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## Editorial

# Say Goodbye To The Manhattan High Indian



Editorial  
By Jon A. Brake

It looks like the Manhattan/Ogden School Board has taken a page from the City of Manhattan Play Book on "How to get things you want, without anyone knowing you are doing it."

The City of Manhattan for years has used this method to obtain their goals and wishes.

1. Decide what you want.
2. Form a Committee of Citizens to look at what you want.
3. Hold meetings for the Public to tell the Committee what "they" want.
4. Use a facilitator to change what "they" want to get what you want.
5. Have the Committee report what you want.
6. Have the Board or Commission vote to approve what you want.

It has worked very well over the years for the City of Manhattan.

The Manhattan/Ogden

School District has held several meetings over the years and have voted to retain the Indian mascot.

But, this time things have changed.

This year a group of three snowflakes from a department at Kansas State University went to the School Board and said they were offended by the Indian mascot. Three people...

But, this time the School Board took the City's Play Book and ran with it.

They formed a Committee and gave them these instructions:

"The members of the committee are discussing 4 topics. The committee will report to the Board of Education in September, 2017.

1. Finding a portion of/or an entire facility to name for Frank Prentup along with a scholarship.

(Editor's Note: Why find a school building to name after the Football Coach Frank

Prentup? The Indian mascot is in honor of Coach Prentup.)

2. Develop a teaching program and plan which educates our students, faculty and community about Native American history, religion and culture.

(Editor's Note: Doesn't Manhattan teach American History)

3. Explore the creation of a mascot for students to rally around which is distinct from the Indian name and the image.

(Editor's Note: For more than fifty-years the students (including this editor) have rallied around the Indian mascot.)

4/ Establish what the true costs would be and what the timeline would look like if name and image were to be retired.

(Editor's Note: Why would you want to find out how much it would cost to replace the mascot with a new name and image if you had not already made the decision to have it removed.)

Goodbye Manhattan High Indians!

## Quality Of Life - Vote

(Editor's Note: It is called a Quality of Life Sales Tax but it will be a quality of life project for only a few people.

Remember the vote Manhattan took in the 1990's for the Annenberg Park?

After the Baseball Park was built it was only for tournament games. Now there is a high fence around the area so that no one can get in.

Will the new multi-purpose centers be the same way?

But, it is only .25% Sales Tax and the out of towners will be paying for it. Yes, some people from out of town will help pay but most of the money will come from you and your family. You are the ones that live in Manhattan and get hit on everything you buy.)

Here is a memo given to the City Commission:

### CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO April 24, 2017

FROM: Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Rec.  
MEETING: May 2, 2017  
SUBJECT: 1. Accept the Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility Report Resolution Setting B a l l o t Language for the Quality of Life Sales Tax Question Consider Draft Ordinance to Re-scind 2009 .25% Sales Tax for Pools/Zoo

PRESENTERS: Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager  
Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation

BACKGROUND  
At the April 11, 2017, City Commission Work Session, the Commission reviewed the Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility Study (FFS) final draft document and provided direction to the Parks and Recreation Department to move ahead with the preparation of a possible ballot question to put in front of the voters regarding a sales tax for funding the construction of two multi-purpose gymnasiums/neighborhood centers, along with parking facilities and access roads, adjacent to Anthony and Eisenhower Middle Schools; the renovation of ballfields and

tennis courts within CiCo Park; the establishment of a 12-court tennis layout; and, the acquisition of necessary right-of-way for, and the design and construction of, new recreational trails and the improvement of existing recreational trails.

The current \$0.25 Quality of Life Sales Tax expires in 2019, but could be called as early as August 1, 2017, since adequate revenues will have been collected to finalize debt retirement of the City Park Pool Project, the Northview/CiCo Pool Projects, and the Sunset Zoo Nature Exploration Center Project. If the tax stays in place through the end of 2017, approximately \$1,276,395 in excess Quality of Life (QOL) sales tax funds would be generated by the end of 2017.

At the April 3, 2017, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) meeting, the Board reviewed the Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility Study. PRAB moved to recommend the FFS be accepted by the City Commission. Further, PRAB discussed the future use of excess QOL sales tax funds and unanimously supports the use of any excess QOL sales tax funds for Sunset Zoo improvements as the original 2009 sales tax question provided funds for the Zoo.

Sunset Zoo admission/participation numbers continue to increase which increases pressure for adequate parking. Currently, the Zoo has 78 parking stalls which are inadequate for many high attendance days. All special events that occur at the Sunset Zoo must utilize the gravel/dirt overflow parking lots north and east of the existing parking lot. An additional 95 parking stalls could be constructed to support the Zoo Nature and Exploration Center. Additionally, Sunset Zoo is in a fundraising campaign for Expedition Asia, a \$2.7 million project, which will provide the Zoo with three new interactive exhibits, featuring critically endangered species from Asia (Malayan Tiger, Sloth Bear, and Amur Leopard). The improvements will also provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to the lower tier of the Zoo, which will make the

Sunset Zoo 100% ADA accessible when completed. It will also allow Sunset Zoo to deal with some antiquated exhibits that the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) commented on at the most recent Sunset Zoo AZA accreditation inspection.

### DISCUSSION

Attached is a resolution which has been prepared by Legal Counsel for the City. The resolution authorizes the calling of a special question election to be conducted at the general election on November 7, 2017, and identifies the purposes for the use of the funds generated.

The resolution requires that the ballot address the following issues:

### Rate of Sales Tax amount:

The question asks for approval of the imposition of a new retailer's sales tax in the amount of 0.25%.

The Question limits the use of the funds generated by the new sales tax, as follows:

for funding the construction of two multi-purpose gymnasiums/neighborhood centers, along with parking facilities and access roads, adjacent to Anthony and Eisenhower Middle Schools; the renovation of ballfields and tennis courts within CiCo Park; the establishment of a 12-court tennis layout; and, the acquisition of necessary right-of-way for, and the design and construction of, new recreational trails and the improvement of existing recreational trails.

### The duration of the tax:

The Question requires the tax to commence on April 1, 2018, and to expire 10 years thereafter.

### Possible Timeline for November 2017 Election

May 2, 2017 ~ City Commission considers a resolution authorizing the specific language of the question to be proposed to the public for general election on November 7, 2017, or some other timeline/format.

May 2017 ~ City publishes a resolution in The Manhattan Mercury.

May - June 2017 ~ City Commission passes an ordinance  
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## City Commission's Last Tuesday's Agenda

**AGENDA MANHATTAN CITY COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

The City Commission Meeting will be televised live on local Cox Cable Channel 3 and also on the City's website at .

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECOGNITION**

**III. PROCLAMATIONS**

**A. May 6, 2017, Poppy Day.** (Linda McClung, Second Vice President/Poppy Chair, American Legion Post 17 Auxiliary, will be present to receive the proclamation.)

**B. May 7-13, 2017, National Travel and Tourism Week.** (Karen Hibbard, Vice-President, and Taylor Egan, Intern, Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau; Neal Farmer, Senior Vice President of Commercial Loans, Community 1st National Bank; and Evan Grier, Managing Partner, Harry's and Bourbon & Baker, will be present to receive the proclamation.)

**C. May 13, 2017, Letter Carrier Food Drive Day.** (Fred Stork, Food Drive Coordinator, Branch 1018 National Association of Letter Carriers, will be present to receive the proclamation.)

**D. May 2017, Bike Month.**

(Mark Lee, Traffic Engineer, and Emma Rearick, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, City of Manhattan Public Works; and Wendy Schlessener and R. J. Youngblood, Members, The Manhattan Project, will be present to receive the proclamation.)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

[Items on the Consent Agenda are those of a routine and housekeeping nature or those items which have previously been reviewed by the City Commission. A Commissioner may request an item be moved to the end of the General Agenda.]

**A. Approve the of the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, April 18, 2017.**

**B. Approve Claims Register No. 2851** authorizing and approving the payment of claims from April 12, 2017, to April 25, 2017, in the amount of \$1,807,925.24.

**C. Approve an annual Cereal Malt Beverages Off-Premises License for Short Stop #12, 2010 North Tuttle Creek Boulevard.**

**D. Approve the following:**

**1. Ordinance No. 7281** amending Section 16-2 of the Code of Ordinances relating to trash and refuse containers;

**2. Ordinance No. 7282** amending Sections 21-12 and 21-16 of the Code of Ordina-

nances relating to nuisances;

**3. Ordinance No. 7283** amending Sections 21-26, 21-27, and 21-29 of the Code of Ordinances relating to weeds;

**4. Ordinance No. 7284** deleting Sections 21-40 and 21-41 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Environmental Regulations; and

**5. Ordinance No. 7285** amending Sections 31-122 and 31-124 of the Code of Ordinances relating to inoperable vehicles, and clarifying the process to enforce various nuisance violations.

**E. Broker "Agent of Record" for the City:**

**1. Authorize City Administration** to solicit proposals for a Broker "Agent of Record" for the City's Commercial Insurance Programs and Risk Management Services, and

**2. Appoint a City Commissioner** to serve on the Selection Committee.

**Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk** to execute an agreement for professional services in an amount not to exceed \$33,326.00, with Schwab-Eaton, P.A. of Manhattan, Kansas, for the Sunrise Cemetery Survey and Street Design project (CIP #CP222P).

**Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk** to execute an agreement for professional services in an amount not to exceed \$403,820.00 with Olsson and

Associates, of Manhattan, Kansas, for the Houston Street and 5th Street Storm Sewer project (CIP #SW052P).

**H. Riley County Seniors' Service Center Kitchen Improvements:**

**1. Accept the Architect's Opinion of Probable Cost** in the amount of \$278,250.00 for the Base Bid;

**2. Award and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk** to execute a construction contract in the amount of \$255,800.00 for the Base Bid only to R. F. Benchmark, Inc., of Manhattan, Kansas;

**3. Approve and authorize the Mayor** to execute Deduct Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$12,000.00; and

**4. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk** to execute an agreement with the Riley County Seniors' Service Center for its \$153,250.00 contribution.

**I. Airport Administrative Building Remodel Project:**

**1. Accept the Architect's Opinion of Probable Cost** in the amount of \$332,679.00;

**2. Award and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk** to execute a construction contract in the amount of \$287,450.00 with Trinium Construction, of Manhattan, Kansas; and

**3. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk** to execute a construction administration services agreement in the amount of \$9,865.00 with Ben Moore Studio, LLC, of Manhattan, Kansas.

**J. Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Vehicle and Ancillary Equipment (CIP #FR030P):**

**1. Authorize the purchase of an Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Vehicle** in the amount of \$787,880.00 from Oshkosh Airport Products, LLC, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and the Ancillary Equipment in the amount of \$29,832.00 from Ed M. Feld Fire Equipment Co., of Carroll, Iowa, upon receipt of a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Offer;

**2. Authorize the disposal of the 1980 Oshkosh T-6** upon delivery of the new ARFF vehicle; and

**GENERAL AGENDA**

**A. CONSIDER VACATING A PORTION OF SOUTH 8TH STREET BETWEEN FORT RILEY BOULEVARD AND EL PASO LANE:**

**1. Remove the item from the table;** and

**2. Approve first reading of an ordinance** vacating portions of South 8th Street from El Paso Lane to Fort Riley Boulevard and that the utility easement within the boundaries of said vacated South 8th Street is hereby dedicated to the public.

**A. CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:**

**1. Accepting the Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility Report;**

**2. Resolution No. 050217-A** Setting the Ballot Language for the Quality of Life Sales Tax Question; and

**3. A Draft Ordinance** Rescinding the 2009 .25% Sales Tax for the Pools and Sunset Zoo Education Building.

### City

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nance to call the existing pool/zoo .25% sales tax – to take effect March 31, 2018

**May 2017 - September 2017** ~ Teams developed to provide education components via multiple sources of media to the public and other civic engagement.

**June - July 2017** ~ City Administration and USD 383 Administration will work on documents to construct improvements on USD 383 property; and develop shared use agreements

**September 1, 2017** ~ Deadline for special question to be delivered to Riley County Clerk for the November general election.

**October 18, 2017** ~ Last day to register.

**October 19, 2017** ~ Advance voting by mail and in-person begins.

**November 6, 2017** ~ Advance voting in person closes at noon.

**November 7, 2017** ~ Election Day and Original Canvass.

A draft ordinance is also attached for the Commission to consider and provide feedback to City Administration. The intent of the ordinance is to set March 31, 2018, as the date to stop or rescind the existing Pool/Zoo .25% sales tax. The Commission has the discretion to pass this ordinance at any point prior to the expiration of the 2009 sales tax in 2019. The strategy discussed to date was to go ahead and call the existing sales tax so City Administration can educate the public this summer and fall. By passing the draft ordinance, the Commission will have clearly set forth the expiration of the existing

sales tax on March 31st. If the proposed .25% sales tax passes on November 7, 2017, it would not take effect until April 1, 2018, and the sales tax rate would stay the same at 8.95%. The draft ordinance allows for a seamless transition for the retailers and consumers within Manhattan with the 2009 tax stopping on March 31, 2018, and the new tax taking effect on April 1, 2018. If the proposed sales tax does not pass on November 7, 2017, the existing sales tax would still retire on March 31, 2018, and the sales tax rate would drop from 8.95% to 8.75% on April 1, 2018.

**FINANCING**

The cost to the City for the regular election ballot question on November 7, 2017, will be approximately \$1,750 and will be paid from the General Fund. The earliest that the tax would take effect is April 2018 with revenues starting to be received by June 2018. This

% tax will generate approximately \$27.5 million over 10 years for funding the construction of two multi-purpose gymnasiums/neighborhood centers, along with parking facilities and access roads, adjacent to Anthony and Eisenhower Middle Schools; the renovation of ballfields and tennis courts within CiCo Park; the establishment of a 12-court tennis layout; and, the acquisition of necessary right-of-way for, and the design and construction of, new recreational trails and the improvement of existing recreational trails.

The structure of the ballot question is one where the City will have the ability to issue temporary notes, which will

allow the City to "pay as we go" for the improvement's identified. Since the City desires to gain authority to issue temporary notes, bond counsel has advised the City to include bond language on the last page of the resolution that will grant the City this ability. While it may appear the City plans to issue \$30 million in bonds, the City intends to issue temporary notes and pay these off in full per the 3.5 to 4 years allotted for temporary financing. This will allow the City to accumulate annual sales tax revenues from the dedicated .25% and buy down the temporary notes, thereby avoiding the issuance of permanent debt and financing principal and interest costs for 10 years.

One possible scenario we have discussed is to stagger the design and construction in a way that allows the Northeast Recreation Center (Eisenhower Middle School) to open in 2020, the Northwest Recreation Center (Anthony Middle School) in 2021, and to complete and open the CiCo Park renovations in 2025. Projects would be staggered in a way that allows for revenues to accumulate and pay off temporary notes. This would be done with a constant review of sales tax performance, and projects would be adjusted accordingly either up or down based on actual sales tax received. The last project, CiCo Park renovations in the scenario above, would realize either an addition or reduction in scope based on sales tax performance over the 10-year period.

**King Crossword**  
Answers  
Solution time: 27 mins.

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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

# City Commission Memo Tells Of Updating Enforcement Of Property Maintenance Ordinances

**CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO**  
**April 20, 2017**  
**FROM: Brad Claussen, Building Official**  
**MEETING: May 2, 2017**  
**SUBJECT: Ordinance Nos. 7281-7285 Amending Chapters 16, 21 and 31 - Updating the Process to Enforce Various Property Maintenance Ordinances**

**PRESENTER:** Brad Claussen, Building Official

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Manhattan has, for many years, had ordinances addressing a variety of property maintenance items. Some of these date back at least to 1906 when an ordinance relating to weeds and nuisances was passed. Property maintenance ordinances include a number of items, including weeds/tall grass, nuisances (trash, refuse and debris accumulation), inoperable vehicles, snow and ice on public sidewalks, and insufficient trash containers. All of these things affect the community in various ways from public health and safety to blighting. The Code Services Division of the Manhattan Fire Department typically handles enforcement of items such as these.

Generally, each of these individual ordinances has been updated as needed or as state law changes allow. For instance, in 2010, changes were made to the nuisance ordinance to allow for an "accelerated abatement" process for trash or debris that might be spread easily throughout a neighborhood, and in 2012, changes were made to the ordinance regulating snow and ice on public sidewalks in order to make that item more efficient to enforce. City staff recently undertook the process of reviewing the property maintenance related ordinances and identified several areas where updates were needed.

It is worth noting that the maintenance requirements for existing structures in the city are contained within the International Property Maintenance Code. That Code has historically been updated by action of the governing body approximately every three years with the most recent update occurring in 2016 so no update of that Code is contained within the current process.

On April 18, 2017, the City Commission approved first reading of ordinances amending Chapters 16, 21 and 31 of the City Code of Ordinances updating the process to enforce various property maintenance

requirements.

**DISCUSSION**

Each of the specific property maintenance items the Code Services Division enforces have individual city ordinances and many have underlying state laws setting forth the specific requirements and the process for enforcement. It is important to remember that those state laws do not allow us to modify certain portions of these local ordinances. Normally, inspections to determine violations of these ordinances come about in two different ways. Those are through complaints from the public and by proactive observation by an inspector. Once in a while a property owner is unable to complete compliance with a Code notice for a variety of reasons including disabilities, age, illness and other similar reasons. When this is the case, Hands on Kansas State, various church organizations and other volunteer groups which provide assistance for citizens needing help with mowing, cleanup, or minor repairs have been contacted. The City has also recently established the Snow Partners Program which pairs volunteers with owners in need of help with snow removal. Each of the Code of Ordinance sections that are being updated are outlined below.

**Nuisances, City Code Sections 21-12 and 21-16**

Nuisances are defined in Section 21-11 and 21-12 of the Code of Ordinances and include things such as garbage, trash, furniture, appliances, tree branch piles and similar items. Nuisances provide harborage for insects, rodents, and other animals as well as promoting blight. The City Code provisions are modeled after K.S.A. 12-1617e.

The first specific change proposed is Section 21-12. This section specifically lists items that may be declared a nuisance. Currently, noxious weeds are declared a nuisance. "As declared by the State of Kansas" has been added to that provision in order to give staff and citizens a specific definable list of what those weeds are. The State of Kansas has declared 12 species as noxious weeds. A link to the State of Kansas noxious weed identification and control website is planned to be added to the Code Services webpage. In addition, staff added several specific items in subsection (2) that are outlined currently in the Article titled Environmental Regulations. As mentioned later in this memo, that article would be

deleted and all items would be addressed under the nuisance ordinance. This makes it much easier for both staff and citizens to locate the requirements and follow one single process instead of two.

The final proposed change to the nuisance ordinance is contained in Section 21-16. State law allows the City to abate nuisances if the required notice is not complied with. The total cost of the abatement incurred by the City may be billed to the owner. There is currently an administrative fee set at \$75; however, costs exceed that amount in the normal case of abatement, typically in the \$100 or more range. Some of the administrative costs the City faces include staff time, cost to advertise in the newspaper, certified mail costs, costs to file an affidavit with the County, and costs to release the lien from the County. The proposed change will allow the City to more fully cover the costs incurred with abatements. The language proposed in the Ordinance is more consistent with how many cities are addressing nuisance abatement language so that their administrative costs are adequately covered.

Over the past five years, there has been an average of 1,171 nuisance notices and 32 abatements annually. This ordinance was last updated in 2012.

**Weeds and Tall Grass, City Code Sections 21-26, 21-27 and 21-29**

Similar to nuisances, weeds and tall grass harbor rodents, animals, and insects such as ticks and mosquitoes as well as promoting blight. The City Code provisions are modeled after K.S.A. 12-1617f.

Section 21-26, which sets forth the requirements for cutting grass and weeds, has been reworded to make it clear that mowing is required on easements as well as the remainder of the lot or parcel and the adjacent rights-of-way. In addition, "unkept vines" have been added to the requirement for cutting. While staff has not proposed a change in the maximum height of grass and weeds, research of other Kansas communities reveals that the limit on grass height is predominantly 12 inches, which is the same as the City of Manhattan; three communities have a maximum height of 8 inches contained in their ordinances. Of those three, two allow up to ten days for compliance (Manhattan allows five days) which lengthens the enforcement process. Some of the other issues staff from those jurisdictions have reported as-

sociated with lower maximum grass heights are additional certified mail cost to the jurisdiction, difficulty of staff to keep up with violations at current staffing levels, lack of budget for jurisdictions to maintain public property at the required height and issues with those on fixed incomes needing to hire mowing more often.

As the city has grown over the years, it has become evident that there are locations where it is not prudent or feasible to comply with the cutting requirements. Proposed exemptions added are: designated wetlands, golf courses, stormwater best management practices approved by the City, naturally wooded creek and stream areas and cultivated gardens, landscaping and flower beds.

Section 21-27 contains the procedure for notification of violations. A simple change in the wording has been done to use the correct term of certified mail rather than registered mail in order to line up with current state law.

As proposed in the nuisance ordinance changes, Section 21-29 of the weed ordinance allows the City to recoup costs associated with abatements of weeds and tall grass. The administrative fee which is currently set at \$50 again does not cover all of the associated costs. The new wording will allow the City to more adequately cover costs incurred for the abatement process. Similar to nuisance abatement the actual administrative costs typically range around \$100 or more. The City has worded this Ordinance change to be in line with best practices of many cities across Kansas. In addition, if the property owner is consistently not following the Ordinance and requiring the City to abate, the City can write a violation ticket to the property owner. That owner will then have to go to Court and pay Court Fees and whatever fine the Judge levies.

Over the past five years, an average of 1,515 mowing notices and 96 properties have been abated annually. This ordinance was last updated in 1997.

**Inoperable Vehicles, City Code Sections 31-122 and 31-124**

These City ordinances address vehicles that are inoperable. The Code Services Division handles inoperable vehicle issues on private property; the Riley County Police Department addresses these if they are located on the public streets. Inoperable vehicles are again similar to weed and nuisance issues

in that they allow harborage of a variety of animals and insects as well as causing blight. In addition, there is a danger of children being injured or dying when either playing in junk vehicles or being trapped inside of them. A vehicle would normally be presumed inoperable if it is on jacks or stands, missing parts that are necessary for operation on the road, or lacks a current license plate if the vehicle has not appeared to have been moved for a long period of time.

The change in Section 31-122 expands the definition of a vehicle to include several different items including construction equipment, farm equipment and all-terrain vehicles. This change will allow better enforcement of the many different types of vehicles inspected annually.

The ordinance does allow an exemption for vehicles temporarily inoperable for 30 days or less. An addition to Section 31-124 would require that if this exemption is being utilized, the vehicle must be in the process of being repaired during those 30 days.

An average of 76 inoperable vehicle notices a year have been issued over the past five years. This ordinance was last updated in 1973.

**Trash Containers, City Code Section 16-2**

City ordinances require garbage and trash to be kept in suitable containers with tight fitting lids. A container without a lid is an open invitation to animals, birds, and other scavengers which then tend to scatter the trash across the neighborhood. If containers are provided by the trash company, they are to bear the name and phone number of the trash collection company. The first change to Section 16-2 would additionally require the container to be labeled with the business name of the customer in commercial zoning districts where located on a property other than the customers. Staff has had instances where trash dumpsters serving one location are located at another property generally due to space constraints. Knowing the customer's business name would make the process of following up on violations more efficient.

Trash containers are also to be kept out of the front yard setback and out of sight of the public streets and sidewalks except on collection day. Staff is proposing to maintain the requirement for storage out of the front yard but to drop the out of sight of the public way require-

ment. Many properties have a hard time complying with this regulation, especially those that are on corner lots or those that have frontage on two different streets. The only option generally for those is to store the trash containers inside which is not always desirable for some citizens. There is an average of 100 of these notices per year. This ordinance was last updated in 2010.

**Environmental Regulations, City Code Sections 21-40 and 21-41**

In 1996, the City Commission passed an ordinance titled Environmental Regulations. The purpose of the ordinance was to address items such as indoor furniture which was used outside in yards or on unenclosed porches. At that time, the City's nuisance ordinances did not allow for abatement of nuisances. The only avenue for compliance was through the Board of Health or Municipal Court. Since then, the nuisance ordinance has been updated to allow for a much more effective enforcement process rendering the environmental regulations sections mostly unused. Staff is therefore proposing deleting the environmental regulations article and addressing all of the items it currently contains under the nuisance ordinance. The specific items noted in Section 21-41 would be relocated to Section 21-12 under the general nuisance ordinance provisions.

**FINANCING**

Depending upon the direction the City Commission elects to take, there may or may not be a financial impact. If the Commission were to change some of the fees, then that would have an impact.

**ALTERNATIVES**

It appears the Commission has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Commission may:

Approve Ordinance Nos. 7281-7285 amending Chapters 16, 21 and 31 of the Code of Ordinances as presented by City Administration.

Deny the ordinances amending Chapters 16, 21 and 31 of the Code of Ordinances as presented by City Administration.

Modify or develop alternatives to the ordinances amending Chapters 16, 21 and 31 of the Code of Ordinances if other concerns or factors arise.

**RECOMMENDATION**

City Administration recommends the approval of ordinances amending Chapters 16, 21 and 31 to better enable enforcement of property maintenance violations.

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# Trump Opens Doors on Oil Exploration, but Deeper Reforms Still Needed

By Nicolas Loris  
Heritage Foundation

In another move to free up domestic energy supplies, President Donald Trump signed an executive order Friday aimed at lifting the Obama administration's offshore drilling restrictions.

For decades, bad policies have blocked access to America's abundance of domestic resources, yet America has still managed to be a global energy leader. Trump's executive order, "Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy," could unleash further success in the energy sector.

The economic potential sitting just off America's coasts is enormous. The Outer Continental Shelf is awash with natural resources, containing an estimated 86 billion barrels of oil and 420 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

Realizing that potential could create nearly a million American jobs, and the increased energy supplies that would result would put money back into the bank accounts of American families. It would also generate new prospects for investment and job creation, as cheap energy lowers the cost of business operations across all sectors, not just energy.

The federal government has placed various bans on offshore drilling for decades. Last November, the Obama administration's Department of Interior finalized some of the most restrictive leasing programs to date.

The Interior Department's final 2017-2022 Outer Conti-

mental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program was best known for the areas it placed off limits, rather than what it made available to lease for energy exploration.

It excluded lease sales in the oil-rich Beaufort or Chukchi seas off the coasts of Alaska, as well as areas off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. The Interior Department also restricted opportunities in the Gulf of Mexico and the Cook Inlet off south central Alaska.

Critics of Trump's decision to free up leasing are making the same arguments they've made for years: "Oil prices are too low, so the decision won't spur more oil exploration. Drilling offshore takes too long, so it's not going to have any immediate impact."

But those arguments ignore the biggest drivers of investment. Juliet Eilperin and Brady Dennis were spot on in writing for The Washington Post, "[L]ocal political considerations and the global energy market are likely to influence future exploration far more than an executive order in Washington."

While Trump's executive order will open more doors for exploration, it won't automatically trigger an energy boom. That's the way it should be.

Oil prices are long-term and, as history has shown, can increase rather quickly. Industry makes investment decisions looking decades into the future, not simply based on short-term projections.

Although it certainly is possible that low oil prices could prohibit offshore production,

that's a decision for the private sector to consider. Businesses are much better equipped and flexible to deal with changing economic circumstances than shortsighted politicians in Washington.

Another battle cry for of those who oppose offshore drilling is: Do we really want to risk another Deepwater Horizon spill?

The Deepwater Horizon spill of 2010, which caused environmental degradation in the Gulf of Mexico, was a rare and isolated incident, not a result of any systemic problem associated with offshore oil and gas operations.

That's not to say flaws don't exist in the current system or that improvements can't be made.

In fact, after Deepwater Horizon, Congress examined the government-imposed offshore liability cap but never implemented any prudent solution.

Current law states that oil or gas companies do not have to pay more than \$75 million in liability costs for accidents they cause—no matter how great the damages.

Additional fees can be paid out of a government-mandated trust fund (the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund), which effectively socializes the risk of offshore oil and gas activities.

Congress should reform the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund and remove the \$75 million liability cap, replacing it with a new system that assesses the risks of offshore oil and gas operations and appropriately assigns those risks to industry operators.



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# Trump's Plan to Cut Corporate Taxes Would Help Both Workers and Businesses

By Michael D. Tanner  
CATO Institute

Donald Trump is expected to announce his long-awaited tax-reform plan this week, the centerpiece of which is reportedly a reduction of the top federal corporate-tax rate from the current 35 percent to 15 percent. Even before the plan's formal announcement, critics have reacted with predictable wailing and gnashing of teeth.

If they really care about helping workers and reducing poverty, they should rethink their opposition.

It is easy to cherry pick statistics in this debate. Supporters of corporate-tax reform point out that the United States has one of the highest effective marginal corporate-tax rates in the world at 38.9 percent when both state and federal taxes are considered. Critics counter that the effective average corporate rate is actually much lower, with estimates ranging from 23 percent to 34.9 percent. The effective average rate and the effective marginal rate are, of course, very different things.

The marginal tax rate reflects the amount of taxes that a company will pay on the next dollar of income earned, while the average effective tax rate is calculated based on the amount of taxes that companies actually pay after taking into account all exclusions and deductions.

Those who cite marginal tax rates in the corporate tax-reform debate have the better case for two reasons. First, it is marginal rates that most affect incentives, the willingness of companies to innovate, invest, and expand. Second, all the effort that companies put into reducing their effective tax rates is highly inefficient and distortionary. Companies should be

making decisions based on what is best for business, not what is most likely to reduce taxes. In fact, American corporations currently spend some 240 million man-hours every year preparing their taxes, much of that devoted to attempts at reducing their tax burdens. And those efforts come at the expense of productivity and competitiveness.

More importantly, we should understand that corporations are largely collectors of taxes, rather than payers. The vast majority of corporate taxes are simply passed through, ultimately paid by investors, consumers, or employees. Remember Mitt Romney's much derided comment that "corporations are people, too"? In the case of corporate taxes, it's entirely true.

Workers in particular appear to take much of the hit from higher corporate-tax rates. Because capital is mobile while labor is not, investors can often escape the pass-through of corporate taxation, while workers end up paying the price.

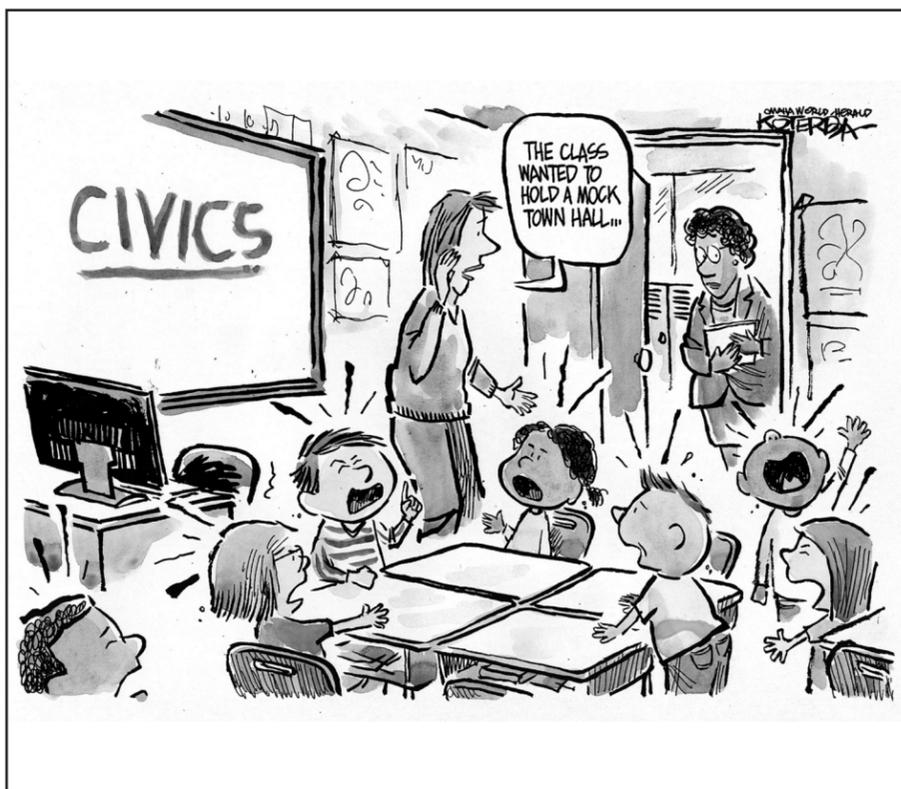
Several studies show that higher corporate taxes mean lower wages. For example, a 2007 EU Study found that "a ten percentage point increase in the corporate tax rate of high-income countries reduces mean annual gross wages by seven percent." Another study, for the American Enterprise Institute, concluded that "wages are significantly responsive to corporate taxation." And a study of state-level corporate taxes for the National Bureau of Economic Research found that cuts in corporate taxes benefit workers, especially unionized ones: "A one percent lower state [corporate] tax rate is associated with a 0.36 percent higher

union wage premium, suggesting that workers in a fully unionized firm capture roughly 54 percent of the benefits of low tax rates."

Moreover, studies suggest that low-wage workers are as likely to be hurt by high corporate taxes as their high-wage counterparts. That means that those who want to help low-wage workers escape poverty should be among the first to embrace corporate-tax reduction.

Of course, there are many unanswered questions around the Trump plan. While the proposed rate deduction has been leaked, few other details are yet available, and the devil will undoubtedly be in the details. It remains to be seen, for example, whether Trump's proposal will include the much-debated Border Adjustment Tax, which would hit American consumers to the tune of \$30 billion per year.

More concerning still is the proposal's potential impact on the deficit. Because a reduction in corporate taxes would reduce the double taxation of some investment income, the Brookings Institution/Urban Institute Tax Policy Center estimates that it could result in a \$2.4 trillion reduction in federal tax revenue over the next decade. The Trump administration expects economic growth to recoup most of this loss, but many experts are skeptical. Tax cuts do increase economic growth — and this one is particularly likely to do so — but they rarely "pay for themselves." The administration's continuing refusal to embrace spending cuts means that it runs the risk of ballooning our \$20 trillion national debt in pursuit of (sorely needed) tax cuts.



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# Education startups challenge traditional path to a career

WASHINGTON (AP) — Connor Mitchell's university classes take place online, he doesn't have any exams and he studies in a different country every year.

Is he looking into the future or taking a gamble?

With college costs rising steadily and with more courses available online for free, some observers are beginning to question the need for a traditional college education that may include lectures on Greek philosophy but burden students with massive debt.

Education startups are offering alternatives — from boot camps, to one- or two-year tracks, to accredited degree pro-

grams — and their founders say these options will give students a more relevant education in today's job market, and at a lower price.

But some experts caution against betting on a narrow, practical education geared toward a specific field that is in demand today but could leave them unprepared for the jobs of tomorrow. They also say most applicants still need a college degree from an established institution to get a good job.

Minerva, an accredited four-year university named after the Greek goddess of wisdom, wants to reinvent elite four-year liberal arts education by teaching critical thinking as opposed

to "regurgitating information," founder Ben Nelson said.

"You cannot teach yourself how to think critically, you actually have to go through a structured process," said Nelson, an energetic, fast-talking 41-year-old, who previously served as president of the photo printing website Snapfish. "What is sad is that wisdom is wasted on the old. Wisdom should be the tool for the young."

All of Minerva's classes take place online. The interactive platform is designed to keep students engaged and allow professors to call on them. Minerva students start school in San Francisco and then spend time in Berlin, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Taipei, Taiwan, and other global hubs, continuing to take online classes and completing hands-on assignments at local companies and organizations.

The cost is \$29,000 per year for tuition plus room and board, compared with an average of \$20,000 for an in-state public college and \$63,000 at Harvard, with which Minerva says it wants to compete. This year, Minerva, boasted an acceptance rate of 1.9 percent, compared with 5.2 percent at Harvard. The nationwide average in 2014 was 66 percent, according to the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

The first class launched in

2014, so it is too early to evaluate graduation and employment rates. Nelson said every single first-year student who chose to work last summer was placed in an internship. Currently, there are over 270 people enrolled at the school.

Mitchell, 21, who transferred to Minerva from the University of Southern California, says the online class experience was stressful at first, but he was impressed by the level of discussion and preparation for the classes. At USC, he said he studied "so much less." When asked to compare the two, he turned to a metaphor.

"At the USC steakhouse it was the sides, the things that I did outside of the classroom that were really valuable. The steak actually wasn't prepared very well," Mitchell said. "At Minerva, the steak that I am paying for is cut perfectly."

Not everybody is convinced.

Some question Minerva's ability to teach science without labs or test tubes and believe that academic research requires the space and environment afforded by traditional universities.

Peter Cappelli, a professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania who studies the U.S. labor market, believes that students may be taking a big risk by signing up for a still relatively unknown program.

"It's not what you learn, it's

what you can persuade other people what you've learned," Cappelli said. "It's hard to overcome that risk until the schools build up a brand on the market."

But some innovators say a college degree may be obsolete.

MissionU, which began accepting its first applications last month, offers a one-year non-degree program in data analytics and business intelligence without an upfront tuition. As part of an income-sharing agreement, MissionU students will give back 15 percent of their salary for three years after graduation if they earn at least \$50,000 per year. So far, the school received over 3,000 applications.

Students will be taking online courses taught by industry practitioners and completing real-life projects and assignments for various companies. Partner firms such as Spotify, Lyft, Warby Parker and others are advising MissionU on its curriculum and have agreed to consider its students for jobs without a college degree. The first group of students will be based in San Francisco. A high-school diploma will not be required for admission.

"Just because you can prepare well for a test doesn't mean that you will necessarily thrive as a contributor to a great company," said MissionU founder Adam Braun.

Braun, 33, decided to create

MissionU after seeing his wife struggle to pay off more than \$100,000 in student debt.

"I came to the firm belief that our college system is fundamentally broken and it's not working for the majority of young people who are going to college to build a better life and career," said Braun, who previously founded Pencils of Promise, a nonprofit that builds schools in the developing world.

Some employers agree that traditional university education may not be as relevant in today's economy as it once was. Google has dropped college education from its hiring requirements, and a company official said in a 2013 interview with The New York Times that up to 14 percent of employees on some of their teams had never gone to college. The British office of Ernst & Young has also stopped requiring college diplomas.

But will other companies follow suit?

Anthony Carnevale, director of the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, is not so sure.

"You've got to have something that proves to the people that are going to hire that you can do the job," Carnevale said. "Given the fluidity of the job market, it's strangers talking to strangers, so you got to have a piece of paper. It's a signal, it's a proof."

## Trump's UN envoy often off-message, seems in his good graces

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nikki Haley didn't wait to take office as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations to break with the Trump administration's foreign policy stances.

At her Senate confirmation hearing, Haley bluntly accused Russia of being complicit of war crimes in Syria — going against the president-elect's talk of warmer relations with Moscow.

Three months later, she remains boldly off-message. Much to the chagrin of Washington diplomats, her remarks often go well beyond the carefully worded scripts crafted by the White House and State Department.

She's warned Syrian President Bashar Assad that "the days of your arrogance and disregard of humanity are over," even as other top aides to President Donald Trump insisted that his fate was a decision for the Syrian people.

She's pushed human rights as a driver of foreign policy just as the Trump administration showed its willingness to work with leaders who have suppressed civil liberties, such as Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Egypt's Abdel-Fatah el-Sissi.

U.S. diplomats fear Haley's words could result in an inconsistent, incoherent international message. State Department diplomats drafted an email urging Haley's office to ensure that her public statements on high-profile issues are cleared by Washington. The email was first reported by The New York Times.

In some ways, Haley has been ahead of the curve. Her hints at a change in the Syrian government are now seeping into Trump policies.

She seems to be in Trump's good graces. At a White House luncheon for U.N. diplomats last week, he said Haley was doing a "fantastic job" — but only after awkwardly joking that if the diplomats didn't like her, "she could easily be replaced."

As South Carolina governor, she was outspoken in her criticism of Trump during the 2016 campaign — a stance that effectively disqualified other candidates for top administration positions. The daughter of Indian immigrants, Haley alluded to Trump in denouncing "the siren call of the angriest voices" who disrespected America's immigrants.

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# City of Manhattan Commission Minutes of Tuesday, Apr. 18

**MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION  
MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 18,  
2017  
7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the City Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room. Mayor Usha Reddi and Commissioners Linda Morse, Michael L. Dodson, Wynn Butler, and Karen McCulloh were present. Also present were the City Manager Ron R. Fehr, Deputy City Manager Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager Kiel Mangus, City Attorney Katharine Jackson, City Clerk Gary S. Fees, 10 staff, and approximately 35 interested citizens.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Reddi led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Reddi recognized and congratulated Angela Bucher, Kindergarten teacher at Blue-mont Elementary School, as the USD 383 Teacher of the Year-Elementary; Joel Gittle, Instrumental music teacher at Manhattan High School, as the

USD 383 Teacher of the Year-Secondary; and Sheryl Fjell, 8th grade Math/Algebra/Geometry teacher at Anthony Middle School, as the 2017 USD 383 Master Teacher.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Reddi proclaimed April 22, 2017, Little Apple Pride Day. Adam Carr, Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA) Vice-President, Kansas State University, and Little Apple Pride Committee Liaison; Rachel Hunt, Chair; Crystal Katz, Community Chair, and Emma Goldsby, Publicity Chair, Little Apple Pride Committee, were present to receive the proclamation.

Mayor Reddi proclaimed April 24-28, 2017, The Week of the Young Child. Berni Kappel, Vice President, Heartland Association for the Education of Young Children, was present to receive the proclamation.

Mayor Reddi proclaimed April 28, 2017, Arbor Day. J. David Mattox, Forestry Supervisor, City of Manhattan, was present to receive the proclamation.

Mayor Reddi proclaimed April 2017, Month of the Military Child. Deborah Mohler, Parent Engagement Coordinator, USD 383; and Rich Jankovich, Chairman, Military

Relations Steering Committee, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, and Paul Oehm, Member, Military Relations Steering Committee, were present to receive the proclamation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
(\* denotes those items discussed)

**MINUTES**

The Commission approved the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

**CLAIMS REGISTER NO. 2850**

The Commission approved Claims Register No. 2850 authorizing and approving the payment of claims from March 29, 2017, to April 11, 2017, in the amount of \$3,491,282.82.

**LICENSES**

The Commission approved a Merchant Guard Agency License for calendar year 2017 for Smart Security Inc., 625 South Anna, Wichita, Kansas, and an annual Cereal Malt Beverages Off-Premises License for Hy-Vee #1398, 601 3rd Place.

**ORDINANCE NO. 7280 – AMEND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – ADOPT AGGIEVILLE COMMUNITY VISION PLAN**

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7280 amending the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan by adopting and incorporating by reference the Aggieville Community Vision (ACV) Plan, dated March 2017, and incorporating Plan citations in Chapter 3 and Appendix B, as proposed; and directed City Administration to proceed with implementing the first item in the Strategic Action Plan, to hire a consultant team using Economic Development Fundsto conduct a comprehensive analysis of transportation, circulation and parking infrastructure, combined with developing a streetscape design and Triangle Park concept.

**RESOLUTION NO. 041817-A – SET BOND SALE DATE (GOB SERIES 2017-A, 2017-B, AND 2017-C)**

The Commission approved Resolution No. 041817-A setting May 16, 2017, as the date to sell \$1,235,000.00 in General Obligation Bonds (Series 2017-A), \$3,120,000.00 in General Obligation Airport Bonds subject to Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) (Series 2017-B), and \$1,075,000.00 in Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Series 2017-C); and approved first reading of an ordinance issuing

\$1,235,000.00 in general obligation bonds (Series 2017-A) for the following 11 public improvement districts: Grande Bluffs at Mill Pointe Addition, Unit Three – Sanitary Sewer (SS1316), Street (ST1321), and Water (WA1320); Ledge Stone Addition– Sanitary Sewer (SS1317) and Street (ST1323); Northlake Addition, Unit 2 – Sanitary Sewer (SS1321), Street (ST1326), and Water (WA1322); and Western Hills Addition, Unit Fourteen, Phase 2 – Sanitary Sewer (SS1314), Street (ST1320), and Water (WA1316); first reading of an ordinance issuing \$3,120,000.00 in General Obligation Airport Bonds (Subject to AMT) (Series 2017-B) for the Airport Terminal Expansion, Phase I; and first reading of an ordinance issuing \$1,075,000.00 in Taxable General Obligation Bonds (Series 2017-C) for the Fixed Base Operator Facility (AP1501).

**RESOLUTION NO. 041817-B – CHANGE IN TRUSTEE – FARRAR CORPORATION INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS**

The Commission approved Resolution No. 041817-B authorizing the appointment of UMB Bank as the successor trustee for the Farrar Corporation Industrial Revenue Bonds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 041817-C – PETITION – HERITAGE SQUARE NORTH, UNIT 2 – SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (SS1701)**

The Commission found the petition sufficient, and approved Resolution No. 041817-C finding the project advisable and authorizing construction for the Heritage Square North, Unit 2, Sanitary Sewer Improvements (SS1701).

**RESOLUTION NO. 041817-D – PETITION – HERITAGE SQUARE NORTH, UNIT 2 – STREET IMPROVEMENTS (ST1701)**

The Commission found the petition sufficient, and approved Resolution No. 041817-D finding the project advisable and authorizing construction for the Heritage Square North, Unit 2, Street Improvements (ST1701).

**RESOLUTION NO. 041817-E – PETITION – HERITAGE SQUARE NORTH, UNIT 2 – WATER IMPROVEMENTS (WA1701)**

The Commission found the petition sufficient, and approved Resolution No. 041817-E finding the project advisable and authorizing construction for the Heritage Square North, Unit 2, Water Improvements (WA1701).

**AGREEMENT – ENGINEERING SERVICES – HERITAGE SQUARE NORTH, UNIT 2 – SANITARY SEWER (SS1701), STREET (ST1701), AND WATER (WA1701) IMPROVEMENTS**

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement in an

amount not to exceed \$132,991.00 with SMH Consultants, of Manhattan, Kansas, to perform professional services for the Heritage Square North, Unit 2, Sanitary Sewer (SS1701), Street (ST1701), and Water (WA1701) Improvements.

**\* REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – SOUTH EAST NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION CENTER**

Mayor Reddi announced that Commissioner Butler would be serving on the South East Neighborhood Recreation Center Selection Committee.

The Commission authorized City Administration to solicit professional architectural and engineering services for the proposed South East Neighborhood Recreation Center; appointed Commissioner Butler to serve on the Selection Committee; authorized City Administration to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to amend the proposed collateral for the Section 108 Loan Guarantee, to the “Full Faith and Credit of the City”; and authorized the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute any subsequent necessary documents.

**NEGOTIATE CONTRACT – WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, AND PLUMBING SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (SS1712, CIP #WW179E)**

The Commission accepted the recommendation of the Selection Committee, and authorized City Administration to negotiate a professional services contract with HDR, Inc., of Olathe, Kansas, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing System Improvements Project (SS1712, CIP #WW179E).

**AWARD CONTRACT – 2016 WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS (WA1610, CIP #WA150P), (WA1611, CIP #WA123P), (WA1616, CIP #WA134P), (WA1631, CIP #WA155P)**

The Commission accepted the Engineer’s Opinion of Probable Cost in the amount of \$535,600.00 (Part A-Water Treatment Plant Bulk Filling Station (WA1616, CIP #WA134P) in the amount of \$98,500.00; Part A Alternate in the amount of \$11,700.00; Part B-Grand Mere Parkway Waterline Improvements (WA1610, CIP #WA150P) in the amount of \$141,600.00; Part C-Sunset Lane Waterline Improvements (WA1611, CIP #WA123P) in the amount of \$111,300.00; and Part D-Wyndham Heights Neighborhood (Berkshire) Waterline Improvements (WA1631, CIP #WA155P) in the amount of \$172,500.00); and awarded and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a construction contract in

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the amount of \$518,694.00 (Part A in the amount of \$97,546.00; Part A Alternate in the amount of \$17,000.00; Part B in the amount of \$133,399.00; Part C in the amount of \$110,228.00; and Part D in the amount of \$160,521.00) to Larson Construction, Inc., of Manhattan, Kansas, for the 2016 Waterline Improvements (WA1610, CIP #WA150P), (WA1611, CIP #WA123P), (WA1616, CIP #WA134P), (WA1631, CIP #WA155P).

**RESOLUTION NO. 041817-F - ISSUE TEMPORARY NOTES - 2016 WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS (WA1610, CIP #WA150P), (WA1611, CIP #WA123P), (WA1631, CIP #WA155P)**

The Commission approved Resolution No. 041817-F authorizing the issuance of temporary notes to finance the 2016 Waterline Improvements Project, including the Grand Merve Parkway Waterline Improvements (WA1610, CIP #WA150P), the Sunset Lane Waterline Improvements (WA1611, CIP #WA123P), and the Wyndham Heights Neighborhood (Berkshire) Waterline Improvements (WA1631, CIP #WA155P).

**AWARD CONTRACT - DOUGLASS CENTER ELECTRICAL RENOVATIONS (CD1617)**

The Commission accepted the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost in the amount of \$66,201.00 (Base Bid in the amount of \$50,491.00; Bid Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$9,660.00; Bid Alternate No. 2 in the amount of \$2,600.00; and Bid Alternate No. 3 in the amount of \$3,450.00); awarded and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract in the amount of \$40,006.42 (Base Bid in the amount of \$32,059.52, Bid Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$2,662.25, Bid Alternate No. 2 in the amount of \$2,024.40, and Bid Alternate 3 in the amount of \$3,260.25) with Electric Concepts, Inc., of St. George, Kansas, for the Douglass Center Electrical Renovations (CD1617)

**CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - DOUGLASS CENTER ELECTRICAL RENOVATIONS (CD1617)**

The Commission approved and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Contract Amendment No. 1 to the professional services contract with BG Consultants, Inc., of Manhattan, Kansas, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 to include Construction Administration Services for the Douglass Center Electrical Renovation-project (CD1617).

**AWARD CONTRACT - MUNICIPAL COURT SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS (SP1701)**

The Commission accepted the Architect's Opinion of Probable Cost in the amount of \$178,000.00 (Base Bid); awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$159,350.00 (Base Bid in the amount of \$148,450.00 and Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$10,900.00) to Trinium, Inc., of Manhattan, Kansas; and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the construction contract

for the Municipal Court Security Improvements (SP1701).

**APPLICATION - 2017 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT**

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an application for 2017 Emergency Solutions Grant funds in the amount of approximately \$249,300.00 and any grant related contracts if funding is approved (See Attachment No. 1).

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

The Commission approved the following appointments by Mayor Reddi to various boards and committees of the City:

**Code Appeals Board**  
Re-appointment of Daniel Barr, 15998 Pawnee Road, Olsburg, to fill a three-year Master Electrician term. Mr. Barr's term will begin June 1, 2017, and will expire May 31, 2020.

Re-appointment of Steve Kirby, 8838 Quail Lane, to fill a three-year Journeyman Plumber term. Mr. Kirby's term will begin June 1, 2017, and will expire May 31, 2020.

**Historic Resources Board**  
Re-appointment of Cameron Tross, 1000 Colorado Street, to fill a three-year Architect term. Mr. Tross' will term begin May 1, 2017, and will expire April 30, 2020.

**Human Rights and Services Board**

Appointment of Susan Adamchak, 1000 Mill Valley Circle, to fill a three-year term. Ms. Adamchak's term begins immediately and will expire March 8, 2020.

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments.

Commissioner McCulloh moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Morse seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

**FIRST READING - AMEND - PROCESS TO ENFORCE VARIOUS PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCES**

Brad Claussen, Building Official, presented an overview of the item. He highlighted property maintenance ordinances and proposed updates for nuisances, weeds and tall grass, inoperable vehicles, trash containers, environmental regulations, and the proposed abatement and administration fees updates. He also discussed the public education component and efforts to provide information to citizens. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding noxious weeds and the enforcement process for inoperable vehicles.

After comments and questions from the Commission, Brad Claussen, Building Official, provided additional information on the proposed fee structure and provided a comparison of fees with other communities. He then responded to additional questions regarding the code process and enforcement of weeds and tall grass as well as trash and trash containers.

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments.

After additional discussion and comments from the Com-

mission, Commissioner Dodson moved to approve first reading of ordinances amending Chapters 16, 21 and 31 of the Code of Ordinances clarifying the process to enforce various nuisance violations. Commissioner McCulloh seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

**2018 CITY/UNIVERSITY SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDS REQUEST - COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Kiel Mangus, Assistant City Manager, and Ethan Erickson, Assistant Vice President for Budget Planning, Kansas State University, presented an overview of the item. They highlighted the participants involved in the process; provided the calendar of events; presented the 2017 calendar year allocations; and highlighted the City/University Special Projects Fund project requests for the 2018 calendar year including North Manhattan Avenue Improvements, Southeast Campus Corner Lighted Path, Blue Light Infrastructure, Lover's Lane Sidewalk Extension, Lighting Improvements for North Campus Gardens, Campus Bicycle Infrastructure, North Campus Corridor Improvements, and the Colbert Hills Special Assessment. They also responded to questions from the Commission.

After comments and questions from the Commission, Kiel Mangus, Assistant City Manager, provided additional information on the Colbert Hills Special Assessment request and Grant Agreement between the City and Colbert Hills. He informed the Commission that the City/University Fund Committee did not recommend funding the Colbert Hills Special Assessment and provided options for the Commission to consider on the item.

Rob Ott, Director of Public Works, responded to questions from the Commission regarding the construction of Grand Miller Parkway and assessment for the improvements.

After additional comments regarding the Colbert Hills request and Grant Agreement, Kiel Mangus, Assistant City Manager, provided additional information on the Grant Agreement between the City and Colbert Hills. He also responded to questions on the recommendation made by the City/University Fund Committee regarding their recommendation to not fund the Colbert Hills request.

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Jeff Koenig, 718 Whitetail Pass, Committee Member, City/University Special Projects Fund Committee, informed the Commission that the decision to fund Colbert Hills request is ultimately up to the Commission. He stated that the City could probably find \$30,000.00 elsewhere to fund the agreement and said the Committee believed that the Colbert Hills investment was more of a business deal.

Bernie Haney, 2631 Tobacco Circle, Executive Director, Kansas State University Golf Course Management and Research Foundation (KSUG-CMRF), thanked the City Commission and the City/University Special Projects Fund Committee for their support. He provided background information on the initial funding re-

quest from the City and highlighted the mission, activities and financial update of Colbert Hills. He also provided information on the annual special assessments being paid to the City and the economic impact of Colbert Hills to the community. He encouraged the Commission to continue to fulfill the four-year funding agreement between the City of Manhattan and Colbert Hills.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments.

After additional discussion and comments from the Commission regarding the Colbert Hills funding, Commissioner Dodson moved to direct City Administration to incorporate the approved 2018 City/University Special Projects Fund Committee Recommendation Requests into the 2018 City Budget and Capital Improvements Program and incorporate the Colbert Hills Project. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Morse voting against the motion.

**ACCEPT KDOT FEDERAL SAFETY GRANT - CLAFLIN ROAD CORRIDOR FROM BROWNING AVENUE TO WESTPORT DRIVE**

Brian Johnson, City Engineer, presented an overview of the item. He highlighted the Claflin Road Corridor Safety Grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT); the existing accident patterns at this location over a three-year period; the Safety Grant application and process; the original grant application with a dual signal option and financial information; the alternative grant proposed by KDOT for a roundabout at the Claflin Road/Westport Drive/Browning Avenue corridor with grant amount and anticipated costs; and options for the Commission to consider regarding the KDOT grant offer. He responded to questions from the Commission regarding the number of accidents at the Fourth Street and Bluemont Avenue roundabout. He stated the Fourth Street and Bluemont Avenue roundabout has 27,000 vehicles a day navigating through the roundabout and this proposed area has 7,000 vehicles a day. He then responded to additional questions regarding the types of accidents at these two locations and provided data on the rate of speeds recorded for Claflin Road.

Rob Ott, Director of Public Works, provided additional information on the KDOT Claflin Road Corridor Grant Offer. He responded to questions from the Commission regarding design and reducing vehicle speeds on Claflin Road.

Commissioner McCulloh stated that she was disappointed that a roundabout was not constructed at Kimball Avenue and North Manhattan Avenue. She voiced support for motorist safety and to reduce the severity of accidents. She stated that she would support the recommendation from KDOT civil engineers.

Brian Johnson, City Engineer, informed the Commission that accidents cannot be eliminated, but accidents can be mitigated. He informed the Commission that KDOT personnel did look at this intersection.

Commissioner Morse stated that the City has to develop a solution to the issue. She stressed the importance to make sure the solution is the right one and wanted to further evaluate all potential alternatives to ensure safety.

Commissioner Butler stated that the proposed roundabout at this intersection is not big enough in reviewing the concept overlay at this intersection with the Fourth Street and Bluemont Avenue roundabout. He voiced concern with being held hostage by KDOT for this grant and spending money for the design as well as budget impacts. He stated that his preference was to look at other options to solve the issues with safety.

Mayor Reddi stated that the size of the roundabout is a key issue and mentioned the resistance to roundabouts in the community. She voiced concern with the accidents that have occurred on Claflin Road and that the focus needs to be on safety. She stated that she was hesitant to approve the grant agreement with KDOT and wanted to consider other options that would address safety.

Brian Johnson, City Engineer, informed the Commission that the City needs to respond to KDOT if it wants to accept the safety grant offer or decline. He stated that as other projects come on-line, the availability of KDOT safety grant funds would be reduced.

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Rich Jankovich, 2021 Somerset Square, provided his perspective on this item and discussion with Brian Johnson, City Engineer, and Rob Ott, Director of Public Works, regarding safety improvements. He informed the Commission that other options discussed included lowering the speed limit, installing electronic devices, and modifying traffic flow patterns coming in and out of businesses along Claflin Road. He then responded to questions from the Commission and discussed the challenges at this location.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments.

After comments from the Commission, Brian Johnson, City Engineer, responded to questions from the Commission and provided additional information on potential solutions for safety improvements.

Commissioner Dodson voiced concern with the proposed roundabout and grant agreement with KDOT. He stated that he was in favor of studying other ideas and looking at alternative solutions, including the potential for a traffic light, reducing speeds on Claflin Road, and widening Claflin Road.

Rich Jankovich, 2021 Somerset Square, responded to additional questions from the Commission. He stated that he understood the grant offer with KDOT for the roundabout and the higher costs associated with the signalized intersection. However, given the challenges and difficulty at this location for a roundabout, the preference was a signalized intersection.

Brian Johnson, City Engineer, responded to questions from the Commission about design options, parameters of the study, and the potential costs to address safety concerns.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, pro-

vided clarification on the item. He discussed potential actions to consider based on the feedback received from the Commission for additional analysis.

After further comments from the Commission, Rob Ott, Director of Public Works, informed the Commission that the City needs to provide KDOT with an answer on the grant offer. He stated that if the decision is to say no to the KDOT grant offer at this time, staff would need to submit a request for qualifications to further study the corridor and provide an analysis with possible options to bring back to the City Commission.

Brian Johnson, City Engineer, and Rob Ott, Director of Public Works, responded to additional questions from the Commission regarding potential options and proposed breaks on Claflin Road to allow left ins traveling in the westbound lane to access businesses.

After additional comments from the Commission, Commissioner Butler moved to deny the KDOT Safety grant for the Claflin Road Corridor from Browning Avenue to Westport Drive and direct City Staff to study alternatives. Commissioner Dodson seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner McCulloh voting against the motion.

**AGREEMENT - SECURITY SERVICES; PURCHASE - AIRPORT SECURITY TRUCK**

Jesse Romo, Airport Director, presented an overview of the item. He highlighted the proposed security services, the security vehicle required, and presented an overview of the estimated costs and funding sources identified. He provided an update on the larger aircraft that American Airlines plans to use starting on May 5, 2017. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding additional landing fees, funding sources to be utilized, future marketing efforts, and security training for Airport staff and tenants.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, provided additional information on the item. He highlighted their recent meeting with representatives in Washington, DC, to address security issues impacting the Manhattan Regional Airport and potential solutions.

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments.

After discussion and comments from the Commission, Commissioner McCulloh moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Security Service Agreement with Smart Security, Inc., of Salina Kansas, to provide security services at the Manhattan Regional Airport, and authorize the purchase of a vehicle off of the State bid list for the security technicians at the Airport. Commissioner Morse seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**  
At 10:35 p.m., the Commission adjourned.

# Nebraska: Kansas' annual smoke management review not enough

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A Nebraska mayor is pushing for changes in Kansas' oversight of prairie and rangeland burning after smoke from the Flint Hills spurred health warnings in the state's capital city.

Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler sent a letter Friday to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment pressing for

action after sending an April 18 complaint.

Beutler's original complaint came after smoke from controlled burns in March and April in eastern Kansas traveled downwind to Lincoln, Nebraska, prompting schools to cancel outdoor activities. He cited air quality warnings from the Lincoln Lancaster County

Health Department and multiple days in which the area's air quality index was unhealthy by Environmental Protection Agency standards.

John Mitchell, director for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's environmental division, told Beutler in a letter sent Monday that the department would review its

voluntary plan that says when farmers should burn. Ranchers and farmers have burned land in Kansas for generations to help control weeds, trees and undergrowth that can fuel wildfires.

But Lincoln officials are seeking a less-concentrated burning season, not just an annual review of the plan. Beutler's chief of staff Rick Hoppe

said Kansas may need to look at enforcing its plan that encourages farmers to spread out the burn season and avoid lighting their fields when it could have adverse health effects on surrounding areas.

"The plan needs to be designed in such a way that it protects the health of people, and it is not accomplishing that at this point," said Scott Holmes, manager of the environmental health division of the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department.

lems for anybody else," said farmer and state Rep. Larry Hibbard who says heavy rainfall this year and last meant farmers had more to burn in less time.

Kansas Department of Health and Environment spokesman Matt Keith said the department has worked with farmers to spread those burns out over the spring months. It also developed a tool to help farmers see where their smoke will go and how it will affect air quality, according to air monitoring and planning chief Doug Watson.

Keith said Kansas stakeholders would review the plan again this year. He and Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality spokesman Brian McManus said the states' departments were communicating regularly.

Hoppe said Friday that Lincoln officials would see how the plan review goes before they decide whether they're satisfied by Kansas' response.

"Actions speak louder than words," Hoppe said.

Craig Volland, chair of the air quality committee for the Sierra Club's Kansas chapter, said he thought some ranchers were burning every year that didn't need to be. He said that it creates more smoke and eliminates habitats for other grassland species.

But some ranchers maintain that spring burning is essential for their land and livestock and helps sprout nutritious green grass for cattle grazing in the hills.

"We do an awful lot of things to try to not create prob-

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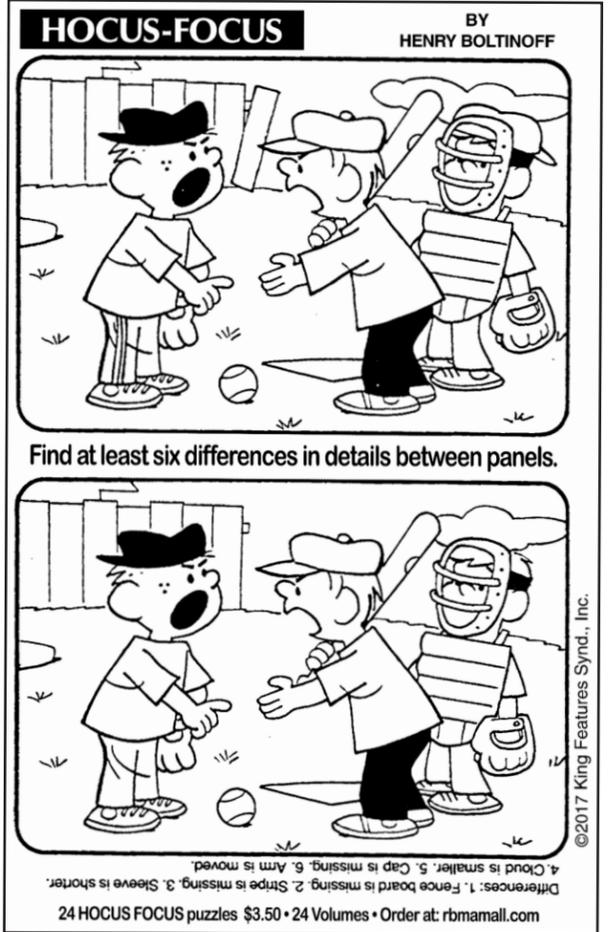
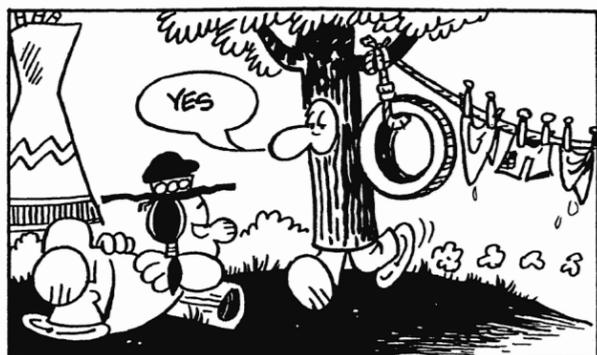
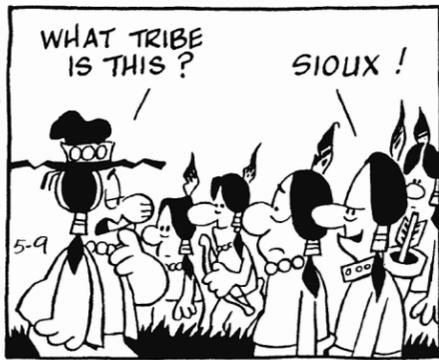
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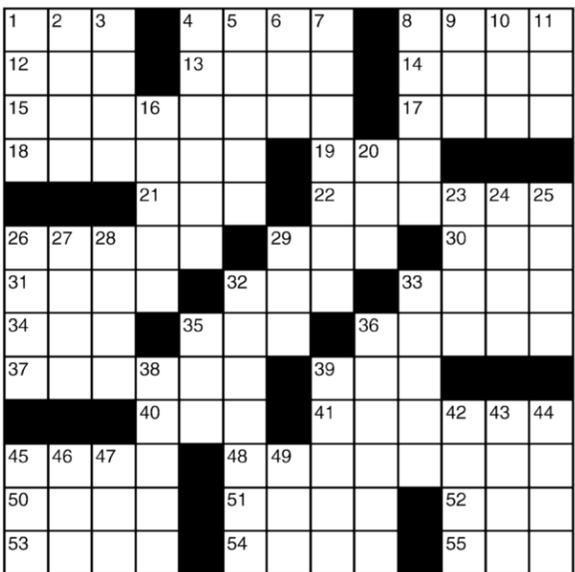
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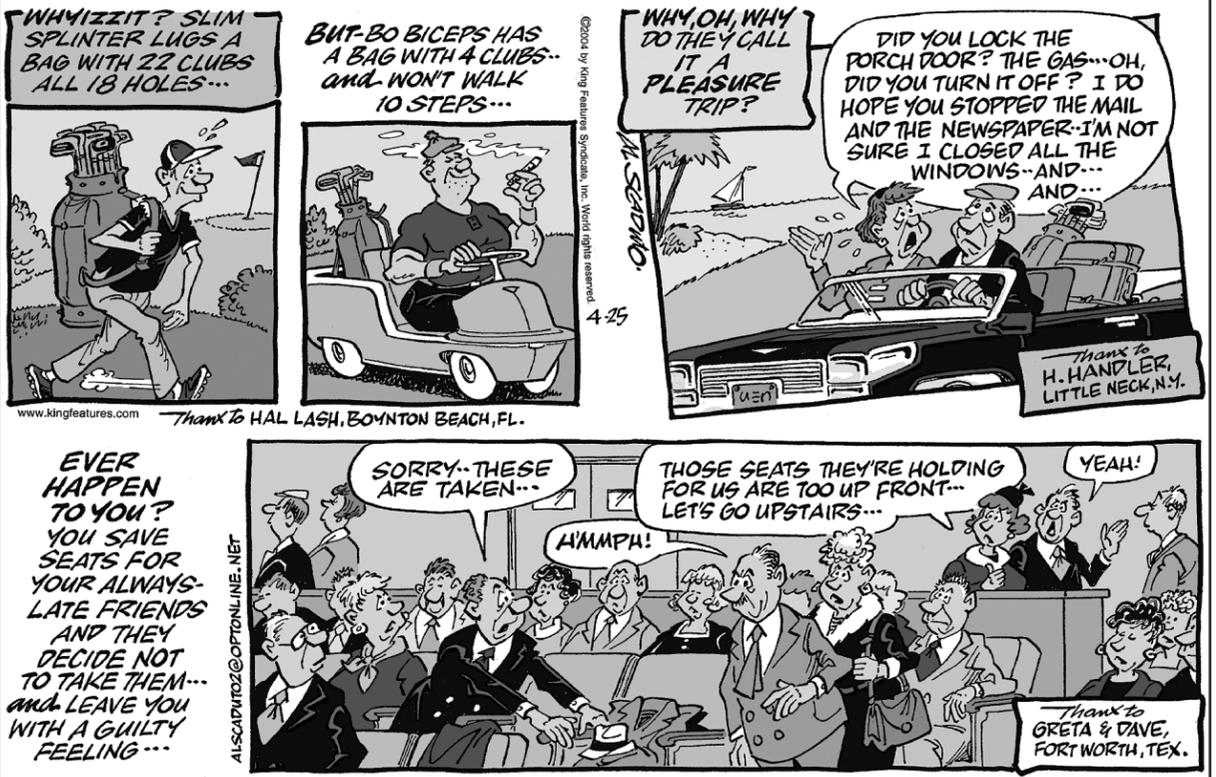
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# K-State Football's 'Rock,' Joan Friederich, Retires After 42 Years

## KSU Sports Information

For a few minutes, Joan Friederich was back in her element, surrounded by people she loves at a place she's dearly missed coming to every day. She was back in the mix of K-State football, a return to a program she became a fixture in.

Friederich, a longtime administrative assistant for K-State's head football coach, recently retired after 42 years with the program. Before last Saturday's Purple/White Spring Game, she was recognized at midfield, receiving a specially made glass football trophy as thanks for her dedication to the program.

"She's just a special person that cares deeply about this program and we're just happy to be able to do that little, minor honor for her," said K-State senior captain Trent Tanking. "She deserves way more, but we were happy that we got her in front of the crowd and could recognize her."

More enjoyable than the trophy Friederich received were the warm welcomes she was given by many, including head coach Bill Snyder. Numerous K-State players, when they saw Friederich, stopped what they were doing to give her a hug and chat. Others close to the



Joan Friederich before last Saturday's Purple/White Spring Game, she was recognized at midfield, receiving a specially made glass football trophy as thanks for her dedication to the program.

program did the same.

"It was really exciting. Dalton Risner came up and gave me a hug, and it was fun to see him," Friederich, who began working in the football offices in 1973, said. "I'm really going to miss coming to work every day because I truly loved to see the players and the coaches every day."

And they loved seeing her.

Former Wildcat quarterback and current color analyst for the K-State Sports Network Stan Weber called Friederich the "rock" for K-State football. The two first met on his recruiting visit more than 30 years ago, and they quickly became "great friends."

Weber remembers spending countless hours in her office in 1982, the year he suffered a sig-

nificant knee injury. The two talked about everything, from life, its battles, what it was like working with different coaches — Friederich worked for six different head coaches in her time with the program — and the history of K-State football.

"I was just trying to learn as much as I could," Weber said, "and enjoy our company."

It may seem like Weber's re-

lationship with Friederich was unique, but she created a similar bond with hundreds of players through the years.

"I've met so many guys, who played football in all different eras, who thought they were Joan's favorite player of all time. It happened so often that no one was jealous of anybody else," Weber laughed. "It was just an amazing quality to say,

'Oh, I had a special relationship with Joan and I know I was one of her favorites.' The next person you talk to says the same thing and you see a theme there."

The theme: Friederich cares deeply about K-State football. From the day any player, coach or one of their family members stepped foot into the Vanier Family Football Complex, Friederich became invested into them.

It's no wonder why Friederich became known as the team's football mother.

"I truly enjoyed it. They mean a lot to me and they know that they mean a lot to me. They will sit and visit with me about things and I have always felt like a very special person in their lives," she said. "I am just so happy to have worked there as long as I did. I'm going to miss it a whole lot. I tell everybody I was a lucky old lady to be able to work this long."

Regardless of a player and coach's status, Weber said Friederich made them feel like an important part of the program. "Ex-player, starter, walk-on, scholarship, it didn't matter," he said. "You were one of her boys. She cared so much about the players and helped us a ton."

# Grunder Wins Hammer Throw on Rainy Final Day of Drake Relays

## KSU Sports Information

DES MOINES, Iowa — Battling pouring rain throughout the entire competition, Iowa-native and Kansas State senior Brady Grunder came through in a big way in his first Drake Relays appearance since high school as he claimed the gold medal in the hammer throw on Saturday as the 108th running of the historic meet came to a close.

The Wildcats finished the three-day competition with two first-place finishes courtesy of Grunder and fellow thrower Shadae Lawrence, as well as 12 top-five finishes.

"All in all, we had an extremely productive weekend under very adverse conditions," Director of Track and Field and Cross Country Cliff Rovelto said. "Today's conditions were not the best, but we had some very good performances. Brady won the hammer throw and the two girls in the hammer throw competed well. I also thought the girls in the Distance Medley Relay and the 4x100 Meter Relay did a very nice job."

Opening competition in heat two, Grunder wasted no time jumping into the lead after recording a throw of



Kansas State senior Brady Grunder came through in a big way in his first Drake Relays

61.54m/201-11. On his second attempt, he became the only athlete in the competition to eclipse the 62-meter mark after a launch of 62.13m/203-10. It was not until his final attempt in the series that he posted his winning mark of 63.82m/209-

04 to win the gold medal in the event.

Fellow senior Kyle Smith also finished in the top-five in the men's hammer throw, finishing in fourth place after a final-attempt throw of

60.81m/199-06.

K-State women's hammer throwers continued their top form, paced by junior Janee' Kassanavoid who finished in second place in the competition with a final mark of 62.93m/206-05 to finish as the

events top collegian. Freshman Helene Ingvaldsen finished in the top-five as well, taking fifth place after a toss of 60.91m/199-10 on her second attempt.

"Brady and Janee' both were able to compete well enough to

finish at the top of their competitions today," throws coach Greg Watson said. "It was especially exciting Brady win since he is an Iowa native. He has not competed in this meet since high school, where he finished in second place. He got a little redemption today."

On the track, the women's distance medley relay squad had a strong run despite rainy conditions. Comprised of Paige Stratioti, Zanri Van der Merwe, Marija Stambolic and Morgan Wedekind, the group crossed the finish line in 11:30.49 to claim fourth place in the event. The time is the sixth-fastest in program history and marks the first time that the Wildcats have recorded a top-10 program time in the event since 2014.

The women's shuttle hurdles squad used an impressive time of 57.28 to win heat two and solidify its spot in the Saturday afternoon final in the race. Made up of Nina Schultz, Ariel Okorie, Lauren Taubert and Claudette Allen, the quartet returned less than two hours later to claim third place in the final with a time of 56.90, 38-hundredths of a second faster than their qualifying time.

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