

MINUTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – September 24, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
Laura Dominik
Leon Dixon
Olivia Dorsey
Marilou Joyner
Susie Kenney

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Claudia Oñate Greim
Billie Howard Barnes
Rose Marie Bell

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Jessica Addo, Administrative Officer
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and
Community Engagement
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth & Family Engagement
Jenny Garmon, Legal & Government Information Specialist
Kim Gile, Community Reference Manager
Cindy Hohl, Director of Branch Operations
Rhiannon Johnson, Financial Literacy & Career Resources
Specialist
Kelly Mahon, Non-Profit Specialist
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive
Services
Debbie Siragusa, Assistant Director / Chief Operating Officer &
Chief Financial Officer
Jeni Starr, Health & Wellness Specialist
Deborah Stoppello, Director of Library Collections
Karen Weitzel, Director of Human Resources
Kayla White, Economic Mobility Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Platt
Brett Currier
Renee Franklin
Janell Johnson

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

J. Kemper opened the public hearing for the 2019 property tax rate and the final 2019 – 2020 budget and asked for questions and comments. There was no response from the public and J. Kemper closed the public hearing.

Motion by Dominik to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019 regular Board meeting. Second by Dixon. Approved unanimously. (Note: As a matter of Board convention, the Chair votes only when his/her vote would affect the outcome of the vote. In all “recorded” votes, the vote of the Chair appears only when it has actually been cast and when it has had an effect on the disposition of the motion. Notations of “approved unanimously” mean all members, other than the Chair, voting affirmatively.)

Discussing the proposed ad valorem tax rate, Siragusa stated that Library staff recommended that the ad valorem tax rate for 2019 be set at 56.44 cents per assessed \$100 valuation.

Motion by Joyner to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to fix the Library's 2019 ad valorem tax rate at 56.44 cents per \$100 assessed valuation pursuant to the provisions of 67.110 RSMo. Second by Dominik. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4377)

Discussing the proposed final 2019-2020 Library Operating Budget, Siragusa noted the official and unofficial protests filed with the county make the final official assessed valuation from Jackson County uncertain which will ultimately impact projected revenue. The budget as presented includes the additional tax revenue that will be generated from the eight-cent levy increase.

Kenney arrived 4:41 p.m.

Motion by Dominik to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to adopt a final 2019-2020 Library Operating Budget General Fund of \$24,373,832 and approve changes in transfers as noted on the attached schedules. Second by Dixon. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4378)

Dorsey left 4:53 p.m.

Motion by Dominik to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract with Titan Protection & Consulting, Inc. (“Titan”) for security officer services at the Bluford, North-East, Plaza, Ruiz, Southeast, Trails West, Waldo and Westport branches for an annual amount not to exceed \$438,600. Second by Joyner. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4379)

Motion by Dixon to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract with Lacy & Company LLC for owner’s representative services related to the planned renovation of the North-East branch location for a total cost not to exceed \$84,000. Second by Dominik. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4380)

Motion by Dominik to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to ratify the purchase of equipment to repair the Annex elevator from MEI Total Elevator Solutions (“MEI”) in the amount of \$55,341. Second by Dixon. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4381)

C. Kemper introduced Janell Johnson, the Hartsook consultant serving as Interim Development Director.

Motion by Dominik to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Kenney. Approved unanimously. The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the following expenditures for August 2019: Payroll (08/15/19 net cash \$244,103

plus taxes \$88,493) and (08/29/19 net cash \$256,848 plus taxes \$94,339) and (09/12/19 net cash \$246,778 plus taxes \$90,230) total amount of \$1,020,791; General Expense Payments including Checks (#279-735), in the amount of \$1,467,304. (LBM 4375)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for August 2019. (LBM 4376)

Kim Gile, Community Reference Manager, introduced the Community Reference Team and their reference areas. The team's mission is connecting people in our community to each other and to information so that our community is empowered to thrive. While the team provides traditional reference services, they try to meet people where there are with programming and services, office hours at multiple locations, one-on-one appointments, community partnerships, and internal staff resources and collaborators.

C. Kemper discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 4382) Plans to continue the discussion of the J.C. Nichols map at the Plaza Branch are being finalized by staff and community partners. The Pendergast Years website has been selected for the 2019 Autry Public History Award from the Western History Association. Mayor James issued a Proclamation commending Crystal Faris for service and dedication to knowledge and literacy in Kansas City. Representative Emanuel Cleaver II sent the library a letter congratulating us on the success of the Becoming American public program.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Secretary

Date