION OF 2024, WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS, AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS; PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES; REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 14-101 OF THE CONCORDIA CODE; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING A SECTION NUMBERED 14-101.

Thereupon, Commissioner Lambertz moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Aye: Jackson, Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2025-3236, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk, and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

Ordinance 2025-3237 - Standard Traffic Offenses

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES, EDITION OF 2025, WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS, AMENDMENTS, AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

Thereupon, Commissioner Lambertz moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wentz. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Aye: Jackson, Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2025-3237, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk, and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

Grant Agreement – Downtown Trees

The City has received a grant for replacement of trees downtown, as well as the current brick planters. The grant also allows for several trees in other areas, and could be utilized at the new subdivision.

Commissioners agreed the trees in the Plaza should stay due to their shade value, but have them trimmed. Discussion included the types of tree that will not need replacement in another 10 years, and where to place additional trees. The grant needs to be returned by August 22.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to table discussion. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

Amy Lange said work is moving forward with the electric vehicle charging stations at the Brown Grand. The public hearing for the Community Activities Center was changed from tonight until August 13. The railroad crossing work is progressing. The traffic signals will be updated the week of August 18.

Staff Reports

Brent Gering reported on National Night Out last night at Hood Park. He stated that there has been an arrest within 24 hours on a business break-in recently.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Commissioner Hutchinson praised Brent Gering for assisting with a family issue. She stated the gates at the Broadway Plaza have required repair for several months.

Commissioner Lambertz said the school has asked that a commissioner attend Constitution Week. He expressed appreciation for the police and fire departments at National Night Out.

Commissioner Wentz asked for an update on a condemned house on 6th Street. Bruno Rehbein said a permit has been issued to repair it. She said a resident has inquired about installing a stop sign at Highland Drive and Crescent Lane.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 6:28 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith
City Clerk