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Johnson County Charter Commission Meeting
Public Hearing

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5:30pm

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[5:20 p.m.]

>> Chairman Musil: Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can have your attention for a moment. I'm Greg Musil, Chairman of the Charter Commission. I really appreciate you all coming tonight. There are limitations on the number of folks we can have in this room, and we all have to wear masks as part of the KU Edwards Campus University of Kansas policy. So I would appreciate -- we have enough chairs here so we can social distance under the KU policies. They're hosting us for no charge for all of our meetings. So if I could ask those of you who aren't in a seat to wait in the lobby or outside until we get going. And I would ask all of you --

(Indiscernible Speakers from the Audience)

>> Chairman Musil: All I can do is ask you. I can't make you. But if we don't, if we don't do it, if we don't do it, we will not have a public hearing tonight. Okay? So, your choice is --

(Indiscernible Speakers from the Audience)

>> Chairman Musil: No, I'm not taking away your right to speak. I'm giving you the opportunity to let citizens of this county participate in a public hearing in compliance with the rules of this facility. So, if at 5:30 you are still here and there are more people than the chairs, which violates the limit for this room, and if there are people here who refuse to wear masks, then we will cancel the public hearing.

(Indiscernible Speakers from the Audience)

>> Chairman Musil: The 250 is per Fire Marshal, not under the current compliance rules. I told you what's gonna happen if you don't comply. And that's what we'll do.

(Pause)

[Please stand by]

>> I'm going to open the webinar for the virtual public speakers and then we'll start recording as

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well.

[Please stand by]

>> Chairman Musil: If I could have everybody's attention, please. We'll call the meeting to order. My name is Greg Musil. I'm the Chairman of the 2021 Charter Commission. First item on the agenda is roll call. Ms. Sader.

>> Clerk: Wendy Bingesser. Mike Boehm. Karin Brownlee. Vicki Charlesworth.

>> Present.

>> Clerk: Jim Denning. Jane Dirks. Jane Dirks. Jimmy Gaona.

>> Gaona present.

>> Clerk: Tedrick Housh.

>> Tedrick Housh, present.

>> Clerk: Randy Hutchins.

>> Randy Hutchins, present.

>> Clerk: Chris Iliff. Chris Iliff. Laura Klingensmith.

>> Laura Klingensmith, present.

>> Clerk: Joy Koesten. Brent McCune.

>> Brent McCune, present.

>> Clerk: Eric Mikkelson.

>> Eric Mikkelson, present.

>> Clerk: Ed Peterson.

>> Ed Peterson, present.

>> Clerk: Dawn Rattan.

>> Dawn Rattan, present.

>> Clerk: Leslee Rivarola.

>> Leslee Rivarola, present.

>> Clerk: Don Roberts.

>> Don Roberts, present.

>> Clerk: Kyle Russell.

>> Kyle Russell, present.

>> Clerk: Paula Schwach.

>> Paula Schwach, present.

>> Clerk: Brenda Sharpe.

>> Brenda Sharpe, present.

>> Clerk: Greg Shelton.

>> Greg Shelton, present.

>> Clerk: Greg Smith.

>> Greg Smith, here.

>> Clerk: Zach Thomas.

>> Zach Thomas, present.

>> Clerk: Chair Musil.

>> Chairman Musil: Present.

>> Clerk: And do we have Chris Iliff, or Jane Dirks? Thank you.

>> Chris Iliff is on Zoom. There might be audio issues.

>> Clerk: Okay. Thank you.

>> Chris Iliff. I apologize for that. Yeah, I was having audio issues. Thank you.

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>> Clerk: Thank you.

>> Chairman Musil: How many do we have?

>> Clerk: We have 24.

>> Chairman Musil: 24 members of the Commission are present, so I will declare the presence of a quorum.

I want to welcome the members of the public that are here in person and those that are on our virtual presentation. Every meeting of the Charter Commission has been open and available to be observed by the public. We've been meeting since March, either virtually or by hybrid meeting, with Commission members either able to attend in person or by Zoom. Our meetings are generally the second Monday or the fourth Wednesday of the month. The Johnson County Home Rule Charter was initially adopted by the voters in 2000. The Charter requires the appointment every ten years of a 25-member Charter Commission for the purpose of reviewing the Charter and considering whether any amendments to the Charter should be placed on the ballot for voters to consider. The Charter may be amended only by the voters of Johnson County. Amendments can be placed on the ballot only by the Charter Commission or by a super majority vote of the seven-member Johnson County Commission. The Charter requires the Charter Commission to hold at least one public meeting. The 2021 Charter Commission committed to hold two public hearings, with the second one initially intended to be scheduled probably in October. Once scheduled, that public hearing will be posted on the Charter Commission website and the County Commission website, as this one was, as well as published in the "Kansas City Star" and the Olathe paper. The Charter Commission website is www.charter.jocogov.org. And the County's general website is www.jocogov.org. The Charter Commission website includes meeting minutes, agendas, calendar for future minutes -- for future meetings, the Home Rule Charter itself, and videos of each Charter Commission meeting.

We have gathered tonight to accept public comment at the first public hearing. The public notice that was published in the paper and on the County's website and the Charter Commission website outlined the requirements of our host entity, KU Edwards Campus, and that requirement is that everybody within the building wear a mask. In addition, there were limitations on the number of people that could be present in this room because there is a limit for social distancing. We have exceeded the number of people in the room. The chairs that were present out there were there for those who could get there so there would be sufficient social distancing. Earlier, about 5:15, I announced that if we were unable to either limit the -- both limit the number of people in the room, and have everyone in the room or in the building wear a mask, we would not be able to proceed with the public hearing. That compliance requirement still stands. So, if --
(Indiscernible Speakers from the Audience)

>> Chairman Musil: I want to make it clear that the Charter Commission -- the Charter Commission is dedicated to receiving public comment on any issue you have that's within the authority of the Charter Commission, which is to review the Home Rule Charter, and to decide whether or not to place any items on the ballot in November of 2022. That is our goal. That's what we sought here tonight was from members of the public about what they do or do not want the Charter Commission to do. But if we are unable to do so, then we will cancel the meeting and the public will not have the opportunity tonight to participate and to make comments.
(Indiscernible Speakers from the Audience)

>> Chairman Musil: Do I have a motion to adjourn?

>> So move.

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(Chanting and yelling in the background)

>> Chairman Musil: Motion by Commissioner Peterson and a second by Commissioner Koesten to adjourn the meeting. All those in favor, raise your right hand.

>> (Ayes)

>> Chairman Musil: All in favor of the motion to adjourn, raise your right hand.

(Indiscernible Speakers from the Audience)

>> Chairman Musil: Do we have -- the meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

(Indiscernible Speakers from the Audience)

[Chanting and yelling in the background]

(Adjourned at 5:39 p.m.)

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