



CITY OF TOPEKA

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TRANSIENT GUEST TAX COMMITTEE

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Date: November 13, 2024
Time: 3:00pm
Location: Virtual Attendance Only via Zoom

Committee members present: Councilmembers Brett Kell, Michelle Hoferer (Chair). Absent: Marcus Miller

City staff present: City Manager Dr. Robert M. Perez, City Attorney Amanda Stanley, Budget & Finance Division Director Josh McAnarney

Call to Order

Committee chair Hoferer called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Approve May 23, 2024 Minutes

Committee member Kell made a motion to approve the minutes. Committee Chair Hoferer approved. Minutes approved 2-0-0.

3) Ice Rink Development Agreement

City Attorney Amanda Stanley referenced the Amendment No. 1 to the City of Topeka Contract No. 52270. She added that the changes are to the funding allocations and use section. The first report will now include the progress in fundraising efforts, planning and the design of the facility in the first six months of the project. If after six months there has been no effort in fundraising any portion of TGT funds will be allocated back to the City of Topeka. An additional change is in section two to allow additional time for installation and adjust the date.

Parrish Hotel Corporation President and CEO Jim Parish spoke to the need to have the date change in the agreement due to the funding situation. He spoke to the documentation for the project installation costs and the project completion date. It was stated the documentation must be submitted by February 1, 2025 and the project completion date is January 1, 2025 and with a 30-day written notice the City may grant an extension. Parish expressed the need to have a realistic date in the agreement for the project completion date.

Committee member Marcus Miller joined the meeting.

Committee member Kell stated the importance to make sure that the dates in the
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agreement are all understood by all parties.

Jim Parish expressed the need to have a realistic date in the agreement for the project completion date.

Committee chair Hoferer suggested to amend the agreement completion date to January 1, 2026.

Committee member Miller questioned agreement completion date.

Executive Director Topeka Lodging Association Kurt Young spoke to the clarification in the agreement for a completion date of January 1, 2026 for a permanent ice rink. He added that currently the funding is coming from three different sponsors.

MOTION: Committee chair Hoferer made a motion for Amendment No. 1 to City of Topeka Contract No. 52270, line 66 to adjust the date to January 1, 2026 date. Committee member Kell seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Committee chair Hoferer asked City Attorney Amanda Stanley if there is any need for changes to the language in the Agreement for Installation Costs. She stated there is no need for any changes.

MOTION: Committee Kell made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to City of Topeka Contract No. 52270. Committee member Miller seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

4) Other Items

Committee Chair Hoferer provided the following updates:

- Constitution Hall
 - \$15,923 distributed Year to Date
 - Total budget: \$355,000 Distributed to date: \$244,110
 - Kelley Construction Co. is currently engaged with the construction and rehabilitation
- Everygy Plaza
 - \$154,078 distributed Year to Date
 - Total budget: \$3,435,000 Distributed to date: \$2,282,362
 - Various internal and external events were held at Everygy Plaza during 3rd quarter with 4th quarter events scheduled
- Jayhawk Theatre
 - \$30,502 distributed Year to Date
 - Total budget: \$680,000. Distributed to date: \$451,818
 - 2024 activities; interior demolition, contract with Senne, community input sessions and grants submitted

- Final paperwork for funding exemptions are complete
- Evel Knievel Museum
 - Museum is closed and is moving to Las Vegas, Nevada

Adjourn

Chairwoman Hoferer adjourned the meeting at 3:25pm.

Video recording of the meeting can be found at: <https://youtu.be/4eAePF9rMa4>