

## City Council Minutes – July 22, 2003

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, July 22, 2003. The Councilmembers of the City of Topeka met in regular session at 7:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Lane, Alcalá, Pomeroy, Nave, Haynes and Stubbs -6. Absent: Duffy, Preisner and Price -3. Mayor Felker presided -1.

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

A COMMUNICATION authorizing publication of the Notice of Public Hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m., August 5, 2003 for the purpose of hearing and answering questions or objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2004 City of Topeka operating budget, was presented.

Jim Langford, Budget Director explained that they would need to work off of the new document distributed at the work session. He stated that the debt service number in the Bond and Interest fund in the Mayor's proposed budget is incorrect, and the end result is that the City will need approximately \$1.4 million more in property tax revenue to fund the budget. He further explained that instead of a 2.8 mill increase, they are looking at a 4.5 mill increase. He reiterated that this figure is the ceiling for the finalized budget and could be reduced from the published figure, but not increased.

Councilmember Alcalá moved to defer action for one week because three Councilmembers are absent and not aware of the proposed additional increase in the mill levy. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Haynes.

Councilmember Lane stated that if the publication date is pushed back one week, he would be absent and not able to vote on the finalized budget.

Councilmember Haynes withdrew his second to the motion.

Mayor Felker ruled that the motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Pomeroy moved to approve publication of the revised document and set the public hearing for 7:00 p.m., August 5, 2003. The motion seconded by Councilmember Lane carried. Councilmember Alcalá voted “no”. (5-1-0)

A COMMUNICATION authorizing publication of the Notice of Public Hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m., August 5, 2003 to consider an amendment to the 2003 adopted operating budget, was presented.

Jim Langford, Budget Director explained the proposed amendment. He stated that revised 2003 expenditures from the Transient Guest Tax fund and the Capital Projects Planning fund exceed the amounts included in the 2003 adopted budget. The increase in the Transient Guest Tax fund will allow the expenditure of additional revenue generated by the 1.0 percent increase in the Transient Guest Tax authorized by the City Council on October 1, 2003. The increase in the Capital Projects Planning fund will provide more resources for planning and designing future capital improvement projects. The increase is financed by larger than expected fund balance at the beginning of 2003 created by additional reimbursements from capital improvement project funds.

Councilmember Alcalá moved to approve publication of the 2003 budget amendment and set the public hearing for 7:00 p.m., August 5, 2003. The motion seconded by Councilmember Lane carried. Councilmember Pomeroy voted “no”. (5-1-0)

PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, was presented.

Councilmember Lane requested that the City start annexation proceedings immediately relating to the Dillons Store on property at 29<sup>th</sup> and Urish. He also asked

that this request be added to the list of Pending Requests per City Council Rules and Procedures, Rule 5.3.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS, were presented.

Charles Criqui appeared to speak under public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Iris Walker  
City Clerk