

City Council Minutes – April 24, 2001

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, April 24, 2001. The Councilmembers of the City of Topeka met in regular session at 7:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Pomeroy, Alcala, Lane, Dunn, Stanley, Duffy, Stubbs, Hill, and Price –9. Mayor Felker presided -1.

AFTER THE MEETING was called to order, prayer was offered Reverend Jean Wilson, Asbury Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present in the chamber.

THE CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

A COMMUNICATION from Mayor Harry Felker recommending the re-appointment of Brian Moline to the Topeka/Shawnee County Public Library Board of Directors, was presented.

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 17, 2001, were presented.

Councilmember Dunn moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion seconded by Councilmember Alcala carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

ORDINANCE NO. 17672 introduced by Councilmember Vanessa Hill relating to the budget schedule, amending City of Topeka Code § 2-271, Budget schedule and specifically repealing said original section, placed on first reading April 24, 2001, was again presented.

Councilmember Pomeroy moved to amend the ordinance to add the language “the third Tuesday of May, every year”. The motion seconded by Councilmember Alcala carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

The ordinance as amended was adopted on roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Councilmembers Pomeroy, Alcala, Lane, Dunn, Stanley, Duffy, Stubbs, Hill, and Price –9.

A COMMUNICATION from Councilmembers Clark Duffy and Lisa Stubbs submitting a request to approve funding not-to-exceed \$12,500 from the Transient Guest Tax Fund Contingencies for various BMX track improvements, was presented.

Councilmember Duffy explained why he supported the request for the City to pay for the materials.

Kelly Cross appeared in support of the request and thanked staff for their help.

Rogers Brazier, Director of Parks and Recreation explained the improvements and stated that the labor would be done by volunteers.

Councilmember Duffy moved to approve the communication. The motion seconded by Councilmember Stubbs carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Mayor Harry Felker annexing land to the City of Topeka, Kansas, in accordance with K.S.A. (1999 Supp.) 12-520, as amended, generally located at the northeast quadrant of US 24 Highway and US 75 Highway and the City boundary, and said land being annexed for all City purposes, is hereby assigned to a specific City Council District in accordance with Section A2-18 of the Code of the City of Topeka, was presented for first reading. (A01/1)

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Harold Lane amending Topeka City Council Rules and Procedures, approved January 20, 1998, and amended on November 17, 1998, February 23, 1999, December 21, 1999, December 12, 2000, January 2, 2001, and April 17, 2001, specifically amending Rule 8.2, and rescinding said original section, was presented for first reading.

REPORT FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, was presented.

John Arnold, Chief Administrative Officer distributed reports on parking tags, annual painting schedule of school crosswalks and the school zone at 9th and Tyler. He also stated that Ed Klumpp, acting Police Chief provided a report on the school zone speeds at 9th and Tyler and he was present to answer questions.

Councilmember Pomeroy commented that they should ticket people driving 5 mph over the speed limit in a school zone and occasionally 1 or 2 mph over the limit. Several Councilmembers agreed.

Mayor Felker suggested that the Police Department be consistent with their tolerance of people driving over the speed limit.

Councilmember Stubbs suggested that a warning be given to those driving over 20 mph and a ticket to those driving over 25 mph.

Pallas Holts appeared and stated that people are still speeding everyday in the school zone at 9th and Tyler. She stated that school zones should be treated as “no tolerance” zones.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS, were presented.

Deputy Mayor Dunn stated that Committee assignments have been made.

PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, were presented.

Councilmember Alcalá commented that Councilmember Duffy participated in a rowing event today at Shawnee Lake and won an award rowing against Vic Miller, Shawnee County Commissioner.

David Price, Doren Snook, David Clemmons, Ron Lassiter, Patsy Milton, Janel Johnson, and Sandy Lassiter appeared and spoke during public comment.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:35 p.m.

Iris Walker
City Clerk