

Special Meeting

June 23, 2011

City Commission Room, 700 N. Jefferson, Junction City KS 66441

**Mayor Pat Landes
Vice Mayor Jack Taylor
Commissioner Cecil Aska
Commissioner Scott Johnson
Commissioner Jim Sands
City Manager Gerry Vernon
City Attorney Catherine Logan
City Clerk Tyler Ficken**

1. 7:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC HEARING:

A hearing for the purpose of hearing any and all written or oral objections to the respective supplemental assessments set forth in proposed [Ordinance S-3094](#). (Finance Director Cheryl Beatty Presenting). Finance Director Beatty stated that the corrections to these assessments were recommended in the BKD report. She stated that there are eight recommended project changes in total. Mayor Landes opened the public hearing. City Attorney Logan stated that project #9 should be removed from the proceedings as per the development agreement between the project developer and the City. David Pickard of 1006 Hickory Lane stated that there is a problem with his taxes. City staff stated that they would work with him to determine whether his property taxes are correct, but that this proceeding would result in a small reduction in his property taxes. The City received contact information from Michael Gooden of 2711 Sage Ct.; and Derrick Desha of 2619 Valentine Lane who also have issues for clarification on their property tax forms. Sherahlyn Prosper who lives in the Buffalo Soldier development understands that she will be charged more. She asked if \$15,000.00 in specials is normal. Commissioner Taylor stated that the cost is for the infrastructure at the property. Sherahlyn Prosper stated that she is paying her taxes. She asked why the Commission is considering allowing a developer not to pay their taxes while if her taxes were not paid, her home would be sold. Cynthia Flores of 2713 Hackberry Dr. asked how past officials have been held accountable, and they want to keep their home and taxes seem high for the community and she wants to know why; Junction City is not Manhattan which has a University. Commissioner Taylor suggested that Cynthia Flores read the BKD report for the information regarding how the City has reached the current position. Commissioner Johnson stated that Wunder went to prison, but there has been little done to hold others accountable. Mayor Landes stated that the City will move straight going forward; he stated that in the past, the City was under the gun to build for Ft. Riley, and things were not managed well, and the City backed the loans; that is not going to be done anymore. Commissioner Aska stated that the Commission is going to move

forward; he feels good about the city Manager and staff. Commissioner Taylor stated that he feels more confident about the information that the Commission receives. Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commission Aska to close the public hearing. Ayes: Aska, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: Johnson. Motion carried.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consideration to approve Ordinance [S-3094](#) on Final Reading. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to approve S-3094 excluding exhibit A-9, project #9 Eagle Landing on final reading. Ayes: Aska, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: Johnosn. Moton carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Johson to adjourn at 8:34 PM Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY 2011 AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JUNE 23, 2011.

Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

Pat Landes, Mayor