

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR RESOLUTION NO. 051376

Establishing the City's priorities for proposed legislation that the City encourages the General Assembly to adopt during the 2006 Missouri Legislative Session.

WHEREAS, the Missouri General Assembly will convene January 4, 2006, and the City, during the process of establishing its legislative priorities, seeks to propose legislation for adoption during the 2006 Session; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the City Council of Kansas City hereby adopts the following positions on legislation that it will seek to propose as and for its legislative priorities for the 2005 Missouri Legislative Session:

1. The opposition to all legislation that would restrict the development of Life Sciences in Missouri, including proposals to limit Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer research aimed at developing more effective therapies and cures for disease and disability; and
2. The opposition to any efforts that restrict the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for economic development or redevelopment but support for meaningful reforms that implement statewide the City's current TIF policies and procedures; and
3. The opposition to any efforts that would restrict the City's use of eminent domain by impeding the City's ability to provide core services to its citizens or limiting the ability of the City to protect and build revenue through economic development or redevelopment; and
4. The securing of a state supplemental Tax Increment Financing (TIF) appropriation and the increasing of the overall statutory funding cap for the state supplemental TIF program to accommodate the Antioch Mall project and the 63rd and Prospect Citadel Place project; and
5. The funding of the MoDESA increment for the Power and Light District out of the State's Supplemental Downtown Development Fund; and
6. The authorization to increase the City's current court costs fees by two dollars for allocation to the City's Animal Control Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City will continue to seek State funding for major public capital improvement projects and opportunities to maximize State funding of other important City projects and programs; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof, and that copies hereof be distributed to the elected members of the Missouri General Assembly from the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area as evidence of the City's position on these important matters.

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