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The negotiations were for 16 of the lots he owns and not for all his properties at Lauren’s Bay.

Assistant city manager Braxton Copley said this would just refinance the approximately \$703,591 in future special assessments Klausman owes and spread them out over the next 20 years.

“We are simply refinancing the future specials using the CID as the tool for that,” Copley said.

When asked by Councilwoman Christina Valdivia-Alcalá, Copley said the CID typically is used for businesses and not residential.

Council members David Banks and Valdivia-Alcalá voted against the CID.

One public comment in favor of Jim Klausman’s CID and one against.

During the public hearing, Danielle Twemlow read out loud an article from The Capital-Journal from a decade ago that critiqued the special assessment process and the funding granted to Lauren’s Bay.

“We can keep saying the same things over and over again and the points have

continued to be made but I do believe that it’s important again to point out — this is public record now — that many of these home that are there now have been paying the specials since 2015,” Twemlow said. “While they are somewhat a bit lower that’s also a nuanced thing.”

She said Topeka has made progress in the past 10 years without Klausman’s Lauren’s Bay development.

“So, that ‘but for’ analysis stating that this would not happen but for this investment, we know that is also untrue,” Twemlow said. “This is just simply a choice. We have many, many other houses that have been developed on that property and that area. We have had this developer purchase up millions of dollars worth of other buildings since this has taken place.”

Mayoral candidate Henry McClure spoke in favor of the CID during public comment.

“There’s no reason not to stop this today,” McClure said. “And nobody up there should say, ‘our money. It’s our money.’ Those bonds are current, we’ve been paying the bonds and forget about it. That’s old money. Quit trying to make that money back. You’re not in the real estate business. The only way you make the money back is by getting houses on their paying taxes. So, I hope you all support it.”



From left, Lupe Hernandez, Letty Flores and Jazmin Florence keep a selection of quesos, salsas and tamales fresh at their stand La Casa De Los Abuelos on April 4 at Munch Market. EVERT NELSON/THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL

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try it again,” Marisa Bermudez said.

Elvira Bermudez said she’s doing new events outside of her brick-and-mortar store to spread the word about her business and give people the opportunity to try the sweet treats she offers.

How will you know what vendors will be at Munch Market?

To know which food trucks and vendors will be at Munch Market every First Friday, Concepcion encourages people to use the Mobile Munch application.

Users can download the Mobile Munch app, tap the Market icon, and check out the lineup of food vendors.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, April 10, the 100th day of 2025. There are 265 days left in the year. On this date in:

1606: A royal charter was given to the Virginia Company of London by King James I with the goal of establishing colonies on the eastern coast of North America.

1866: Henry Bergh established the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in New York City. It became one of the largest organizations dedicated to stopping animal cruelty.

1872: The first American Arbor Day was celebrated in Nebraska. More than 1 million trees were planted. The brain-child of J. Sterling Morton, Arbor Day is now celebrated worldwide.

1912: The RMS Titanic embarked on its first and only voyage from Southampton, England. The ship was 882 feet long and 92 feet wide. It weighed 52,310 tons and carried 2,240 passengers and crew. Its destination was New York City across the Atlantic.

1925: “The Great Gatsby,” by F. Scott

Fitzgerald, was first published. A seminal novel set during the American Prohibition Era, it provided a critical look into economic and societal developments of the time while addressing themes relating to unrequited love, identity and the American Dream.

1953: Horror movie “House of Wax,” the first 3D color film, opened at New York’s Paramount Theater. The film was released by Warner Bros. and directed by Andre De Toth. It starred Vincent Price as a sculptor and curator of a wax museum showcasing criminals and their crimes.

1963: The nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Thresher sank at sea 220 miles east of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, killing its 129 crew and personnel. Flooding in the engine room was the most probable cause of the sinking. Its loss led the U.S. Navy to develop and implement the SUB-SAFE program.

1970: Paul McCartney announced the Beatles had broken up, confirming months of speculation.

Funding

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“We disagree with this decision and recognize the importance of child care providers,” Stanek said. “Unfortunately, without this federal funding in place, KDHE cannot sustain the costs of waiving these fees. The decision by the Trump administration to defund this initiative means that we have no choice but to reinstate the child care licensing and background check fees effective immediately.”

Kansas had waived child care licensing fees

The move comes after the governor announced in September that the state was using federal funding to cover fees for licensing, background checks and fingerprinting for new and existing child care providers. The money came from excess federal funds and was going to be used to waive fees through 2025, or until funds were used up.

“I’m committed to expanding access to affordable, high-quality child care opportunities for Kansas children and families,” Kelly said at the time. “These funds allow for continued support for child care providers by removing financial barriers.”

The state had already been covering licensing fee costs since 2021 using discretionary federal funding from pandemic relief, and the state later used reallocated funding that was also from COVID-19 aid.

Stanek had said at the time the money “will go a long way in allowing potential and current child care providers to continue the important work of creating and sustaining quality child care options for Kansas families.”

How much do government fees cost child care?

The state had hoped that waiving the fees would lower the start-up cost amid a child care shortage while also incentivizing unlicensed providers to get licensed.

Fee amounts can vary, depending on the type of license and who does the background check and fingerprinting.

A family child care home has a \$85 state licensing fee, while a child care center has a fee of \$75 plus \$1 for each child. Preschools have varying levels of fee with a max of \$75, while school-age programs and drop-in programs have

The app works by allowing area food truck owners to provide information regarding upcoming dates, times, locations, menu options and pricing for their businesses, The Capital-Journal previously reported.

In addition to Antojitos Bermudez and Los GemElotes setting up at the April 4 Munch Market, Conchis Cuisine and La Casa De Los Abuelos were also present.

Concepcion said his team is working to bring a more diverse food scene for upcoming Munch Markets at First Fridays. He said they hope to bring in a creole food-based vendor as well as an Indian food-based one.

“We want to bring new initiatives to NOTO and to be completely honest, make first Fridays the place to be,” Concepcion said. “My idea and hope is that we get more vendors so we can have different types of cuisines.”

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Bill Maher says he doesn’t hate Trump: He’s ‘one of the most effective politicians’

Bill Maher is standing by his past criticisms of President Donald Trump while admitting he doesn’t “hate” him.

Speaking with NewsNation personality Chris Cuomo on Sunday’s episode of the Club Random podcast, Maher said that though he has not been a fan of some of Trump’s comments and actions, he believes “Trump is one of the most effective politicians.”

“Whatever you think of the policy

and him as a person, just as a politician, (Trump is) understanding that (you) always lean into being more of who you are,” Maher told Cuomo. “The people are not savvy about issues but they smell aphony a mile away. And that kind of (stuff), nobody else does it.”

Maher continued: “I’ve been his biggest critic, for good reason, and when he got reelected I said, ‘I’m not going to pre-hate anything.’ And in the first week, I said, ‘There’s lots of things I hate.’ Because I do. OK, there’s some things I don’t hate, also.”

Maher, who said he has “never been a Democrat” but has also “never voted for the Republican” candidate, also denounced critics who “hate Trump.”


TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS

Actor-martial artist **Steven Seagal** turns 73. Singer **Terre Roche** (The Roches), 72. Actor **Peter MacNicol**, 71. Singer-producer **Babyface**, 66. Musician **Brian Setzer**, 66. Comedian-actor **Orlando Jones**, 57. Rapper **Q-Tip** (A Tribe Called Quest), 55. Actor **David Harbour**, 50. Singer **Shemekia Copeland**, 46. Actor **Charlie Hunnam**, 45. Singer-actor **Mandy Moore**, 41. Actor **Barkhad Abdi**, 40. Actor **Haley Joel Osment**, 37. Actor **Daisy Ridley**, 33.

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CORRECTION

An item in the April 6 Today in History incorrectly reported the number of people who were killed in the 1862 Battle of Shiloh. About 3,500 people were killed in the battle.



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