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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)*

Jackson County Courthouse
415 E. 12th Street, 2nd floor
Kansas City, Missouri 64106
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Monday, March 11, 2024

3:00 PM

Eighth Regular Meeting

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

Jeanie Lauer, Chairman, called the meeting of the Jackson County Legislature to order.

1 ROLL CALL

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

Excused 1 - Jalen Anderson

2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

3 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Sean E. Smith, seconded by Megan L. Marshall to approve the journal of the previous meeting held on March 04, 2024. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4 HEARINGS

Jeanie Lauer, County Legislator, opened the public hearing from the Crossroads District community members regarding the Royals Stadium location. Ms. Lauer stated the ground rules for the public hearing. Business owners and residents of the Crossroads community will be allowed to present first, then remaining time will be allowed for residents and people to speak who reside outside the area where the proposed Royals Stadium is to be located. Each speaker will be allotted two minutes. Speakers are requested to not repeat previous testimony. People in attendance are invited to raise their hand when they agree with a point made by a speaker. People are admonished to not clap or otherwise disrupt the proceedings. Donna Peyton, County Legislator, asked for clarification if this public testimony is only related to the location of a baseball stadium in the Crossroads District, not for or against the tax itself. Jeanie Lauer said, that is correct. This hearing is to focus on the site location.

Those who spoke in opposition to the stadium location in the Crossroads

District cited such issues as:

- Established businesses and homeowners will be forced out. Concerns about businesses being displaced and adequate compensation.
- The highway infrastructure is not prepared to handle the traffic.
- Lack of adequate parking.
- Public safety and crime
- Lack of transparency regarding plans and dissatisfaction with learning about the location through a press conference.
- Concerns about losing the Crossroads Art District culture.
- Financial costs to businesses located just outside the building impact zone.
- Uncertainty about the Community Benefits Agreement.
- Concerns about assistance in relocating established businesses and impact on music and art events in the district.
- Concerns about removing a section of Oak Street.

Those who spoke in support of the stadium location in the Crossroads neighborhood cited:

- Opportunity for economic development downtown.
- Opportunity for high paying union jobs with the construction of the stadium.
- Opportunity for job creation at the site.
- Opportunity for Chiefs and Royals to commit to Kansas City for the next 40 years. This will keep the momentum going from other great events in Kansas City (Super Bowl, airport, streetcar, NFL draft, FIFA, and KC Current).
- Benefits to businesses located in the area, particularly those Latino people in the Westside.
- Chance for stadium visitors to choose their own parking without the confines of a stadium parking lot. Visitors can walk, ride the streetcar, or locate various parking lots at different price ranges. The parking issue is the same as T-Mobile Arena, which has worked out successfully.
- A downtown stadium will be the next great step in revitalizing the area to make Kansas City a destination for visitors and locals. This is a great opportunity for Kansas City.
- Opportunity for the community to have a share of the Community Benefits Package.
- Other metropolitan areas throughout the country have seen downtowns revitalized with additional character and development through downtown baseball parks.
- Opportunity to expand affordable housing in the area.

The following people spoke before the Legislature either for or against

the stadium location in the Crossroads neighborhood:

1. Jill Cockson - against stadium location
2. Duke Dujakovich - for stadium location
3. Ralph Oropeza - for stadium location
4. David Coleman -- for stadium location
5. Rocky Kloth - for stadium location
6. Kerri Pomerence - against stadium location
7. Tim Smith - against stadium location
8. Elizabeth Darr - against stadium location
9. Jeff Evans - against stadium location
10. Sean O'Byrne - for stadium location
11. Abel Bordes - for stadium location
12. Kay Buchheit - against stadium location
13. Michael Collins - for stadium location
14. Butch Rigby - for stadium location
15. Mark Thornhill - for stadium location
16. Meg Steen - against stadium location
17. Rick Johnson representing Rural Grit - against stadium location
18. Dick Power - against stadium location
19. Thomas McIntyre - for the stadium location
20. Chad Hickman - for the stadium location
21. Sarah Deeder - against the stadium location

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AND REPORTS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

The County Executive had no report.

6 PERFECTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

[5823](#)

Repealing sections 9103. and 9104., Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to the Board of Equalization, and enacting, in lieu thereof, two new sections relating to the same subject, with an effective date.

(WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR SEAN E. SMITH. CONCURRED BY MEGAN MARSHALL AND MANUEL ABARCA IV)

7 FINAL PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None.

8 RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE

- [21519](#) A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive or the Chairman of the Legislature to sell the County-owned property located at 1300 Washington Street, Kansas City, MO 64105 via the competitive bidding process.
(Land Use Committee - 5th. Meeting)
- [21536](#) A RESOLUTION approving the 2024-2025 Jackson County Assessment and Equalization Maintenance Plan.
(Finance and Audit Committee - 3rd. Meeting)
- [21537](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of greater local controls for Jackson County.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 3rd. Meeting)
- [21538](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate in support of trans rights to the Missouri General Assembly.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 3rd. Meeting)
- [21540](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in opposition to House Bills 2367, 2470, and 2523.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 3rd. Meeting)
- [21546](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of maintaining a fair and equitable citizen initiative petition process.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 3rd. Meeting)
- [21552](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of Blair's Law and greater local gun control for Jackson County.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 2nd. Meeting)
- [21553](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of the County Assessor being an elected position in Jackson County.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[21554](#) A RESOLUTION expressing the intent of the Legislature to direct the Chief Lobbyist to advocate to the Missouri General Assembly in support of the Missouri Nondiscrimination Act in Jackson County.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 2nd. Meeting)

[21562](#) A RESOLUTION 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.
(Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee - 1st. Meeting)

9 CONSENT AGENDA

None.

10 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[5836](#) Appropriating \$975,000.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2024 County Improvement Fund to cover the cost of renovations and accessibility to the Family Court Division of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court.
(Assigned to the Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.)

11 INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

[21571](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District to provide access to the regional household hazardous waste centers for the residents of the unincorporated areas of Jackson County, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$26,795.00.
(Assigned to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)

[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.
(Assigned to the Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee.)

[21573](#) Awarding a contract for the purchase of eight pontoon boats for use by the Parks + Rec Department to LSK Lebanon, Inc., of Lebanon, MO under the terms and conditions of State of Missouri Contract No. CC232078005, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$267,232.00.
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)

- [21574](#) Awarding a special event lease agreement for the leasing of golf cars for use by the Parks + Rec Department to M&M Golf Cars of Lee's Summit, MO, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$3,900.00.
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)
- [21575](#) Authorizing a twelve-month extension to an existing term and supply contract for the furnishing of broker and consulting services for the County's employee group health, life, and dental insurance for use Countywide to CBIZ Benefits of Kansas City, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Proposals 42-21.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)
- [21576](#) Authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain agencies that provide services and assistance to victims of domestic violence, at an aggregate cost to the County not to exceed \$148,295.00.
(Assigned to the Budget Committee.)
- [21577](#) Transferring \$981,003.00 within the 2024 General Fund and authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue checks in the total amount of \$981,003.00 to cover costs incurred in connection with the April 2, 2024, special election.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)
- [21578](#) Awarding a contract for the furnishing of greens landscape equipment for the Fred Arbanas Golf Course for use by the Parks + Rec Department to John Deere & Company of Cary, NC, under the terms and conditions of Sourcewell Contract No. 031121-DAC, an existing, competitively bid government contract, at an actual cost to the County in the amount of \$807,408.36, and declaring certain existing equipment as surplus personal property and authorizing its disposal by way of trade-in.
(Assigned to the Land Use Committee.)
- [21579](#) Authorizing the Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check to the permanent members of the Jackson County Board of Equalization as a retention stipend in the total amount of \$16,000.00.
(Assigned to the Finance and Audit Committee.)

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

None.

13 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

14 NEW BUSINESS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned until Monday, March 18, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. at the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 2nd Floor, Legislative Assembly Area.