

City Council Minutes – October 9, 2001

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, October 9, 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, Dunn, Hecht, Duffy, Stubbs, Hill, and Price – 9. Mayor Felker presided – 1.

AFTER THE MEETING was called to order, the invocation was given by Rev. Dave Fulton of Trinity Lutheran Church.

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

THE CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

PROJECT BUDGET for Project No. 70150-05, design of the project to provide a left-turn lane for northbound S Topeka Boulevard at SW 3rd Street and to provide for a traffic signal system in the amount of \$25,000 was presented.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 2, 2001 were presented.

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

Mayor Felker announced that the public hearing and ordinance regarding PTMW, Inc. was withdrawn due to clerical errors. The items will be brought back to the City Council as soon as possible.

Report on the Crime Summit was presented.

Councilmember Pomeroy thanked all that participated in the committees and the committee chairs. He introduced the committee chairs.

Councilmember Pomeroy gave legislative highlights and suggested changes including, but not limited to the following: hiring more than one zoning enforcement officer; allowing all city employees to enforce code ordinances; reinstating the mid-block street lighting program; integrating public housing units; providing safe havens for youth activities; increasing funding for community officers; and imposing a curfew. State legislative items included the following: decreasing the waiting period original owners can reclaim homes for back taxes; building more minimum security prisons; revamping

sentencing guidelines, using Operation Exile of Virginia as an example. County suggestions included increasing personnel in the District Attorney's Office and increasing bond requirements.

Police Chief Ed Klumpp summarized items relating to criminal justice. Highlighted items included: more vigorous investigation, apprehension, and prosecution of crimes against property; increased police patrols; more community policing; improved methods for reporting crimes with no suspects; improved communication with victims throughout criminal justice system; better trained criminal justice providers to care for and communicate with victims; developed victim-offender mediation program; monitored court decisions; shortened time to identify and close drug houses; decreased truancy; improved processes for identifying absentee landlords; increased range of intervention and treatment programs; increased physical arrests for misdemeanors; immediate punishment following convictions; follow-up on parole violations; utilization of community service for misdemeanor offenders; publicity of convicted offenders; strengthening restitution; bar and ban orders for businesses and landlords; restrict weapon misuse; enforced underage drinking restrictions; and community prosecutors.

Sally Graversen of Safe Streets, Inc. summarized three crime prevention issues: communication, education, and increased citizen involvement. The emphasis was to hold people more accountable for their actions. Increased communication within departments and with service providers was identified as being needed. Education for landlords; victim-offender mediation; home rehab programs; interventions available; job training; layman terms for court procedures; and drug-free workplace policies, was discussed. Increase citizen involvement by helping parents and community to have power to affect neighborhoods; publicize neighborhood successes; assist mentoring programs; celebrate anti-crime initiatives; develop anti-violence programs; develop citizen patrolling programs; reduce risk factors; utilize neighborhood team concepts; begin landlord registration; strengthen work release programs; enforce more strictly of all housing codes; strengthen truancy policies; increase mentoring; bring shame back as a prevention tool; and aggressively pursue repeat offenders were other suggestions.

Discussion followed concerning the next steps to implement the suggestions.

A PROJECT BUDGET AND HOME RULE ORDINANCE NO. 17733 introduced by Mayor Felker authorizing the City of Topeka, Kansas, to provide for the construction and installation, including all things necessary and incidental thereto, of a fiber optic network for telecommunication services to City facilities; and payment of all costs incidental to and incurred by the City of Topeka, Kansas for said improvements by the City-at-large through the issuance, sale and delivery of general obligation bonds of the City to pay for any or all costs related to said improvements placed on first reading October 2, 2001, was again presented.

Councilmember Hill moved to approve the project budget and adopt the ordinance. The motion seconded by Councilmember Lane carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

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

FINAL PLAT for Makenna Leanne Subdivision for property located at the north side of SW 69th Street and east of SW Lewelling Road in unincorporated Shawnee County, Kansas was presented.

Councilmember Hill gave the committee report. The Public Health and Safety Committee recommended that the final plat be remanded back to the Planning Commission. The owners have consented to create a frontage road instead of individual entrances onto 69th Street. If the Planning Commission approves of the changes, the final plat will come back before the City Council.

Councilmember Hill moved to accept the committee report and remand the final plat back to the Planning Commission. The motion seconded by Councilmember Dunn carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

A COMMUNICATION from the Planning Department submitting a request by Craig and Sara Crook for a waiver to the provisions of the Shawnee County Wastewater Management Plan with respect to a 9.63-acre parcel located at 945 NW Menninger Road in the City of Topeka, Kansas was presented.

Councilmember Hill gave the committee report. The Public Health and Safety Committee recommended “do not pass.”

Barry Beagle of the Planning Department gave the staff report. The cost of connecting to the city sanitary sewer for one piece of property is prohibitive, however the applicants have signed a participation agreement to connect to the sanitary sewer when it became available.

Discussion followed concerning the disadvantages of a lagoon wastewater system as well as anticipated accessibility of sanitary sewer lines.

Craig Crook appeared to respond to questions by Councilmembers. He stated that since the area is already developed, it is unlikely sanitary sewer will be added in the future.

Councilmember Dunn moved to accept the waiver. The motion seconded by Councilmember Lane failed. Councilmembers Hecht, Duffy, Stubbs, Hill, and Price voted “no.” (4-5-0)

The 2002 Allocation for Downtown Topeka, Inc. and North Topeka Business Alliance, Inc. for economic development was presented.

Councilmember Dunn moved to accept the committee report. The motion seconded by Councilmember Alcalá carried. Councilmembers Stubbs, Hill, and Price voted “no.” (6-3-0)

Frank Kerr, President of North Topeka Business Alliance, Inc. appeared in support of the Policy Committee’s allocation. He distributed and outlined a Historic North Topeka Revitalization Plan Implement Phase to the Council.

Discussion followed concerning the anticipated uses by the North Topeka Business Alliance, Inc. of the committee’s allocation.

Chuck Sodergran of the North Topeka On the Move Association appeared and read a statement from Senator David Jackson in support of the Policy Committee’s allocation. He announced upcoming events in North Topeka and thanked Councilmembers Alcalá and Pomeroy for their participation with NOTOMA.

Tamara Sweeney, Chair of the North Topeka Weed and Seed Committee appeared in support of North Topeka projects.

Jim Parrish appeared in support of the original allocation of \$200,000 to Downtown Topeka, Inc. He explained the history of the application and allocation process.

Discussion followed regarding funding for DTI, Inc. and North Topeka Business Alliance in relation to the FY2002 budget process.

Councilmember Alcalá gave the history of the Downtown Topeka Revitalization Plan, Phase I, and read excerpts of previous Council discussions.

Councilmember Alcalá moved to amend the committee report to allocate \$100,000 to each organization, and if not used by the end of the calendar year, either organization could use the remainder. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lane.

Councilmember Duffy made a substitute motion to amend the committee report to allocate \$200,000 to DTI, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dunn.

Discussion followed concerning allocating \$150,000 to North Topeka from the Consolidated Plan or next year's budget process.

The motion to allocate \$200,000 to DTI, Inc. failed. Councilmembers Pomeroy, Alcalá, Lane, Dunn, and Hecht voted "no." (4-5-0)

Councilmember Pomeroy made a substitute motion to amend the committee report to allocate \$70,000 to North Topeka Business Alliance, Inc. and \$130,000 to DTI, Inc. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Stubbs made a substitute motion to allocate \$150,000 to DTI, Inc. and \$50,000 to North Topeka Business Alliance, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill.

Bill Fiander, Interim Planning Director explained the qualifications for receiving block grant money. He stated that DTI, Inc. would not be eligible to receive block grant money, but North Topeka Business Alliance, Inc. would be eligible.

Councilmember Stubbs withdrew the substitute motion.

Councilmember Stubbs made a substitute motion to amend the committee report to allocate \$200,000 to DTI, Inc. and fund the North Topeka Business Alliance, Inc. through the CDBG money. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill.

Councilmember Alcalá asked for a legal clarification if CDBG monies could be allocated without following the allocation process.

Councilmember Stubbs withdrew the second part of the motion pertaining to North Topeka Business Alliance and CDBG monies.

Brenden Long, City Attorney stated that the proper motion would be to reconsider Councilmember Duffy's motion, which failed.

Councilmember Pomeroy asked if North Topeka Business Alliance, Inc. still had time to apply for CDBG funding.

Jeff White, Consultant to Housing and Neighborhood Development appeared and explained that though the application period has closed, the Council could allocate any money they desired during the comment period for Consolidated Plan funding.

Councilmember Alcalá asked what the effect would be on the CDAC committee.

Ellen Ross, President of the CDAC appeared to explain how changes by the Council affect neighborhood allocations.

Councilmember Stubbs withdrew her substitute motion.

The motion to amend the committee report to allocate \$100,000 to each organization failed. Councilmembers Pomeroy, Hecht, Duffy, Stubbs, Hill, and Price voted "no." (3-6-0)

Councilmember Pomeroy moved to reconsider the motion to amend the committee report to allocate \$200,000 to DTI, Inc. The motion seconded by Councilmember Hecht carried.

Councilmembers Alcalá, Lane, and Dunn voted "no." (6-3-0)

The motion to amend the committee report to allocate \$200,000 to DTI, Inc. carried. Councilmembers Alcalá and Lane voted "no." (7-2-0)

A COMMUNICATION requesting approval of the general standards for the lighting project on Lane Street, and the proposed modifications to the first phase of lighting completed on Washburn Avenue was presented.

Dave Graversen, Capital Projects Coordinator gave the staff report.

Councilmember Duffy moved to approve the communication. The motion seconded by Councilmember Stubbs carried. Councilmember Dunn voted “no.” (8-1-0)

A COMMUNICATION regarding the INTERLOCAL SALES TAX AGREEMENT NO. 31439 was presented.

Brenden Long, City Attorney explained the agreement. He noted that any interlocal agreement is subject to final approval by the Attorney General.

Discussion followed concerning the ultimatum issued by the County Commission to have an agreement completed by November 1, 2001.

Councilmember Duffy moved to delete the words “includes research, target marketing, existing business retention and expansion, new business recruitment, infrastructure development, site acquisition, incentive funds, workforce training and expansion, and other such activities” and insert the words “is defined as the implementation of the Topeka/Shawnee County Economic Development Plan, an element of the Comprehensive Metropolitan Plan 2025 for the City of Topeka/Shawnee County, Kansas” in the third paragraph on Page 1. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill.

Brenden Long, City Attorney noted that in order to amend the document, a motion must be made to bring the document into discussion.

Councilmember Dunn moved to approve the document as presented by the County Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Alcalá.

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defined as the implementation of the Topeka/Shawnee County Economic Development Plan, an element of the Comprehensive Metropolitan Plan 2025 for the City of Topeka/Shawnee County, Kansas” in the third paragraph on Page 1. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hill.

Councilmember Alcalá made a substitute motion to approve the document as presented from the County Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dunn.

Discussion followed concerning parliamentary procedure concerning the substitute motion.

Joseph Ledbetter appeared to speak in opposition to the agreement as presented by the County Commission.

Dean Ferrell of GO Topeka appeared to encourage Councilmembers to complete an agreement.

Councilmember Pomeroy moved to extend the meeting until the end of the agenda. The motion seconded by Councilmember Price carried. Councilmembers Alcalá and Duffy voted “no.” (7-2-0)

Discussion followed concerning GO Topeka’s expectations and needs in relation to the sales tax revenue.

Henry McClure of Yes! Topeka appeared to encourage Councilmembers to complete an agreement.

The substitute motion to approve the document as presented from the County Commission failed. Councilmembers Pomeroy, Hecht, Duffy, Stubbs, Hill, and Price voted “no.” (3-6-0)

Discussion followed concerning the agreement and the Comprehensive Metropolitan Plan 2025.

The motion to amend the third paragraph on Page 1 carried. Councilmembers Alcalá, Lane, and Dunn voted “no.” (6-3-0)

Councilmember Duffy moved to insert “and described in the Topeka/Shawnee County Economic Development Plan, an element of the Comprehensive Metropolitan Plan 2025 for the City of Topeka/Shawnee County, Kansas.” at the end of the first full paragraph on Page 2. The motion seconded by Councilmember Price carried. Councilmembers Alcalá, Lane, and Dunn voted “no.” Councilmember Stubbs was out of the room. (5-4-0)

Councilmember Pomeroy moved to delete the words “two (2) City Council Members” and insert “the Chair of the City Council Economic Development Committee and the senior member of the City Council” in Paragraph 1.a). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dunn.

Discussion followed concerning how to include all Councilmembers on the JEDO board.

Councilmember Hecht made a substitute motion to delete the word “seven (7)” and insert the words “thirteen (13)” to line 1 of Paragraph 1.a) and delete the words “Deputy Mayor, and two (2) City Council Members” and insert the words “all City Council Members” to line 3 of Paragraph 1.a). The motion seconded by Councilmember Stubbs carried. Councilmembers Pomeroy, Alcalá, Lane, and Dunn voted “no.” (5-4-0)

Councilmember Duffy moved to delete the words “shall have available to it such County and City” and insert the words “may employ such” in line 2 of Paragraph 1.b). The motion seconded by Councilmember Price carried. Councilmembers Pomeroy, Alcalá, Lane, and Dunn voted “no.” (5-4-0)

Councilmember Duffy moved to delete the words “The JEDO shall have the authority to own and hold property. Any property held by the JEDO at its termination shall revert jointly to the County and City; and” from Paragraph 1.c).

Brenden Long explained that State statutes require having provisions regarding property ownership and disposal.

Randy Bailes, Chief Financial Officer stated that if a duty of JEDO is to buy property, these provisions should be included.

Mark Wittenberg of the Menninger Foundation appeared to answer Councilmembers’ questions regarding the need to own property. He stated that economic development requires that some entity be able to purchase property.

Brenden Long stated that the current language suggests joint tenancy where each one owns the whole.

Councilmember Duffy withdrew his motion concerning Paragraph 1.c).

Councilmember Duffy moved to add a Paragraph 1.e) “There shall be an annual audit of the JEDO completed in accordance with approved accounting standards. Such audit and report shall be provided to the City and the County and filed with the city clerk and the county clerk and at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library. Both the city clerk and the county clerk shall be authorized agents for the purpose of obtaining information about this one-quarter cent countywide retailers’ sales tax from the Kansas Department of Revenue.” The motion seconded by Councilmember Stubbs carried.

Councilmembers Lane and Dunn voted “no.” (7-2-0)

Councilmember Duffy moved to add the words “during calendar year 2002” to line 5 of Paragraph 2. The motion seconded by Councilmember Stubbs carried. Councilmembers Alcala and Lane voted “no.” (7-2-0)

Councilmember Duffy moved to delete the words “dedicate the first Four Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,800,000) of funds collected by the retailers’ sales tax to the JEDO. The money to be repaid to the county shall be repaid out of this collection.” and insert the words “distribute the first Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) of money collected annually to the County to be dedicated to the County for infrastructure in unincorporated areas in Shawnee County with the balance dedicated to implementation of the Topeka/Shawnee County Economic Development Plan, an element of the Comprehensive Metropolitan Plan 2025 for the City of Topeka/Shawnee County, Kansas.” The motion was seconded by Councilmember Price.

Councilmember Duffy explained his motion.

Brenden Long stated that the word “goal” is not a binding term, but does indicate intent.

Councilmember Pomeroy made a substitute motion to add the words “Fifty percent (50%) of said money is to be reserved for the Topeka Avenue Bridge.” at the end of Paragraph 5 and to not change any other language in Paragraphs No. 4 & 5. The motion seconded by Councilmember Dunn failed.

Councilmembers Lane, Hecht, Duffy, Hill, and Price voted “no.” (4-5-0)

The motion to revise the first part of Paragraph 4 carried. Councilmember Alcalá, Lane, and Dunn voted “no.” (6-3-0)

Councilmember Duffy moved to add the words “As a goal a minimum of 82½% (eighty-two and one-half percent) of the tax shall be spent in the City limits of Topeka.” at the end of Paragraph 4. The motion seconded by Councilmember Stubbs carried. Councilmembers Alcalá and Lane voted “no.” (7-2-0)

Councilmember Duffy moved to add the words “As a goal a minimum of 20% (twenty percent) of the tax shall be spent to support economic development for minorities consistent with the Topeka/Shawnee County Economic Development Plan, an element of the Comprehensive Metropolitan Plan 2025 for the City of Topeka/Shawnee County, Kansas.” at the end of Paragraph 4. The motion seconded by Councilmember Price carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

Councilmember Duffy moved to delete current Paragraph 5 and amend New Paragraph 5 to read “The JEDO shall have the authority to enter into performance based contracts with independent contractors to implement the economic development program described in the Topeka/Shawnee County Economic Development Plan, an element of the Comprehensive Metropolitan Plan 2025 for the City of Topeka/Shawnee County, Kansas. Any such contract shall be limited to one (1) year and subject to an annual review and amendment by the JEDO.” The motion seconded by Councilmember Price carried. Councilmembers Alcalá, Lane, and Dunn voted “no.” (6-3-0)

Councilmember Duffy moved to replace New Paragraph 6 with the words “The Agreement may not be terminated by either party as it is expressly acknowledged that this Agreement is time limited, revenue specific and funded with dedicated retailers’ sales tax receipts. Unless required by elector petition as provided by K.S.A. 12-187 (b)(1), neither the County or City shall submit the question of repeal of the countywide retailers’ sales tax approved on November 7, 2000 to the voters during the life of this Agreement.” The motion seconded by Councilmember Stubbs carried. Councilmembers Alcalá, Lane, and Dunn voted “no.” (6-3-0)

The motion to approve the document as amended carried. Councilmembers Alcala, Lane, and Dunn voted “no.” (6-3-0)

Discussion followed concerning the proposed question to be put on the August, 2002 ballot by the County Commission.

A COMMUNICATION regarding employee health insurance was presented.

John Arnold, Chief Administrative Officer reported that an employee benefit meeting was held that morning and several staff were in attendance to answer any questions.

Mayor Felker announced that the Employee Benefit Fair would be held on October 16, 2001, and if substantial changes needed to be made, it could be brought back before the City Council.

A COMMUNICATION regarding the 2002 Proposed Consolidated Action Plan was presented.

Jeff White, Consultant for Housing and Neighborhood Development Department gave the staff report.

Councilmember Hill moved to receive the communication, open the 30-day comment period, and set the public hearing for November 13, 2001. The motion seconded by Councilmember Stubbs carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

Deputy Mayor Dunn referred the item to the Economic Development Committee.

A PROJECT BUDGET in the amount of \$3,022,000 AND RESOLUTION NO. 7193 introduced by Mayor Felker authorizing the rehabilitation of the Great Overland Station, Project No. 13122, Phase II, and authorizing the same was presented.

Neil Dobler, Public Works Director gave the staff report.

Councilmember Alcala moved to approve the project budget and adopt the resolution. The motion seconded by Councilmember Hill carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

A PROJECT BUDGET in the amount of \$1,998,390 AND RESOLUTION NO. 7194 introduced by Mayor Felker, relating to City of Topeka Sanitary Sewer Project No. 29007-03 which provides for

the installation of sanitary sewer lines along Furman Road north to N.W. 25th Street then westerly to old U.S. Highway 75 and authorizing the same was presented.

Neil Dobler, Public Works Director gave the staff report.

Councilmember Lane moved to approve the project budget and adopt the resolution. The motion seconded by Councilmember Pomeroy 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. 12-520, as amended, located at 3901 SE California Avenue 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. (A01/6)

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 at 1685 SE 45th Street 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. (A01/7)

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, generally located at 1200 NW Menninger Road 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. (A01/8)

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, extending west of SE Croco Road along SE 24th Terrace 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. (A01/11)

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, generally located at the northwest corner of 41st Street and SE California Avenue 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. (A01/12)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Mayor Harry Felker amending the “District Map” referred to and made a part of the Zoning Ordinances by Section 48-1.04 of the Code of the City of Topeka, by providing for certain changes in zoning on property located at 1210 SW Executive Drive in the City of Topeka, from “R-1” Single Family Dwelling District to “O & I-2” Office and Institutional District was presented for first reading. (Z85/9)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Mayor Harry Felker amending the “District Map” referred to and made a part of the Zoning Ordinances by Section 48-1.04 of the Code of the City of Topeka, by providing for certain changes in zoning on property located at 807 SW Western Avenue in the City of Topeka, Kansas, from “O & I-2” Office and Institutional District to “M-2” Multiple Family Dwelling District was presented for first reading. (Z01/15)

A JOINT SHAWNEE COUNTY RESOLUTION AND CITY OF TOPEKA ORDINANCE introduced by Mayor Felker relating to a connection between the Comprehensive Zoning Regulations and the historic preservation ordinance which sets forth the procedure to designate property as a historic landmark or historic landmark district and amending City of Topeka Code § 48-1.01, District Classification, and § 48-33.06, Filing Fees, and repealing said original sections was presented for first reading. (ACZR01/2)

A JOINT SHAWNEE COUNTY RESOLUTION AND CITY OF TOPEKA ORDINANCE introduced by Mayor Felker relating to the Metro Board of Zoning Appeals, amending City of Topeka Code § 48-34.04, Powers and duties, generally and specifically repealing said original section was presented for first reading. (ACZR01/3)

A JOINT SHAWNEE COUNTY RESOLUTION AND CITY OF TOPEKA ORDINANCE

introduced by Mayor Felker relating to Site Plans, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Regulations of the City of Topeka and unincorporated areas of Shawnee County, and specifically repealing Topeka City Code § 26-121 and 122 was presented for first reading. (ACZR01/1)

A JOINT SHAWNEE COUNTY RESOLUTION AND CITY OF TOPEKA ORDINANCE

introduced by Mayor Felker, amending Chapter 48 of the Code of the City of Topeka, Comprehensive Zoning Regulations for the City of Topeka and unincorporated areas of Shawnee County by creating Landscape Requirements and regulations therefor repealing said original sections was presented for first reading. (ACZR01/04)

REPORT FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

John Arnold, Chief Administrative Officer declined to give a report due to the hour.

PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mayor Felker announced that he will not be at the October 16, 2001 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Hecht announced that Sunday begins the YWCA Week Without Violence and encouraged the other Councilmembers to participate.

Councilmember Alcalá remarked that he feels the City Council should meet every Tuesday.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS:

No one appeared for Public Comments.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 a.m. by unanimous consent.

Iris Walker, City Clerk