

Special Meeting
March 16, 2020
6:30 p.m.

The Board of City Commission of the City of Herington, Kansas met at the Tri-County Chamber Board Room at 6:30 p.m. on the above date – The following being present: Commissioner Donahue, Commissioner Gares, Commissioner Hartman, Commissioner Bell, Mayor Urbanek, City Clerk Marcus Hawkes and Deputy City Clerk Kathy Matkins.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Urbanek made a motion to change the order of the agenda items moving the Executive Session to the end of the agenda and moving all the other agenda items up in succession, seconded by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried with all voting “Aye.”

Discuss and Consider Disconnection for Non-Pay relating to COVID-19. Discussion was had and Mayor Urbanek made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gares to follow the executive orders by the State of Kansas, Kansas Corporation Commission to suspend utility disconnects for nonpayment of bills until April 15, 2020, with an option to extend it if necessary. Motion carried with all voting “Aye.”

Discuss Response to COVID-19. Mayor Urbanek said we are following guidelines mandated by other agencies and following appropriate procedures. Commissioner Donahue II suggested moving the city board meetings to a later date and applying that movement of the Open House on March 26, 2020 with Evergy Consultants to a later date as well for the welfare and safety of the Community and Residents and all affected by Coronavirus. Commissioner Bell said there are a lot of issues on the agenda for Tuesday, 3-17-2020 and we should hold the meeting as scheduled. Mayor Urbanek felt the city should address all city issues even the non-essential issues. Commissioner Gares made a motion to mimic and follow Governor Kelly’s Executive Orders and limit public gatherings to 50 people in attendance. Limit to 50 or less on a first come first serve basis, seconded by Mayor Urbanek. Motion carried with all voting “Aye.”

A motion was made by Mayor Urbanek, seconded by Commissioner Bell to recess into Executive Session K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) pursuant to the non-elect personnel matters, to preserve the privacy of each potential city manager candidate. To include the Governing Body, the City Attorney and the City Clerk. Meeting to resume at 7:10pm in the Tri-County Chamber Board Room. Motion carried, with all voting “Aye.” Meeting resumed with no action taken.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Commissioner Gares, seconded by Commissioner Bell to adjourn. Motion carried, with all voting “Aye”

Also, present: Kim Mann, Carl Urbanek, Brian Hornaday, Cynthia Naylor, J.R. Sparke-The Herington Times

Marcus Hawkes, City Clerk