

1 RESOLUTION NO. 7659

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3 A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember John Alcala relating to the
4 Topeka Zoological Park and rescinding City of Toepka
5 Resolution No. 7634.
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7 WHEREAS, Topeka citizens have expressed their concerns regarding the
8 recent deaths of three lions which have occurred within a very short time span at
9 the Topeka Zoological Park; and

10 WHEREAS, although it is not unusual for the life expectancy of a lion in
11 captivity to attain the age of 25 years or more, the three lions that recently died at
12 the Topeka Zoological Park were between the ages of 15 ½ and 19 years. The
13 City should take a closer look at the animal care and maintenance procedures
14 the Zoo has in place at this time to ensure that the best possible care is being
15 provided.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of
17 Topeka, Kansas that the Council hereby appoints a Citizen Panel to study,
18 review and make written recommendations to the City Council as more
19 specifically described hereinafter. Members of the Citizen Panel shall be
20 residents of the City and shall possess a special knowledge of zoos, animal care,
21 or fiscal administrative policy and shall be appointed as follows: one (1) member
22 shall be appointed by each of the City Councilmembers. Each Councilmember
23 shall submit the name of his/her appointee to the Citizen Panel on or before May
24 1, 2005. The Citizen Panel shall elect one member to serve as Chair of the
25 Panel.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
27 TOPEKA, KANSAS that the Citizen Panel is directed to study and submit a final
28 report to the City Council on or before July 19, 2005, regarding the following:

- 29 • The adequacy of the care and safety procedures in place at the
30 Topeka Zoo.
- 31 • Administrative and fiscal management.
- 32 • Any other issues the Citizen Panel elects to review pertaining to
33 health and well being of the Topeka Zoological Park animals.

34 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City of Topeka
35 Resolution No. 7634 is hereby rescinded.

36 ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council July 5, 2005.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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