

**Business Session**  
**1:00 PM – Thursday, October 9, 2014**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Floor Committee Room**

**Those in attendance:** Mayor James, Councilmembers Wagner, Davis, Ford, Johnson, Curls, Reed, Glover, Marcason, Circo, Brooks, Taylor, Sharp, and City Manager, Troy Schulte.

- 1. Approval of minutes.** The motion to approve minutes from the October 2nd was made and seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- 2. River Market Community Improvement District Public Hearing.**

**MAYOR:** The next item on the agenda is the public hearing for the proposed renewal of the River Market Community Improvement District Inc. The purpose of this hearing is to consider the advisability of renewing the River Market Community Improvement District Inc. pursuant to the requirements of state law governing Community Improvement Districts. If after considering the documents received, testimony and discussion the Council deems it advisable that the District be renewed, then an ordinance will be introduced for that purpose.

**MAYOR:** Will the clerk call the roll to determine that we have a quorum and record same.

**CLERK:** 8 members were present.

**MAYOR:** There is a quorum for the hearing.

**MAYOR:** Will the Clerk report on the Notice for this hearing.

**CLERK:** Mayor James and Council members, notice for this hearing has been published as required by the Community Improvement District Act and a copy of the notice is on file in the Office of the City Clerk. In addition, notice has been mailed to the property owners as required by law and a certification of mailing same is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

**MAYOR:** The Council will now take up the public hearing concerning the District. Will the Clerk report on the Petition.

**CLERK:** Pursuant to the requirements of state law governing Community Improvement Districts, the proponents of the River Market Community Improvement District Inc. renewal have filed their petition with the City Clerk. Upon information received from the Information Technology department and the City Planning and Development department, I have certified that the petition has been signed by property owners collectively owning more than fifty percent by assessed value of the real property within the boundaries of the district; and that the Petition has been signed by more than fifty percent per capita of all owners of real property within the boundaries of the district. Upon information from the City Attorney, the Petition meets the technical requirements of the Community Improvement District Act.

**MAYOR:** Will the Clerk present any proposed amendments to the District unrelated to the boundaries and any written objections to the District?

**CLERK:** No Amendments and/or objections have been received.

**MAYOR:** If there is anyone in the audience that would like to present amendments or written objections at this time, please provide those to the City Clerk.

The Clerk received one written objection and copies were distributed to the Council.

**MAYOR:** If there is anyone who would like to present amendments or objections orally or otherwise testify, please come up, and state your name and address before you testify.

Sally Wells, owner of a commercial property located on the Northwest corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wyandotte presented a written objection and presented her objection orally. Amongst her oral objections were claims the petition was not in proper order and did not meet statutory guidelines.

City Attorney Brian Rabineau testified he received the petition certification from the clerk's office. He also added he personally reviewed the petition; conducted his own independent verification and found it to be in full compliance with the statute.

Rick Bettinger, 210 Wyandotte testified about trash being left in front of his business for several days. Even though he is paying to have the area policed to keep it clean and well kept, he does not see any benefit to him.

Mayor ProTem Circo suggested he take his concerns directly to the CID for assistance.

There was brief discussion among the councilmembers.

**MAYOR:** Is there any discussion by the Council?

There was no additional discussion.

**MAYOR:** If there is no further discussion, is there a motion?

**COUNCILWOMAN MARCASON:** Mayor I move that the Council do the following:

Approve the petition submitted and verified by the City Clerk for the renewal of the River Market Community Improvement District Inc.;

Approve the renewal of the River Market Community Improvement District Inc.; and

Request the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to approve the Petition and renew the River Market Community Improvement District Inc. in the Council's legislative session.

**COUNCILMAN GLOVER:** Second.

**MAYOR:** It has been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion on the motion?

**MAYOR:** If there is no further discussion, will the Clerk please call the roll.

**CLERK:**   13   Aye           No           Abstentions

**MAYOR:** The motion passed.

**MAYOR:** An ordinance will be introduced to formally renew the River Market Community Improvement District Inc. That concluded the hearing.

Mayor James advised Ms. Wells the matter would be heard in the Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee on Wednesday October 15th at 1:30 pm in the Council Chamber on the 26<sup>th</sup> floor. He went on to invite Ms. Wells to attend the committee meeting

where she could present the documents supporting her objections for consideration by the committee.

A copy of the River Market CID Annual report presentation and a copy of the written objection to the CID made by Sally Wells are on file with the City Clerk.

### **3. Update on City Planning Development Service Analysis.**

Councilman Taylor introduced the agenda item. He stated the purpose of the third party analysis was to determine ways to make it easier for businesses to do business in Kansas City, Missouri. He added the report suggested 325 changes. Councilman Taylor praised the department for their progress and for receiving the recommendations so well.

Bob Langenkamp, Greg Franzene, and Jeffrey Williams with City Planning and Development provided an update of the progress they have made implementing the recommendations. They reported they are on schedule with their goals up to this point and outlined a timeline for additional progress.

### **4. Presentation on the Mayor's Women's Initiative.**

Mayor James introduced Joni Wickham currently Director of Public Affairs, incoming Chief of Staff in the Mayor's office. Ms. Wickham testified the Women's initiative (WE) was started after Mayor James had expressed a desire for the local City Government to be reflective of the population that lives in the city.

Ms. Wickham went on to provide an overview of the WE initiative. She identified several community partners they are collaborating with in addition to providing an outline of the goals, strategies and objectives being utilized.

### **5. Discussion of Ordinances, Resolutions and Communication on Today's Docket or for Floor Introduction.**

Mayor James advised the Council members that Councilman Davis would be introducing a resolution to temporarily change the name of Baltimore Ave to Royals Ave.

### **6. Items to be placed on Future Business Session Agendas.**

There were no items discussed.

### **7. Closed Session.**

There was no motion to move into closed session.