

City Council Minutes – July 11, 2006

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, July 11, 2006. The Councilmembers of the City of Topeka met in regular session at 6:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Kennedy, Alcala, Ortiz, Nave, Haynes, Duffy, Blackburn, Preisner and Harmon -9. Mayor Bunten presided. -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 Blackburn moved to suspend the Council Rules to add a resolution to the agenda relating to the implementation of a hiring freeze. The motion to suspend the rules seconded by Councilmember Kennedy carried. Councilmember Haynes voted "no". (8-1-0)

Councilmember Kennedy moved to add the resolution as the last item under New Business. The motion seconded by Councilmember Blackburn carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

Councilmember Preisner moved to pull item 8A, a charter ordinance concerning the election of Councilmembers from the agenda for one week. The motion seconded by Councilmember Blackburn carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

Councilmember Preisner moved to reinstate the Council Rules. The motion seconded by Councilmember Kennedy carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

THE CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

Cereal Malt Beverage License applications bearing the approval of the Chief of Police and City Inspectors for the following were presented:

Business

Charles R. Wood Oil Company
Tammy's On The Go

Address

101 NE Highway 24
3335 Gage Boulevard

Open After Mid-Night License applications bearing the approval of the Chief of Police for the following were presented:

<u>Business</u>	<u>Address</u>
Dimple Donuts	1949 NW Topeka Boulevard
Grab-N-Go #205	3300 Gage Boulevard
Seabrook Tavern & Grill	2105 Mission Avenue
Tammy's On The Go	3335 Gage Boulevard

A COMMUNICATION recommending the appointment of Toby Taggart, 1212 SW Warren Avenue to the Board of Building and Fire Appeals for a term that would expire on July 31, 2008 was presented.

A COMMUNICATION recommending the appointment of Suzanne Robb to the Topeka/Shawnee County Public Library Board for a term that would expire on April 30, 2007 was presented.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of June 27, 2006 were presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 7823 introduced by Councilmember Clark Duffy granting First Congregational Church an exception to the provisions of Topeka Code Section 54-148 concerning noise prohibitions was presented.

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

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 Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at 6:00 P.M. on the advisability of Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project No. 40936-01.

A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PETITION, A PROJECT BUDGET in the amount of \$280,000 and A RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr. authorizing Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project No. 40936-01 was presented. The public

hearing, public improvement petition, project budget and resolution were tabled for 60 days from the meeting of May 9, 2006.

Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., City Manager gave the staff report.

Councilmember Preisner moved to defer the public hearing, public improvement petition, project budget and resolution until August 22, 2006. The motion seconded by Councilmember Ortiz carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

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 Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at 6:00 P.M. on the advisability of Street Improvement Project No. 60619-00.

A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PETITION, A PROJECT BUDGET in the amount of \$1,073,300 and A RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., authorizing Street Improvement Project No. 60619-00 was presented.

Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., City Manager gave the staff report.

Councilmember Ortiz moved to defer the public hearing, public improvement petition, project budget and resolution until August 22, 2006. The motion seconded by Councilmember Blackburn carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 7825 introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., setting the public hearing for Street Improvement Project No. 60619-00 was presented.

Councilmember Duffy moved to approve the resolution. The motion seconded by Councilmember Alcala carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

ORDINANCE NO. 18671 authorizing the issuance of full faith and credit tax increment bonds, series 2006-A (College Hill Redevelopment) in the maximum principal amount of \$5,840,000 of the City of Topeka, Kansas, for the purpose of paying certain redevelopment

project cost in connection with the redevelopment plan; and making certain covenants with respect thereto placed on first reading June 27, 2006 was again presented.

Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., City Manager asked Jim Langford, Finance Director to explain the bond proceeds.

Jim Langford stated that they received five bids that were all very close. He stated that the bid was awarded to Wachovia Securities LLC at a true interest cost of 4.5912%.

Joe Ledbetter and Bill Newsome appeared in support of the ordinance.

Councilmember Preisner moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion seconded by Councilmember Duffy carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

The ordinance was adopted on roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Kennedy, Alcala, Ortiz, Nave, Haynes, Duffy, Blackburn, Preisner and Harmon -9.

ORDINANCE NO. 18672 introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., authorizing the initiation of condemnation proceedings to acquire property by eminent domain for the College Hill Redevelopment Project Plan as adopted by City of Topeka Ordinance No. 18604 on April 4, 2006 for the purpose of implementing the College Hill Redevelopment Project Plan as provided for in K.S.A. 12-1770 *et seq.*, as amended, for the interest in real property located at 1600 SW Washburn Avenue placed on first reading June 27, 2006 was again presented.

Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., City Manager gave the staff report.

John Hamilton, representative for the developer stated that there is only one property left that they have not acquired. He explained that the developer has offered \$40,000 for the lease and \$18,000 for the property, plus relocation expenses. He stated that they are still in

disagreement over the purchase price of the property, and the tenant has not supplied them with an appraisal to support what they are asking for the property.

Councilmember Duffy stated that if the ordinance is approved, it is his understanding that negotiations could proceed until the Judge ruled on the case.

Brenden Long, City Attorney stated that negotiations would proceed.

Councilmember Haynes stated that he opposes condemnation proceedings because he believes the amount of money being offered does not cover the purchase cost of an established business.

Frank Kirtdoll appeared in opposition to the use of condemnation.

Mary Lou Herring appeared in opposition to the use of condemnation proceedings. She stated that the developers should negotiate with the tenant or leave the property out of the development.

Vernon Jarboe, representing Mike Calvin stated that Mr. Calvin is not opposed to the project. He stated that it seems patently unfair for the City of Topeka to permit the developer to overpay the landowner, pay a land speculator and use government process to take Mr. Calvin's business for no compensation.

Deborah Swank representing the Topeka-Turn-Around Team spoke in support of the ordinance and encouraged the Council to allow the project to move forward.

Carlton Bryer, employee of the Liquor Store spoke in opposition to the ordinance. He stated that the liquor store is located in a unique location, and there is only one other liquor store in the area. He explained that Mr. Calvin would like to get out of his business what he has put into the business and relocate somewhere else.

John Floyd area resident and vice president of the College Hill NIA appeared in support of the ordinance. He asked the Council to keep the project moving forward.

Brian Crowson read an excerpt from a number of articles on eminent domain. He stated that he believes that condemnation of one person's business for another business is unfair, and he opposes the use of eminent domain.

Bill Newsome, developer stated that they have done everything in their power to settle with Mr. Calvin. He noted that they have not relied on the fact that the Council would approve condemnation. He explained that the issue is about money, and he believes that condemnation is a fair way to settle this dispute.

Henry McClure spoke in support of the ordinance. He noted that it was not their desire to use condemnation for the project, and negotiations have been successful so far in acquiring property without the use of eminent domain.

Grant Glenn, attorney for the developer stated that the TIF statute was designed to allow cities to development urban areas, and eminent domain is included in the event that they could not come to agreement with all property owners. He also stated that they are following the procedures in place, and the process would determine what is fair. He clarified that the issue is not personal, it is just a difference in value.

Mike Calvin, property owner spoke in opposition to the ordinance. He stated that he supports the project, however, he believes that he is entitled to receive a fair price for his property. He explained that the College Hill property is unique and it would be difficult to find another location that would work as well. He stated that he believes that the asking price of \$90,000 would not stop the project, but it would give him an opportunity to move forward with future business endeavors.

Councilmember Preisner moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Duffy.

Brenden Long, City Attorney stated that because it is a TIF project it would require six affirmative votes of the nine Councilmembers to pass the ordinance.

The ordinance was adopted on roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Kennedy, Nave, Duffy, Blackburn, Preisner and Harmon -6 Noes: Alcala, Ortiz and Haynes -3.

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 97 introduced by City Manager Norton Bonaparte, Jr., concerning fire department promotions, amending City of Topeka Charter Ordinance No. A6-18 and repealing the original of said charter ordinance placed on first reading June 27, 2006 was again presented.

Norton Bonaparte, Jr., City Manager gave the staff report. He stated that the resolution would reflect the change in the form of government and allow approval for promotions to be made by the City Manager.

Councilmember Haynes moved to amend the charter ordinance by repealing Section A6-18 that is contrary to the charter ordinance that changed the form of government, and adopt the charter ordinance as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ortiz.

Councilmember Alcala made a substitute motion to table the charter ordinance due to legal matters pending. The motion seconded by Councilmember Kennedy failed.

Councilmembers Haynes, Nave, Duffy, Blackburn, Priesner and Harmon voted "no". (6-3-0)

Kent Dederick, President of the International Association of Firefighters clarified that “experience” is another word for seniority in the Fire Department. He stated that all individuals in the fire department are given a chance to prove themselves on the basis of seniority, or

experience regardless of race, gender, or religious belief. He confirmed that there is a lawsuit pending regarding Charter Ordinance No. 10 because they believe that Chief Giles has chosen to follow his own process for promoting. He believes the decisions regarding promotions should fall under the governing body, not the City Manager.

The motion to amend and adopt the charter ordinance carried. Councilmembers Alcala, Ortiz and Kennedy voted “no”. Mayor Bunten voted “yes”. (7-3-0)

The charter ordinance was adopted on roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Nave, Haynes, Duffy, Blackburn, Preisner, Harmon and Mayor Bunten –7. Noes: Alcala, Ortiz and Kennedy -3.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Councilmembers Brett Blackburn, Lana Kennedy and Sylvia Ortiz amending City of Topeka Code Sections 50-41, 50-48, and 50-60 concerning the code of procedure for municipal court, and specifically repealing said original sections placed on first reading April 25, 2006 was again presented.

Councilmember Blackburn gave the committee report and stated the Economic and Community Development Committee recommended "Do Pass" by a vote of 3-0-0 on June 19, 2006.

Councilmember Haynes stated that under the ordinance, city employees would be seeking a warrant from another city employee, as well as, the Municipal Court Judge without a third party being involved.

Councilmember Ortiz stated that constituents have told her they do not believe they would have a fair trial because city inspectors would seek a warrant from the Municipal Court Judge who is also employed by the City. She also stated that she would not support the ordinance.

Councilmember Duffy expressed concern that a warrant could be issued upon an oral complaint by a Public Work's employee. He asked if there was a difference between a statement and a complaint.

Brenden Long, City Attorney stated that a complaint is the document used to charge a person with a crime, and the statement supports the issuance of a search warrant.

Councilmember Nave stated that the only change in procedure would be that the Municipal Court Judge could issue warrants instead of the District Court Judge.

Councilmember Haynes suggested separating code compliance from the other enforcements to eliminate confusion in the document.

Councilmember Blackburn asked if there are processes in place for the misuse of the complaint process or falsifying information.

Brenden Long stated that the process would be mandated under the personnel regulations. He also stated that there are a number of safeguards as the complaint could be challenged, and the Judge would question the information on the complaint.

Miriam Berke, Development Services Director explained why they would have a need for search warrants. She stated that they need access to property to retrieve a VIN number on an automobile, or to remove a nuisance item.

Councilmember Haynes asked if this would create a problem if the search warrants were limited to specific items. He also suggested adding language to the ordinance that would require the Legal department to review the search warrants.

Councilmember Ortiz expressed concern about personal property being seized for evidence, and then lost and not returned to the property owner. She stated that she is in support of speeding the process up, but not by this process.

Miriam Berke stated that when personal property is seized it is not used, it is taken to the landfill.

Councilmember Blackburn moved to refer to ordinance to the Public, Health and Safety Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nave.

Frank Kirtdoll spoke in opposition to the ordinance and stated that he believes State law does not allow search warrants to be issued from municipal court.

Deborah Swank appeared in support of the Code Compliance Division. She encouraged the Council to review all of the issues in Committee and improve the ability of the division as a whole to work.

Joseph Ledbetter spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Fred Sanders spoke in opposition to the ordinance and stated that he believes it would mainly be used on low-income people who do not have the means to defend themselves.

The motion to refer the ordinance to the Public, Health and Safety Committee carried. Councilmember Haynes was out of the room. (8-1-0)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Councilmember Brett Blackburn, amending City of Topeka Code Section 142-355 concerning parking of vehicles on non-paved surfaces, and specifically repealing said original section placed on first reading April 25, 2006 was again presented.

Councilmember Blackburn gave the committee report and stated that the Economic and Community Development Committee recommended "Do Pass" by a vote of 3-0-0 on May 2, 2006.

Councilmember Ortiz noted that the City has only received eight complaints year to date. She stated that she is opposed to the ordinance because she believes it is unfair to the people in

her district. She explained that in some of the areas in her district, cars are parked in the yard because they do not have alleys, streets are too narrow, and there are no streetlights.

Councilmember Nave stated that the goal is to beautify the city. He also stated that would like to provide assistance to those who need it by helping with the cost of gravel or making exceptions in some areas.

Councilmember Blackburn stated that it was his understanding that the Code Compliance Department would issue approximately 600 tickets for parking on the grass this year and next.

Councilmember Harmon asked if it would be possible to exclude residents living on narrow streets because of the affect it would have on emergency vehicle access.

Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., encouraged Council to determine what type of assistance policy they are interested in pursuing. He stated that some options may include a grant, or splitting the cost 50/50 between the property owner and the City.

Mark Galbraith, Elmhurst Neighborhood Improvement Association stated that they are opposed to allowing automobiles to be parked in the back yard on unimproved surfaces because it devalues property and encourages blight. He explained that the Elmhurst NIA worked with professional Planners in putting their Neighborhood Plan together. He stated that they were told to concentrate on cleaning up neighborhood borders to encourage people to buy property in the neighborhood.

Councilmember Alcala left the meeting.

Several Councilmembers expressed concern with the requirements of the ordinance because it would not solve the problem of improving the City's appearance, nor resolve Code Compliance issues.

Councilmember Harmon moved to extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kennedy.

Councilmember Preisner made a substitute motion to extend the meeting through First Readings. The motion seconded by Councilmember Duffy failed. Councilmembers Kennedy, Ortiz, Nave, Blackburn and Harmon voted "no". (3-5-0)

The motion to extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m. through the end of the agenda carried. Councilmember Duffy voted "no". (7-1-0)

Robert Troupe asked if the cost to gravel back yards has been assessed. He suggested sending out a survey to people in the community to find out how they feel about the proposal.

Joe Ledbetter spoke in opposition to the ordinance. He also asked for a copy of committee meeting minutes.

Mayor Bunten stated that they are trying to clean up the neighborhoods and this is an effort to address that problem.

Frank Kirtdoll spoke in opposition to the ordinance. He stated that most people who park in the back yard do so out of necessity.

Councilmember Nave moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion seconded by Councilmember Preisner failed. Councilmembers Kennedy, Ortiz, Haynes and Harmon voted "no". (4-4-0)

A RESOLUTION relating to the implementation of a code of ethics policy for the City of Topeka, its elected officials, appointees and employees was presented.

Councilmember Nave gave the committee report and stated that the Economic and Community Development Committee recommended "Do Not Pass" by a vote of 3-0-0 on May

23, 2006. He explained that staff would continue to work on a document to present to the Council that would incorporate the ordinance and resolution.

Councilmember Preisner moved to adopt the committee report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nave.

Councilmember Kennedy stated that she supports the implementation of a code of ethics, however, she believes it just needs to be worked on and improved.

Frank Kirtdoll stated that the Ethics Policy for the State of Kansas applies to cities as well. He stated that the City of Topeka should implement an ethics policy as soon as possible.

Joe Ledbetter appeared in support of codifying ethics in the personnel code.

Councilmember Haynes made a substitute motion to refer the resolution back to Economic and Community Development Committee. The motion seconded by Councilmember Nave carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 7824 introduced by Councilmembers Richard Harmon, John Nave, Sylvia Ortiz, and Jeff Preisner stating the City Council's support of the placement of the Kansas Children's Discovery Center in Gage Park was presented.

Councilmember Harmon explained the purpose of the resolution.

Kent Garlinghouse, David Heit, Neil Dobler, Alison Tanner and Joanne Morrell spoke in support of the resolution and discussed the advantages of placing the Kansas Children's Discovery Center in Gage Park.

Councilmember Preisner moved to approve the resolution. The motion seconded by Councilmember Haynes carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

ORDINANCE NO. 18673 introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., allowing and approving City Expenditures for the period June 12, 2006, through June 18, 2006, and enumerating such expenditures herein was presented for first and final reading.

Councilmember Duffy moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion seconded by Councilmember Preisner carried. Councilmember Kennedy was out of the room. (7-1-0)

The ordinance was adopted on roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Ortiz, Nave, Haynes, Duffy, Blackburn, Preisner and Harmon -7. Noes: Kennedy-1. Absent: Alcala -1.

ORDINANCE NO. 18674 introduced by City manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., allowing and approving City expenditures for the period June 19, 2006, through June 25, 2006, and enumerating said expenditures therein was presented for first and final reading.

Councilmember Preisner moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion seconded by Councilmember Duffy carried. Councilmember Kennedy was out of the room. (7-1-0)

The ordinance was adopted on roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Ortiz, Nave, Haynes, Duffy, Blackburn, Preisner and Harmon -7. Noes: Kennedy-1. Absent: Alcala -1.

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmembers Brett Blackburn, Lana Kennedy and Clark Duffy relating to the implementation of a hiring freeze was presented.

Councilmember Blackburn explained the resolution. He stated that there are some vacant positions and the resolution requests that the City Manager implement a hiring freeze until after the 2007 Budget is approved, with the exception of the Chief of Police.

Councilmember Blackburn moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Duffy.

Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., City Manager asked if the resolution could be delayed for one week to allow him time to meet with directors to assess where they are in the hiring process.

Councilmember Blackburn stated this it is only a recommendation and the City Manager is not bound to the request if there are critical positions that need to be filled.

Councilmember Duffy stated that he does not object to waiting one week.

Councilmember Duffy made a substitute motion to defer the resolution for one week.

The motion seconded by Councilmember Haynes carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

A FINAL PLAT for Nottingham Heights Subdivision located approximately 349 feet east of SW Urish Road between SW 33rd Street and SW Nottingham Road within unincorporated Shawnee County, was presented. (P05/33)

Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., City Manager gave the staff report.

Councilmember Preisner moved to approve the final plat. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nave.

Councilmember Duffy asked if the property is contiguous to the city limits.

David Thurbon, Planning Director stated that the property was not.

The motion to approve the final plat carried. Councilmember Nave was out of the room. (7-1-0)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager, Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., amending Subsection 1 through 11 of Ordinance No. 18132 and re-establishing the Advantage Topeka Program which provides for a loan forgiveness program for eligible students enrolled at the University of Kansas and such other higher educational institutions as the City Council may designate and specifically repealing Subsection 1 through 11 of Ordinance No. 18132 was presented for first reading.

ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager, Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., relating to court ordered costs and fees, witness fees, contempt powers, warrants, arrest procedures, sentencing

procedures and parole, repealing City of Topeka Code §§50-47, 50-49 and 50-50, amending City of Topeka Code §§50-26, 50-41, 50-54, 50-60, 50-64, 50-99 and 50-101, and repealing said original sections was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Councilmember John Nave concerning the Topeka Human Relations Commission amending City of Topeka Code, Sections 86-1, 86-2, 86-51, 86-53, 86-68, 86-79 and 86-112 and specifically repealing said original Sections was presented for first reading first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., apportioning and levying a special assessment on certain lots and pieces of ground in the City of Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas, for the improvement of Lateral Sanitary Sewer District No. 40925-00 with piping, manholes, engineering and all other contingencies needed to complete Lateral Sanitary Sewer District No. 40925-00, as defined and described in Resolution No. 7485, adopted and approved July 6, 2004 was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., 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 approximately 900' north and 1,050' east of the intersection of SE California Avenue and SE 45th Street in the City of Topeka, Kansas from "RR-1" Residential Reserve District TO "M-1" Two-Family Dwelling District and "R-1" Single-Family Dwelling District was presented for first reading. (Z06/14)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., 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 the

Northeast corner of the intersection of SE California Avenue and SE 45th Street in the City of Topeka, Kansas from "RR-1" Residential Reserve District TO "C-3" Commercial District was presented for first reading. (Z06/15)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., 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 on the north side of SE 45th Street the centerline of which is approximately 2,100' east of the intersection of SE 45th Street and SE California Avenue in the City of Topeka, Kansas from "RR-1" Residential Reserve District TO "R-1" Single-Family Dwelling District was presented for first reading. (Z06/16)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., authorizing Street Repair Improvement Project No. 84340, which provides for construction of handicapped accessible curb cuts and sidewalk ramps at selected intersections throughout the City, to meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act in accordance with the City's sidewalk ramps – transition plan, 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 Councilmember John Nave amending City of Topeka Code Chapter 30 by the addition of Article XIV relating to tobacco/novelty retail licenses was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr. relating to the amendments of the current edition of the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities to incorporate the 2006 legislative changes regarding suspended driver's licenses and driving while

an habitual violator, amending City of Topeka Code Section 142-152 and specifically repealing said original section was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr. 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 generally located at the southeast corner of SE 17th Street and SE Adams Streets, of which the centerline of the tract is approximately 250’ south of SE 17th Street and 145’ east of SE Adams Street in the City of Topeka, Kansas from “M-1” Two Family Dwelling with a Resolution of Intent for “I-1” Light Industrial District ALL TO “I-1” Light Industrial District was presented for first reading. (Z05/14)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., amending the "District Map" referred to and made 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 713 SW Topeka Blvd. in the City of Topeka, Kansas from "C-3" Commercial District TO "O&I-3" Office and Institutional District was presented for first reading. (Z06/10)

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

Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., City Manager distributed a memorandum to the Council regarding an explanation of P-card violations; actions taken by the Police Officers involved in a recent shooting; and website updates. He stated that Ruth Maus has been assigned the duty of overseeing the City's website by insuring that information is accurate, as well as, reviewing all city brochures and communications distributed to the public.

Councilmember Ortiz inquired on the large machinery located near the parking lot of the Cyrus K. Holliday building.

Brenden Long, City Attorney stated that the area is being used as a temporary construction site for the 8th Street Parking Garage project and office complex.

Councilmember Blackburn inquired about using the City's authority to increase the sales tax and incorporating it in the budget. He also asked if the increase in fees for Parks and Recreation Programs would be included in the budget.

Councilmember Duffy stated that he would like to co-sponsor the ordinance relating to the Topeka Advantage Program.

Mayor Bunten stated that he held a press conference and announced the results of the Project Take Over/Make Over that took place in several neighborhoods. He stated that they disposed of 1500 tons of trash and nearly 9,000 tires with the help of many volunteers.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Iris Walker
City Clerk