

# JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING

Thursday, November 19, 2009  
4:00 P.M.  
City Commission Room  
City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Avenue

Meeting called by: Mayor Bob Strawn

Type of meeting: Joint City/County

## Agenda

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| 1. Child Care          | City   |
| 2. Marlatt Drainage)   | City   |
| 3. Half-cent Sales Tax | County |
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## Additional Information/Notes

October 28, 2009

Dear Mayor Strawn,

Thank you for bringing forth the safety issue of inspections of all regulated child care, at today's board of health meeting. As requested by the board, I am forwarding their request for the city commission to reconsider this issue at their earliest convenience.

Key facts include:

**Uninspected (registered) child care is not as safe as inspected (licensed) child care.**

**Most parents do not know the difference.**

**Most parents believe all child care provided for pay is inspected.**

**We have secure resources, and do not need any additional resources, to inspect registered care.**

**If registered providers are required to be inspected, many more resources will become available to them.**

**If registered care is required to be inspected, parents who utilize it will become eligible for child care scholarships, which typically pay 1/3 the cost of care.**

**Registered care cannot be voluntarily inspected.**

**The death rate in registered child care homes in Kansas is disproportionately higher than in licensed homes.**

**This change will not bring an onerous burden upon registered providers.**

**This change will help protect our children.**

The good news is that we can improve the safety of child care environments for our children simply by requiring initial and annual inspections of all child care homes. Our children deserve the protection of the city's ordinance to inspect all child care.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. Please feel free to contact me if I can help move this forward in any way.

Best Regards,

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