

**ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, July 25, 2016**

The meeting of the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee was held on Monday, July 25, 2016, at 5:50 p.m., in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Office Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Markley, Chairman; Commissioners Philbrook, Johnson, Kane, and Bynum. The following officials were also in attendance: Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator; Gordon Criswell, Assistant County Administrator; Melissa Mundt, Assistant County Administrator; Ken Moore, Chief Counsel; Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer; Rob Richardson, Director of Planning; and Chris Blake, Sergeant-At-Arms.

Chairman Markley called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and all members were present as shown above.

Approval of standing committee minutes for April 25, and May 23, 2016. **On motion of Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the minutes were approved.** Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Markley said we do have a blue sheet associated with our Administration & Human Services Committee meeting. We'll actually handle that blue sheet, we'll make it Item No. 3 under the Committee Agenda. We'll handle all three Hollywood Casino Grant items together. Our blue sheet item is another Hollywood Casino Grant extension request related to the Vaughn-Trent Community Services, Inc. We'll handle that in order with the other three.

I don't have a guide today so if it looks like I'm winging it, I'm winging it.

Joe Connor is going to speak with us about three Hollywood Casino Grant extension requests and we'll handle those sort of one right after another in order to have some continuity.

Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator, said to further confuse you, I'd like to start with Item #2 first.

Committee Agenda:

Item No. 2 – 16687...COMMUNICATION: 2015 UG-HOLLYWOOD CASINO GRANT ALLOCATION

Synopsis: A request for approval for the Argentine Betterment Association to expend \$5,123 of their 2015 grant allocation after the stated end of the grant period which is June 22, 2016. This request has been reviewed and is recommended for approval, submitted by Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator.

Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator, said with me is Mario Escobar, the Executive Director for Argentine Betterment Corporation. He had made a request for a little over \$5,000 that basically just didn't get spent by the end of our grant period. The expenses are totally appropriate. We're within his budget from the beginning. He just needs a little extra time to spend them.

Action: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were five "Ayes," Philbrook, Johnson, Kane, Bynum Markley.

Chairman Markley said that was Item 2. Are we going to go to Item 3 on the blue sheet or Item 1 next?

Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator, said Item 1, Marilyn Alstrom emailed me today and said she would be here. I don't see her here at this point. We could discuss 3 and then maybe come back to No. 1 and give her time to show up.

Item No. 4 – 16695...COMMUNICATION: UG-HOLLYWOOD CASINO GRANT EXTENSION

Synopsis: A request from Vaughn-Trent Community Services, Inc. to extend their 2015 Unified Government-Hollywood Casino Grant period since they were delayed in starting their program, submitted by Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator. They also want to adjust the 2016 grant period to begin September 1, 2016, instead of June 2016.

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Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator, said the blue sheet item is an extension request from Vaughn-Trent Community Services, Inc. Again, similar to what ABC was wanting. They got started a little late with their grant year. They hit their stride, but they just wanted to be able to spend their money past their grant period for 2015.

Action: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve.**

Mr. Connor said before you do the roll call, I just want to clarify. She's asked for a 16 extension too. I'm not recommending that. I'd like to talk with her at the six-month period to see were they're at with this particular grant year and then come back with a second request if they need it. This is just for the 2015 grant only. **Chairman Markley** asked Commissioner Kane, is your motion just for 2015. **Commissioner Kane** said that's fine.

Roll call was taken and there were five "Ayes," Philbrook, Johnson, Kane, Bynum, Markley.

Item No. 1 – 16639...COMMUNICATION: 2015 UG HOLLYWOOD CASINO GRANT ALLOCATION

Synopsis: The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation has received a request from Marilyn Alstrom, Executive Director of Leadership 2020 for an extension to spend their 2015 UG-Hollywood Casino Grant allocation in the amount of \$24,990, submitted by Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator.

Commissioner Kane said here's the issue. General Motors donated some money to the Piper School District. I don't know. It was not tri-county, eastern Kansas that I know of. The special events I don't know about that. I have more questions than answers. I don't want to hold anything off. Joe, if you and I can sit down, talk to her, and clarify that, I'm fine with that.

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Commissioner Philbrook said as I understood it, didn't she send us a letter talking about the fact that because of how many people were involved in this, how many moving parts there were, that it delayed the opportunity to even start doing anything because they didn't have the study done or the plans done yet. **Commissioner Kane** said and two of them may have even gotten into an argument.

Mr. Connor said I think if you look at her letter that's attached, she's claiming it's a \$400,000 project. **Commissioner Kane** said it is a \$400,000 project. **Mr. Connor** said this is a little less than \$25,000 of her \$400,000. She hasn't spent any of it while she continued to do additional fundraising to try and make this project a reality. **Commissioner Philbrook** said she has to have a certain amount of money to pull in some other grants for matching. **Commissioner Kane** said if she gets x amount of money, then they'll be a grant and they'll be some other stuff. General Motors didn't donate money. General Motors is talking about having a memorial golf tournament out there which would generate that amount of money, but they haven't done it. General Motors has it's own politics. Can you believe that? Joe, if you and I can sit down and talk to her and clarify some of this, that'd be fine. **Commissioner Philbrook** asked so does that mean you want to put it off still or—**Commissioner Kane** said well, I guess we can vote on it and go ahead and push it forward; but I want clarification with her on some of the stuff that's on here.

Action: **Commissioner Philbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to approve the extension pending a satisfactory conversation/clarification.** Roll call was taken and there were five "Ayes," Philbrook, Johnson, Kane, Bynum, Markley.

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Item No. 3 –16693...UPDATE ON DIGITAL BILLBOARDS AND SMALL BOARD REMOVAL

Synopsis: Update on digital billboards and small board removal, submitted by Robin H. Richardson, AICP, Director of Planning.

**DIGITAL BILLBOARD/
BILLBOARD REMOVAL UPDATE**

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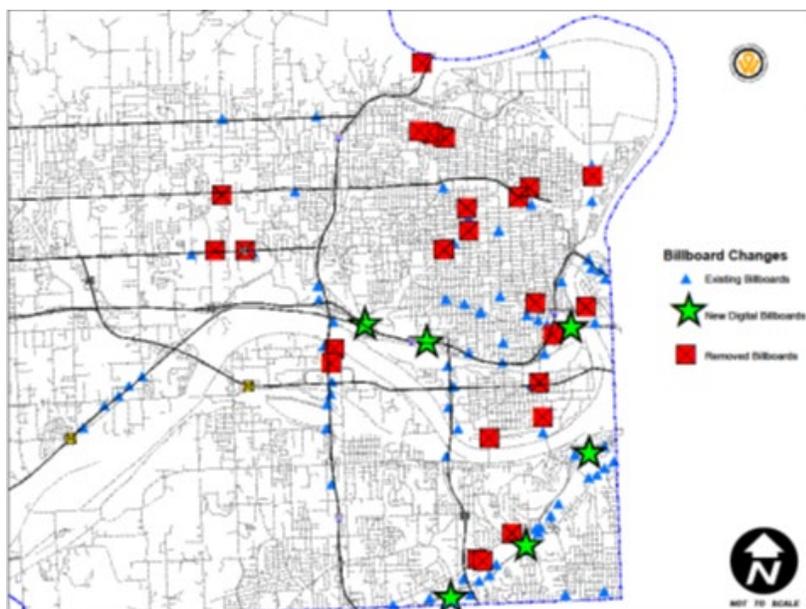
Rob Richardson, Director of Planning, said I guess about this time last year you all adopted a revision to the digital billboard ordinance that allowed for additional billboards provided that they took down other billboards in the community in exchange for the new digital face. We have 70 digital billboard faces operating at 6 locations, one of them is double sided. The code requires two times the new face size removal for small boards. It's not an existing great big highway billboard that they have to take down double the size, face and square footage. If they are taking down a regular highway billboard, they only have to take down 1.5 times that much space.

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Digital Billboards

- **7** new digital board faces operating at **6** locations
- Code required 2 times new face removal for small boards and 1.5 times new face removal for large boards measured in square feet.
- **64** signs on **31** structures removed totaling **12,228** square feet of old boards removed
- Slightly more area has been removed than was required and banked toward future conversions
- We have received all required affidavits of removal.
- Staff considers the process complete and successful.

We had 64 signs removed on 31 structures totalling over 12,000 sq. ft. of old billboards removed. Slightly more area than was required has been removed and I have allowed them to bank that towards the future removal. I thought it would be wise for them to go ahead and take down the old boards that we don't like and give them that extra incentive. We have received all the required affidavits of removal so all the signs are down. We consider this process successful and complete.

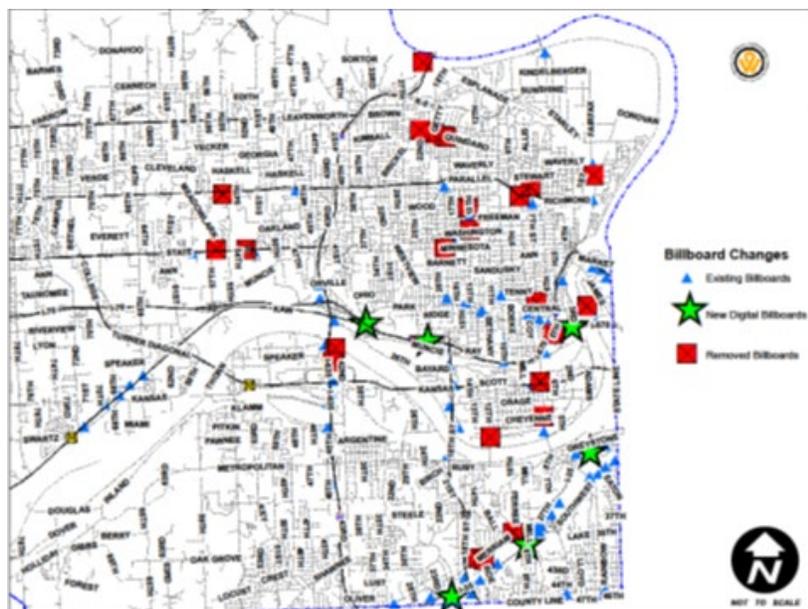


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I've got a couple of maps. One of them doesn't have street names on it. The first one doesn't have the street names but it gives you an idea of where they are.

Commissioner Philbrook asked are these only the billboards that have been removed.

Mr. Richardson said on this slide, this is the eastern portion of the community and we have I-635, I-70, Parallel, State, this is 18th St., I-35 at the bottom. The blue triangles are existing boards. The green stars are where the new digital billboards were located. The red box indicate locations where the old billboards were removed. In some cases you don't see all of the boards because they're stacked on top of each other because some locations had four, six, or eight of them in one location. These are the general vacinities where they occurred. You'll notice that there is still quite a few urban billboard locations around in the central core of the city but many, many were removed including some of the ones that were on the most obnoxious list.



On the next slide, you can see all the street names. They kind of hide the other things. If you have particular questions, I have the full data set with me and we can go through those. Like I

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said, I think the ordinance did what it was intended to do and we have some new digital billboards that are functioning, and we have a lot of old billboards that weren't well maintained that are gone.

Commissioner Bynum said can you refresh our memory. Maybe you told us this last year. Did the billboards come down at their expense? **Mr. Richardson** said yes.

Commissioner Philbrook said I have two really nasty looking billboards at 59th on the south side of State. They are raunchy. I was surprised when I saw that they were still standing because you did remove the ones that were just a little bit further east on the north side. **Mr. Richardson** said these were all done at the discretion of the companies. We did not have anything to do with that. **Commissioner Philbrook** said but I mean these are really raunchy. Don't we have codes that tell them they have to keep them painted and kept up? **Mr. Richardson** said yes we do. **Commissioner Philbrook** said well then guess what. **Mr. Richardson** said I'll convey that to the Codes Department. I will convey that to Codes. **Commissioner Philbrook** said that you very much because they are nasty looking on a beautiful street we have called State Avenue and we've got those things sitting there. **Mr. Richardson** asked are they on the north or south side of State. **Commissioner Philbrook** said south side, sir, 59th, just east of 59th Street. **Mr. Richardson** said okay. **Commissioner Philbrook** said two of them. Thanks.

Chairman Markley adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn

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