

Special Session

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Topeka, Kansas, Monday, October 14, 2002. The Councilmembers of the City of Topeka met in special session at 7:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Alcalá, Lane, Dunn, Hecht, Duffy, Stubbs, Hill and Price –8. Mayor Felker presided -1. Absent: Councilmember Pomeroy -1.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the Councilmembers of the City of Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas held on Monday, October 14, 2002, at 7:00 P.M., Shawnee Heights Elementary School, 2410 SE Burton to consider annexation in the general area of 29th and Croco Road, in Shawnee County, Kansas.

Mayor Felker opened the meeting and stated the rules for addressing the City Council. He stated that there would be a staff presentation and then anyone wishing to speak would be given four minutes to address the Council.

Councilmember Alcalá asked the parliamentarian if the City of Topeka would be in violation of the State Statutes because there were two service plans, one dated August 5, 2000 and one dated August 6, 2000. He stated that the August 5th service plan was on file in the City Clerk's Office prior to the Council adopting the resolution to set the public hearing as required by State Statute, but the August 6th plan was not.

Brenden Long stated that at this point he feels that the city would not be violating the State Statutes if they were to continue with the public hearing. He stated that any questions raised this evening could be addressed at a later date.

Neil Dobler, Public Works Director gave the staff report and explained phase one of the southeast Annexation Plan in detail. He explained why annexation is being considered and how the area is evaluated. The factors that are involved in the process include; orderly growth, investment in infrastructure, fairness to current city residents, current population and growth, potential future development and contiguity with the current city limits.

Mayor Felker interrupted the presentation and announced that Councilmembers Alcala, Lane, Hill and Dunn left the meeting, and because there is not a quorum, they would have to take a brief recess to see if Councilmember Pomeroy could be located.

Following a five-minute recess, Mayor Felker announced that he contacted Councilmember Pomeroy and he would not be available to attend the meeting until later on in the evening. He stated that they could not conduct a hearing without a quorum present, which is at least five Councilmembers. He stated that the Council's next business meeting was tomorrow night and they would have to bring a date to the Council at that time. He said the school evidently did not have any other dates available in the immediate future to hold the hearing, but there are two other dates that are available at the Topeka Performing Arts Center (TPAC).

Mayor Felker thanked the group for giving up part of their evening and stated that their portion of the meeting finished.

Iris Walker
City Clerk