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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – March 21, 2017

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
Claudia Oñate Greim
Marilou Joyner
Billie Howard Barnes
Leon Dixon
Laura Dominik
Olivia Dorsey
Susie Kenney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rose Marie Bell

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager
Melissa Carle, Director of Information Systems
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and
Community Engagement
Elizabeth Eddings, Administrative Officer
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth & Family Engagement
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
Elysha Ryan, Director of Branch Operations
Debbie Siragusa, Deputy Director of Administration / Chief
Financial Officer
Karen Weitzel, Director of Human Resources
Heather Zoellner, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive
Services

OTHERS PRESENT: Madaline Walter
Tom Platt
J. D. Besares, Standard Parking

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

The Board welcomed Laura Dominik, the new Library Board Member representing the Independence, MO School District.

Motion by Dorsey to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 regular Board meeting. Second by Dixon. Approved unanimously. (Note: As a matter of Board convention, the Chair votes only when his/her vote would affect the outcome of the vote. In all "recorded" votes, the vote of

the Chair appears only when it has actually been cast and when it has had an effect on the disposition of the motion. Notations of "approved unanimously" mean all members, other than the Chair, voting affirmatively.)

Howard Barnes arrived 4:34 p.m.

J. Kemper noted that the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting scheduled for 4:15 p.m. did not convene. Joyner as Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee asked Siragusa for a summary of the nonbinding tax levy action item. Siragusa reported that the preliminary assessment from Jackson County showed a significant increase in assessed values, and that along with a rise in the Consumer Price Index to 2.1% should result in increased revenue for the Library for next year's budget. Siragusa noted that tax protests could have a negative impact.

The County will provide new preliminary numbers in June, which will be used in the Library's preliminary operating budget, and final numbers will be received prior to setting the ad valorem tax rate in September. Based on the current projections, C. Kemper stated that the estimated nonbinding tax levy would be set at 0.4782.

Motion by Dixon to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to informally project the Library's nonbinding tax levy for tax year 2017 pursuant to the provisions of 137.243(1) RSMo (2010). Second by Oñate Greim. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4178)

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

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the following expenditures for February 2017: Payroll (02/16/17 net cash \$275,676 plus taxes \$103,036) and (03/02/17 net cash \$219,523 plus taxes \$87,103), total amount of \$685,338; General Expense Payments including Checks (#170059-170250), in the amount of \$631,338. (LBM 4176)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for February 2017. (LBM 4177)

Besares described automated parking control system improvements including ticket loss reduction which will increase revenue.

Motion by Dorsey to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to purchase an automated parking control system for the Central Library Parking Garage from Fisher Parking & Security, Inc. ("Fisher") for an amount not to exceed \$150,000. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4179)

Motion by Joyner to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract with RSM US, LLP ("RSM") for expanded information technology consulting and infrastructure services for an amount not to exceed \$125,000. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4180)

Coogan and Joyner presented an update on Board Work Plan Individual Action Item 2.2 - Develop a public relations plan to "Tell our story" (to help bring people in; help address funding and promote a sense of ownership).

C. Kemper provided a Director's Report to the Board. (LBM 4181)

Motion by Dorsey to adjourn. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Secretary

Date