

City Council Minutes – October 4, 2005

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, October 4, 2005. The Councilmembers of the City of Topeka met in regular session at 7:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Kennedy, Alcala, Ortiz, Nave, Haynes, Blackburn, Preisner and Harmon -8. Mayor Bunten presided -1. Absent: Duffy -1.

AFTER THE MEETING was called to order, Councilmember Ortiz gave the invocation.

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

Councilmember Kennedy moved to suspend Council Rule 5.1 to add a resolution rescinding Resolution No. 7282 to the October 11, 2005 consent agenda. The motion seconded by Councilmember Harmon carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

A COMMUNICATION to appoint Jim Holderman to the Human Relations Commission for a two-year term that would expire on September 30, 2007 was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 7393 introduced by City Manager Neil Dobler authorizing expenditures from the Crime Prevention Fund was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 7394 introduced by Councilmember Clark Duffy granting Washburn University an exception to the provisions of the City of Topeka Code Section 54-148 concerning noise was presented.

A FINAL PLAT for A & J Subdivision located at 2333 SE Tecumseh Road within unincorporated Shawnee County, Kansas was presented. (P05/30)

A FINAL PLAT for Tanglewood Subdivision No. 3 located on the north side of SW Huntoon Street, approximately 300 feet west of SW Harvey Street in the City of Topeka, Kansas, was presented. (P05/35)

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2005, were presented.

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

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Neil Dobler authorizing the initiation of condemnation proceedings to acquire property by eminent domain for the City of Topeka Improvement Project No. 28527-00, for a water main extension along SW 17th Street and SW Urish Road was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Neil Dobler relating to Sunday sale of alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverage in the original package within the City of Topeka, amending City of Topeka Code Section 10-37, 10-51, and 10-117 and repealing said original code sections was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Neil Dobler 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 north of SW Huntoon Street the centerline of which is approximately 195 feet west of SW Harvey Street in the City of Topeka, Kansas from "C-2" Commercial District TO "C-3" Commercial District was presented for first reading. (Z05/32)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Neil Dobler 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 north of SW 8th Street between SW Lane Street and SW Washburn Avenue in the City of Topeka, Kansas from "O&I-2" Office and Institutional District TO "MS-1" Medical Service District was presented for first reading. (Z05/33)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Neil Dobler authorizing the initiation of condemnation proceedings to acquire property by eminent domain for the City of Topeka Improvement Project No. 30127-09, along the Shunga Trail between 17th Street, across the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Brett Blackburn concerning public nudity in the City of Topeka was presented for first reading.

PRESENTATIONS BY THE CITY MANAGER, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, were presented.

Neil Dobler, City Manager stated that the contract with the current lobbyist has expired. He explained that they sent out a Request For Proposal (RFP) and received three responses. He also stated that he would like to meet with two Councilmembers, the Mayor and the Director of Contracts and Procurement to evaluate the RFP's. Councilmembers Harmon, Blackburn and Alcalá volunteered.

Councilmember Preisner also volunteered and suggested that they allow four Councilmembers to assist in the Request for Proposal evaluations. He stated that this would allow two separate meetings, back-to-back, with two Councilmembers attending each meeting.

Several Councilmembers expressed a desire to assist in the RFP evaluations.

Neil Dobler stated that he would schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting to review the RFP's. He also thanked City staff and everyone who assisted those impacted by area flooding. He stated that he is in the process of scheduling a meeting between the Housing and Neighborhood Director and the Neighborhood Improvement Associations regarding changes to Code Chapter 42.

Councilmember Ortiz encouraged the Council and community to attend the Open House for the Fire Department.

Councilmember Nave thanked staff for their quick response to area flooding.

Councilmember Alcala asked staff to study the 10th and Washburn intersection because of the increasing number of accidents involving hospital staff and pedestrians. He also expressed concern with the attempted abduction of a teen in the 4th and Lime Street area. He suggested that the Police Department assign more officers to patrol the area.

Councilmember Harmon expressed concern about the pedestrian crosswalk located on MacVicar between 17th Street and 21st Street.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Iris Walker
City Clerk