

City Council Minutes – May 1, 2001

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, May 1, 2001. The Councilmembers of the City of Topeka met in regular session at 7:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Pomeroy, Alcalá, Lane, Stanley, Duffy, Stubbs, Hill, and Price –8. Mayor Felker presided -1. Absent: Councilmember Dunn –1.

AFTER THE MEETING was called to order, prayer was offered by Councilmember Stanley.

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

THE CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

A FINAL PLAT for Kaw Valley Plaza Subdivision No. 2 on property located about the northeast corner of NW Lyman Road and NW Tyler Street in the City of Topeka, Kansas, was presented.

A COMMUNICATION from the Community Blood Center requesting Council endorsement of an application to the Kansas Department of Housing and Commerce (KDH&C) for tax credits through their Community Service Program, was presented.

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 24, 2001, were presented.

Councilmember Hill moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion seconded by Councilmember Alcalá carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 7149 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, placed on first reading April 17, 2001, was again presented.

Councilmember Lane explained why he introduced the resolution.

Councilmember Lane moved to amend the language on line 16 to insert “City of residence”. The motion seconded by Councilmember Alcalá carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

Councilmember Stubbs suggested that those speaking during public comment leave their address in writing with the City Clerk so they could be contacted if needed.

Councilmember Lane moved to approve the resolution as amended. The motion seconded by Councilmember Alcala carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

A COMMUNICATION requesting Council approval of funding not-to-exceed \$87,160 for the Team Topeka Youth Employment Program, was presented.

Councilmember Alcala explained the program and moved to amend the plan not to exceed \$90,000. The motion seconded by Councilmember Lane carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

Councilmember Alcala moved to approve the communication as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Duffy.

Councilmember Duffy asked if the source of funding has been determined.

John Arnold, Chief Administrative Officer stated that they are considering the General Fund balance.

Councilmember Duffy asked what type of work would be done and where. He commented that they need to make sure the public is receiving a service and the work is done in needed areas of the City.

Councilmember Alcala stated that they selected the Rice Community Center to work from because it is a high crime area, but work will be done across the community.

Councilmember Lane asked that work requests are made available to the elderly.

Councilmember Duffy asked for a report back as soon as possible after the program ends to determine the success of the program.

The motion to approve the communication as amended carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Mayor Harry Felker, authorizing Deer Creek North Interceptor Rehabilitation Project No. 29057-04, which provides for the installation of a new sanitary sewer line from Deer Creek Pump Station to south of the Kansas Turnpike as more specifically described herein, all pursuant to Section A12-1 of the Code of the City of Topeka, was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Mayor Harry Felker for the condemnation and appropriation of lands in the City of Topeka for City of Topeka Improvement Project No. 86241, reestablishment of a public alleyway between 3rd and 4th Streets and Watson and Saline Streets, was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Mayor Harry Felker annexing land to the City of Topeka, Kansas, in accordance with K.S.A. 12-520, as amended, located generally at the northwest corner of SW 21st Street and SW Arvonja Place 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. (A01/3)

Councilmember Hill moved to refer the ordinance to the Policy Committee for further review. The motion seconded by Councilmember Price carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Mayor Harry Felker relating to the vacation of a 10-foot wide alley located between NE Madison and NE Jefferson Streets west of the existing north-south alley, and north of NE Fairchild Street, City of Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas, was presented for first reading. (V01A/2)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Mayor Harry Felker relating to the vacation of 20-feet of a 40-foot wide platted building setback as dedicated by Park Valley Subdivision No. 5, City of Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas, on property located at 2010 SE 29th Street in the City of Topeka, Kansas, was presented for first reading. (V01SB/2)

REPORT FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, was presented.

John Arnold, Chief Administrative Officer stated that a budget preparation session is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon to discuss the Topeka Boulevard Bridge and labor union contracts. He also stated that they are continuing to do a fuel watch as gas prices increase.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS, were presented.

Mayor Felker stated that he received letters from two people who's children play in the Highland Park baseball programs at Dornwood Park, and they were concerned that they would have to pay the league's utility costs. He stated that they working on resolving these concerns.

PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, were presented.

Councilmember Hill asked for clarification of the status of the items that are currently in committee.

Councilmember Pomeroy stated that all items not removed from committee 30 days after the general election would die in committee.

Ted Mize, Charles Criqui, and Pallas Holts appeared and spoke during public comment.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:30 p.m.

Iris Walker
City Clerk