

Council Minutes – March 10, 2009

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, March 10, 2009. The Councilmembers of the City of Topeka met in regular session at 6:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Alcalá, Ortiz, Woelfel, Haynes, Swank, Blackburn and Preisner -7. Mayor Bunten presided -1. Absent: Kennedy and Harmon -2.

AFTER THE MEETING was called to order, Councilmember Preisner asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mark Winkenwader, City employee.

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

THE CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

MINUTES of the regular meeting of February 24, 2009 was presented.

A Cereal Malt Beverage License application bearing the approval of the Chief of Police and City Inspectors for Cypress Ridge Golf Course located at 2533 SW Urish Road, was presented.

Councilmember Ortiz moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion seconded by Councilmember Alcalá carried unanimously. (7-0-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 8147 introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., authorizing the expenditure of general improvement fund monies for the replacement of vehicles and equipment for the Topeka Police and Fire Departments was presented.

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

Councilmember Alcalá moved to approve the resolution. The motion seconded by Councilmember Ortiz carried unanimously. (7-0-0)

A JOINT CITY OF TOPEKA RESOLUTION AND SHAWNEE COUNTY RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Brett Blackburn, Lana Kennedy, and Jack Woelfel,

expressing the Topeka City Council and Shawnee County Board of Commissioners' intention to consolidate the City of Topeka Parks and Recreation Department with the Shawnee County Parks and Recreation Department into a single County agency was presented.

Councilmember Blackburn gave the staff report and stated that the consolidation would save taxpayers money and create more efficiency for services provided by the City and County.

Councilmember Blackburn moved to defer the joint city and county resolution for one week. The motion seconded by Councilmember Woelfel carried unanimously. (7-0-0)

ORDINANCE NO. 19232 introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., allowing and approving City expenditures for the period of February 9, 2009, through February 15, 2009, 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 Swank carried unanimously. (7-0-0)

The ordinance was adopted on roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alcala, Ortiz, Woelfel, Haynes, Swank, Blackburn and Preisner -7. Absent: Kennedy and Harmon -2.

ORDINANCE NO. 19233 introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., allowing and approving City expenditures for the period of February 16, 2009, through February 22, 2009, 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 Preisner carried unanimously. (7-0-0)

The ordinance was adopted on roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alcala, Ortiz, Woelfel, Haynes, Swank, Blackburn and Preisner -7. Absent: Kennedy and Harmon-2.

RESOLUTION NO. 8148 introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., in accordance with Section 48-4.02(c)(12) of the Code of the City of Topeka, expanding the existing Conditional Use Permit to allow for expansion of a community center for persons with developmental disabilities on property currently zoned "R-1" Single Family Dwelling District and located at 2701 SW Randolph Avenue in the City of Topeka, Kansas was presented. (CU09/1)

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

Mayor Bunten asked if there were any exparte communications. There were none declared.

Councilmember Preisner moved to approve the resolution. The motion seconded by Councilmember Alcalá carried unanimously. (7-0-0)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Mayor William W. Bunten amending City of Topeka Code Sections 18-4, 18-7 and 54-8 concerning bow and arrow hunting within City limits, and specifically repealing said original sections was presented for first reading.

PRESENTATIONS BY THE CITY MANAGER, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL;

Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., City Manager announced upcoming community events.

Councilmember Alcalá asked how much the new Code Compliance Division officer uniforms would cost. He also questioned why Code Compliance officers were being issued nightsticks and pepper spray because he believes there are other defense alternatives that could be utilized.

Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., stated that he would respond to Councilmember Alcalá's questions by Thursday, March 12, 2009.

Mayor Bunten requested that the Council submit their recommendations for the Planning Commission and Zoning Appeals Board for his review as soon as possible.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Brenda Younger
City Clerk