
**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**

**BASEHOR CITY COUNCIL
October 28, 2003
3:00 PM
Basehor City Hall**

Governing Body Present: Mayor Joseph Scherer, Pres. Julian Espinoza, John Bonee, Iris Dysart, Bill Hooker

Members Absent: Keith Sifford

Staff Present: Mike Hooper, Mary Mogle

Mayor Scherer called the special meeting to order announcing the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future of the K-7 Hwy corridor with developers Tom Zarda and Rustom Ferzandi, and representatives from Unified Government of Kansas City, Kansas. The mayor stated it was his opinion the biggest obstacle facing Basehor was the fact that Unified Government of Kansas City, Kansas had proposed the development of the K-7 Hwy to have accesses every two miles which would not allow Falcon Lakes Parkway access to K-7 Hwy. Falcon Lakes Parkway is a vital part of Basehor's growth since it also allows an 80-acre commercial tract of land to be developed and residents of Falcon Lakes Subdivision a more convenient method of access to the major highway.

(Council President Espinoza arrived at 3:07 p.m.)

Unified Government engineer Fred Backus stated Donohoo is a major link in the K-7 and I-435 Highway interchange and wants to see the street improved. The mayor and code administrator suggested moving Donohoo, east of K-7 Hwy, further south to line up with Falcon Lakes Parkway. The code administrator, Mike Hooper stated there are several constraints concerning Donhoo west of K-7 Hwy and does not recommend improving it. Mayor Scherer noted it would be advantageous for Bonner Springs, Basehor, and Unified Government of KCK to be in agreement when they meet with KDOT on November 4th.

Mayor Scherer reminded those present that KDOT does not have funding to make K-7 a freeway until at least the year 2023. Mr. Backus stated he has read the KDOT traffic study and agrees K-7 Hwy should be made into a freeway for safety

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purposes. If the highway continues to develop with access as it currently exists, traffic in twenty years would start to "bog down" and become a parking lot.

Falcon Lakes developer Rustom Ferzandi stated commercial should be allowed to develop along the K-7 Hwy corridor which will bring income to all cities in Leavenworth and Wyandotte County. Mr. Bacus stated it is a fallacy in thinking that if K-7 Hwy was made into a freeway it would cut down commercial development. Falcon Lakes developer Rustom Ferzandi stated traffic would be "flying by" and would detour business along this portion of K-7 Highway. Mr. Backus suggested looking at alternative access that would allow for development.

Mayor Scherer suggested UGKCK, Bonner Springs, and Basehor come up with a workable plan for all entities involved. He reminded Mr. Backus that UGKCK has more access to major highways than City of Basehor.

Basehor code administrator Mike Hooper suggested lighted intersections at Polfer/Fairmount Rd, Falcon Lakes Parkway, Parallel Rd, and create an overpass at Leavenworth Road. Mr. Backus stated he thought that might be a workable solution and would ask UGKCK to reassess their position and promised to call Mayor Scherer regarding their decision before the November 4th meeting.

Mr. Backus assured the governing body that UGKCK wants economic development as much as Basehor and good access was going to be the key to making it work.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, J. Espinoza moved to adjourn the special meeting. J. Bonee seconded the motion. All aye. Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Submitted for Council approval with/without corrections this 10th day of November, 2003.

Attest:



Mary A. Mogle, City Clerk

Joseph Scherer, Mayor

JOSEPH Scheren
Tom Zarda
TOM SMITH
Fred Backus
Bob Hayby
Bill Hooker
Kurtin Bergant
Gin Vycart
John Bruce
Julian Espinoza
R. SCOTT Beelen

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