

Business Session

2:00 PM – Thursday, December 19, 2024

26th Floor Council Chambers

Those in attendance: Mayor Quinton Lucas, Mayor Pro-Tem Ryana Parks-Shaw, Councilmembers ~ O’Neill, Willett, French, Rogers, Patterson-Hazley, Robinson, Rea, Bunch, Curls, Bough & Duncan. City Manager Brian Platt represented the City Manager’s office; Howard Rice represented the City Clerk’s Office.

- **Approval of Minutes for Business Session of October 31, 2024:** Minutes approved unanimously
- **World Cup 2026 Board update for Kansas City:** Lindsay Douglas & Tracy Simms, World Cup Board, presented the World Cup Board Update. Local officials and steering committee members reported steady progress in preparing the city to serve as a host venue. Efforts include advancing critical infrastructure projects around Arrowhead Stadium, enhancing public transportation routes, and improving pedestrian access to support a seamless fan experience. The board has also worked closely with FIFA representatives to finalize stadium improvements, addressing field quality, security measures, and accessibility standards. Community engagement initiatives are underway, including outreach programs to local businesses, cultural events to showcase the city’s international spirit, and volunteer recruitment drives. Additionally, the board has strengthened partnerships with regional tourism organizations, hospitality providers, and sponsors, laying a solid foundation to ensure that Kansas City’s role in the 2026 World Cup leaves a lasting positive legacy for residents, visitors, and the global soccer community.
- The Kansas City Affordable Housing Trust Fund (HTF) presentation, led by Blaine Proctor, Dion Lewis, Evan Chiarelli, and Mary Owens, provided an overview of the fund's progress, priorities, and plans as of December 18, 2024. The presentation highlighted the fund's role in addressing the city's affordable housing crisis through targeted investments in new construction, rehabilitating existing properties, and supporting low- to moderate-income households. Key initiatives included the allocation of funds to community development organizations, the acceleration of project timelines, and the introduction of new funding cycles aimed at increasing the pipeline of affordable units. The board emphasized the importance of equity, community engagement, and streamlined processes to ensure the efficient deployment of funds. The presentation concluded with a review of performance metrics, project impact assessments, and upcoming opportunities for stakeholders to participate in future funding rounds.**Discussion of Ordinances, Resolutions, and**

- **Communications listed on the Council legislative docket or for Floor Introduction: No Discussion**

The meeting Adjourned