

Council Minutes – September 4, 2007

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, September 4, 2007. 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, Woelfel, Haynes, Swank, Blackburn, Preisner and Harmon -9. Mayor Bunten presided -1.

AFTER THE MEETING was called to order, Councilmember Preisner asked for a moment of silent meditation.

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

Councilmember Preisner moved to suspend the Council Rules to add an ordinance relating to the Mexican Independence Day Celebration to the agenda. The motion seconded by Councilmember Blackburn carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

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

Mayor Bunten stated that the ordinance would be placed on the agenda under First Readings as item 6B.

THE CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 7993 introduced by Councilmember Deborah Swank granting Kappa Alpha Theta an exception to the provisions of City of Topeka Code Section 54-148 concerning noise prohibitions, was presented.

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 21, 2007 and August 28, 2007 were presented.

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

A COMMUNICATION approving the Real Estate Report and authorizing the disposal of a vacant lot in the 1900 block of N. Kansas Avenue, was presented.

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

Councilmember Preisner moved to approve the communication. The motion seconded by Councilmember Ortiz carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

ORDINANCE NO. 18959 introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., allowing and approving City expenditures for the period of August 6, 2007, through August 12, 2007, and enumerating said expenditures therein was presented for first and final reading.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 18960 introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., allowing and approving City expenditures for the period of August 13, 2007, through August 19, 2007, and enumerating said expenditures therein was presented for first and final reading.

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

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

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

Councilmember Preisner moved to override the Mayoral veto of Resolution No. 7992 authorizing the purchase and implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning Improvement Project No. 170336. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Haynes.

Councilmember Preisner called the question.

The motion to override the Mayoral veto of Resolution No. 7992 carried.

Councilmembers Alcalá and Ortiz voted “no.” (7-2-0)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager, Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., relating to the vacation of the west one-half of an unimproved public alley right-of-way in Keystone Addition located east of 1609 SE 32nd Street, City of Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas was presented for first reading. (V07A/6)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Councilmember Jeff Preisner authorizing the sale, consumption, and possession of alcoholic liquor at the Mexican Independence Day Celebration to be held in downtown Topeka on September 15, 2007 was presented for first reading.

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

Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., City Manager announced that City 4 Television is broadcasting a new 15-minute news magazine show titled 'The City of Topeka Presents'. He noted that the televised segment would air twice a day for two weeks each month, and prior to each Council meeting. He also announced upcoming community events.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Brenda Younger
City Clerk