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*Jeanie Lauer (5th) Chairman,
Megan L. Marshall (3rd AL) Vice Chairman,
Jalen Anderson (1st AL), Donna Peyton (2nd AL), Manuel Abarca IV (1st),
Venessa Huskey (2nd), Charlie Franklin (3rd), DaRon McGee (4th),
Sean E. Smith (6th)*

Monday, April 29, 2024

3:00 PM

Fifteenth Regular Meeting

K.C. Legislative Assembly Area, Kansas City, Missouri

Megan L. Marshall, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

Absent 1 - Jeanie Lauer

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on April 22, 2024. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

None.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Frank White, Jr., County Executive, reported that the County hosted the Associate Appreciation Day at the Kansas City Zoo. During the morning, 670 associates and their families came early for breakfast and many more came to the zoo later in the day. The weather cooperated to make it a successful event.

Manuel Abarca, IV, County Legislator, asked about an associate who was stuck in the elevator at the jail. Mr. White said issues related to security at the jail need to be discussed in a closed session. Mr. Abarca asked if there is anything that precludes the County Executive from discussing elevator maintenance issues in open session. Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, said this relates to security issues and cannot be discussed in

open session. Mr. White said these specific elevators are no longer manufactured. The plan is to maintain the current jail well enough until the new detention center is completed. The elevator parts are hard to find. Building a new elevator would take the County up to the time the new jail will open.

Mr. Abarca asked about the sports teams. Information was released that the State of Kansas has moved forward on Star Bonds to make a move to Kansas an attractive option. Mr. White said the Chiefs made a statement and the County will issue a statement in response this afternoon. Mr. White said the goal is to get things on the right page with the right people with negotiating. Many of the goals of the Administration were circumvented, causing delays. He said he has not had any conversations with the teams.

Mr. Abarca asked about data on the outcomes of the assessment process, specifically comparisons of assessed values vs. values set by the Board of Equalization (BOE) and the effectiveness of the assessment process. Caleb Clifford, Chief of Staff, said certain information has been shared. They need more specific questions in order to compile the information. Mr. Abarca said he requested comparisons of the assessed valuations compared to valuations set by the Board of Equalization (BOE), including differences and percentages. Mr. Clifford said the BOE valuations are the result of an administrative process. Mr. White said the Administration needs a list of specific questions for a response. He requested an email itemizing the questions.

Donna Peyton, County Legislator, said she appreciates the County Executive's opinion about negotiations and what he believes went wrong. She said the teams have a different opinion according to what has been published.

Sean E. Smith, County Legislator, asked specific questions about the County Executive Order making an appointment to the BOE and appointee's qualifications. Mr. Clifford said he did not have that information but would get the answers to Mr. Smith's questions. Mr. Smith asked how many days the Legislature has to consider the Executive Order. Bryan Covinsky, County Counselor, said the County Legislature has fifteen days from today to consider the appointment. Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of the County Legislature, said it is actually fifteen days from the date it was filed in her office which was April 23, 2024.

Jalen Anderson, County Legislator, said he appreciates the annual zoo event. Associates expressed to him how much they enjoyed the event.

Resolutions #21604 through #21608, and #21610 were adopted at this time. See pages 4 - 6 for details.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

None.

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE[21562](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to discharge Resolution #21562 to the Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and DaRon McGee

No: 2 - Megan L. Marshall and Sean E. Smith

Abstain: 1 - Charlie Franklin

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(APPROVED)

[21562](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to adopt Resolution #21562, expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of reproductive rights and funding for family planning clinics. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and DaRon McGee

No: 1 - Sean E. Smith

Abstain: 2 - Megan L. Marshall and Charlie Franklin

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[21572](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Venessa Huskey, to discharge Resolution #21572 to the Legislature As A Whole. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and DaRon McGee

No: 2 - Megan L. Marshall and Sean E. Smith

Abstain: 1 - Charlie Franklin

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(APPROVED)

[21572](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21572, expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of House Joint Resolution 135. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey and DaRon McGee

No: 1 - Sean E. Smith

Abstain: 2 - Megan L. Marshall and Charlie Franklin

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

Whitney Miller, Chief Deputy County Counselor, said Resolutions #21562 and #21572 were adopted. Because these resolutions were not recommended by the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, under Chapter 2 of the Jackson County Code, they do not have the power to direct the lobbyist, but rather state the Legislature's intent to support these specific topics.

9 CONSENT AGENDA

None.

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

None.

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE[21604](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21604, recognizing the Kansas City American Institute of Architects (AIA) Chapter on the 35th anniversary of development of the Critical Planet Rescue, a plan of action for environmentally responsible building and urban design. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Jeanie Lauer and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

[21605](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21605, celebrating Earth Day 2024 and recognizing the importance of protecting our environment. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Jeanie Lauer and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

[21606](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21606, recognizing the Jackson County Parks + Rec Department for providing sustainable natural parks and open spaces for the enjoyment of our community. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Jeanie Lauer and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

[21607](#)

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Manuel Abarca IV, to adopt Resolution #21607, recognizing the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault's Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 7 - Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 2 - Jeanie Lauer and DaRon McGee

(ADOPTED)

[21608](#)

A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Donna Peyton, to adopt Resolution #21608, recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Jackson County. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

[21609](#) Awarding a contract for the furnishing of nine full size SUVs and one truck for use by the Sheriff's Office to Reed Motors STJ, LLC, dba Reed Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Saint Joseph, MO, under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC240138010, an existing competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$410,389.00.

(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

[21610](#) A motion was made by Manuel Abarca IV, seconded by Jalen Anderson, to adopt Resolution #21610, honoring the life and achievements of radio DJ Brian "Slacker" Adams who passed away April 16, 2024. The motion passed by a roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, DaRon McGee and Sean E. Smith

Absent: 1 - Jeanie Lauer

(ADOPTED)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[24-08](#) By the authority vested in me by the Constitutional Home Rule Charter of Jackson County, Missouri, I hereby make the following appointment to the Jackson County Board of Equalization:
Nathaniel Petty is appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the previous appointee, V. Edwin Stoll, whose term expired on December 31, 2023. Mr. Petty is appointed for a term to commence immediately and to expire on December 31, 2027.
A copy of Mr. Petty's resume is attached.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

Manuel Abarca IV asked if the County is still in a state of emergency. Caleb Clifford said the state of emergency continues, specifically as related to contractual needs in response to the ransomware attack. Bryan Covinsky said the County is still dealing with the ransomware attack. The emergency declaration requires that the contracts must be related to the ransomware issue. Mr. Covinsky said the Code requires notification to the Legislature of any contract over \$25,000.00.

15 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jalen Anderson, seconded by Sean E. Smith, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned until Monday, May 6, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.