

Council Minutes – July 26, 2011

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, July 26, 2011. The Councilmembers of the City of Topeka met in regular session at 6:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Hiller, Alcalá, Ortiz, Everhart, Wolgast, Manspeaker, Archer, Gray and Harmon -9. Mayor William W. Bunten presided -1.

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

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

Councilmember Manspeaker requested to pull item 4A, a board appointment to the Topeka Sustainability Advisory Board from the consent agenda for separate discussion.

Upon hearing no objections, Mayor Bunten announced item 4A would be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the Council agenda under Unfinished Business as item 5A.

THE CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

MINUTES of the regular meeting of July 19, 2011 were presented.

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

Councilmember Alcalá moved to suspend the Council Rules to add an employment agreement for the Interim City Manager position to the Council agenda. The motion seconded by Councilmember Ortiz carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

Mayor Bunten announced the employment agreement would be placed on the Council agenda under New Business as item 6G.

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

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the appointment of Deborah Swank to the Topeka Sustainability Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term ending February 16, 2012 was presented.

Councilmember Manspeaker spoke in opposition to the board appointment. He stated he believes Ms. Swank is not qualified to serve on the board; however, he commended her for wanting to serve in a civic capacity.

Councilmember Wolgast provided a brief overview of the Topeka Sustainability Advisory Board. He stated the board was created to promote building efficiency and sustainability within the community and noted Ms. Swank has been designated as an energy efficiency realtor and continues to show an interest in energy conservation.

Councilmember Gray spoke in opposition to the board appointment. He stated he believes past public officials should not serve in a civic capacity if the city wants to move forward and implement positive change.

Councilmember Manspeaker expressed concern with the City not hiring a local company to draft an energy efficiency strategy for the City.

Mayor Bunten read a letter from Ms. Swank outlining her qualifications and reasons why she would like to serve on the board. He stated he believes she is qualified to serve on the board.

Councilmember Archer spoke in support of the nomination.

Councilmember Wolgast moved to approve the board appointment. The motion seconded by Councilmember Harmon carried. Councilmembers Alcala, Ortiz, Manspeaker and Gray voted “no.” (5-4-0)

JOINT CITY OF TOPEKA RESOLUTION AND SHAWNEE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 8357 expressing the intent of the Governing Body of the City of Topeka and the Board of Shawnee County Commissioners intention to consolidate the City of Topeka

Parks and Recreation Department into the Shawnee County Parks and Recreation Department was presented. (*Contract No. 41460*)

Daniel R. Stanley, Acting City Manager gave the staff report.

Councilmember Archer spoke in support of the consolidation and distributed amendments to the agreement as suggested by the City Attorney's office.

Judy Olander, Assistant City Attorney stated the following amendments were made to the approved consolidation documents by the Shawnee County Commission:

- Amend the resolution to change the term "City Council" to "Governing Body."
- Amend the agreement to include indemnification language relating to the Parks and Recreation Department; change the City Manager's name; change the financing terms in regards to the City making 2011 budget levels of annual subsidiaries to the County; and who would hold property titles once the City has transferred the properties.

Councilmember Archer stated he supports the amendments as presented by the City Attorney's office. He reported the change in ownership was due to concerns regarding liability, and the amount levied in 2011 was changed to \$5,011,893. He distributed a 20-Year Financial Impact for General Revenues, a very conservative estimate of how the consolidation would impact the City.

Councilmember Gray asked who would be responsible for creating new parks within the city limits. He stated constituents must realize that City taxes could potentially decrease, while County taxes could increase.

Councilmember Archer stated the consolidated department would create new parks and believes there is a substantial tax savings because of consolidation.

Councilmember Alcalá stated taxes should balance out for city residents who pay city and county taxes.

Councilmember Manspecker stated the tax base would expand.

Councilmember Wolgast spoke in support for improvement and efficiency of government operations; however, it should be clear and fair to all citizens. He acknowledged Councilmember Archer and Shawnee County Commissioner Shelly Buhler for their work in drafting the resolution. He also stated there are two elements that should be reviewed when considering a consolidation proposal, clarity of purpose and facts. He noted all park parcels should be listed, including the cemeteries in the consolidation to provide a more efficient level of service.

Councilmember Archer stated the cemeteries were not included on the list as requested by Terry Bertels, Parks and Recreation Department Director.

Councilmember Wolgast moved to amend the agreement on Page 2, Line 66 to strike the current language and add the statement, “All park parcels of land on the City of Topeka Parks List will be transferred to the County unless there are restrictions that would make it prohibitive.” The motion was seconded by Councilmember Archer.

Councilmember Gray asked for clarification on the restrictions.

Councilmember Wolgast stated there may be parcels of land that the City is required to maintain in contention with the State of Kansas.

Councilmember Ortiz asked for clarification as to why the cemeteries were not included on the City of Topeka Parks List.

Terry Bertels, Parks and Recreation Department Director stated some parcels are not technically parks and do not operate as one in his opinion.

Councilmember Ortiz stated she agrees with Mr. Bertels; therefore, she would oppose the amendment.

Councilmember Everhart asked how the City would fund the cemeteries if the consolidation is approved and they are not included on the list.

Terry Bertels reported each cemetery parcel would cost approximately \$35,000 annually based on the mowing contracts. He stated he believes the parcels are part of the roadway, and funding would come from the motor fuel tax revenues. He noted the cemeteries would become the City's property if they go into defunct and monies would then come out of the general fund to maintain them.

Councilmember Harmon asked if the streetscape along South Kansas Avenue was included on the list.

Terry Bertels stated it would be the new consolidated department's responsibility because it would include more intensive landscaping maintenance.

Councilmember Alcalá asked if City employees maintain the streetscapes.

Terry Bertels stated the City receives some funding from Downtown Topeka, Inc. (DTI) for the streetscapes; however, it does not cover the maintenance costs. He stated the City maintains the streetscapes and DTI helps with the watering.

Councilmember Alcalá questioned what state statute designates the authority to maintain cemeteries if there is a failure to maintain the parcels by the property owners.

Judy Olander stated counties are the last option to manage a cemetery that is defunct. She referenced K.S.A. 19-3101 and stated a city can transfer a cemetery to a county by passage of an ordinance and the board of county commissioners may accept the conveyance by adoption of a resolution.

The motion to amend the agreement on Page 2, Line 66 to strike the current language and add the statement, "All park parcels of land on the City of Topeka Parks List will be transferred to the County unless there are restrictions that would make it prohibitive." carried.

Councilmembers Ortiz and Gray voted "no." (7-2-0)

Councilmember Wolgast asked if accrued benefits of transferred employees are included in the consolidation agreement.

Councilmember Archer reported the total of transferred employee benefit costs were estimated at \$685,000 by Jim Langford, former Budget and Finance Director.

Councilmember Wolgast expressed concern with the City's bonded indebtedness regarding park improvement projects that would be paid off by the year 2036. He questioned if the State Liquor Tax revenues pursuant to K.S.A. 79-41a04 could be retained to be used as partial payment of the bonded indebtedness.

Councilmember Wolgast moved to amend Page 7 of the agreement by striking the entire paragraph beginning on Line 262 and inserting the statement, "The City will transfer any monies received pursuant to K.S.A. 79-41a04 to the County when the City has completed paying the City's bonded indebtedness on the Parks and Recreation Department." The motion was seconded by Councilmember Everhart.

Councilmember Archer spoke in opposition to the amendment because the City made the decision to invest in general obligation bonds, as well as, the County would not approve of the amendment. He stated in his opinion, K.S.A. 79-41a04 alcoholic liquor funds could only be used for maintenance or use by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Judy Olander referenced Phil Kline, former Kansas State Attorney General's opinion Case No. 2004-17 which reads, "one-third of the money received is earmarked for a special parks and recreation fund declaring money may be expended only for the purchase, establishment, maintenance or expansion of park and recreational services, programs and facilities."

The motion to amend Page 7 of the agreement by striking the entire paragraph beginning on Line 262 and inserting the statement, "The City will transfer any monies received pursuant to

K.S.A. 79-41a04 to the County when the City has completed paying the City's bonded indebtedness on the Parks and Recreation Department." failed. Mayor Bunten voted "yes." Councilmembers Alcala, Ortiz, Manspeaker, Archer and Gray voted "no." (5-5-0)

Councilmember Wolgast questioned why the City would continue to subsidize the consolidated Parks and Recreation Department for four more years when the department should be efficient within one year.

Councilmember Wolgast moved to amend Page 8 of the agreement by deleting the number "80%" and inserting the number "66%" on Line 270; deleting the number "60%" and inserting the number "33%" on Line 271; and striking Lines 272 through 274 in their entirety. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harmon.

Councilmember Alcala spoke in opposition to the amendment. He stated he believes the County would not accept the amendment and he would like to move forward with the consolidation.

Councilmember Archer spoke in opposition to the amendment. He stated the consolidation could take at least ten years to make it an efficient department and believes the gradual reduction in payments to the County is appropriate. He stated the quicker payoff timeframe could cause massive employee layoffs.

The motion to amend Page 8 of the agreement by deleting the number "80%" and inserting the number "66%" on Line 270; deleting the number "60%" and inserting the number "33%" on Line 271; and striking Lines 272 through 274 in their entirety failed. Mayor Bunten voted "yes." Councilmembers Hiller, Alcala, Ortiz, Everhart, Manspeaker, Archer and Gray voted "no." (3-7-0)

Councilmember Wolgast moved to amend Page 5 of the agreement by inserting the statement, "The City will lease to the County the current City Parks and Recreation Department

office space at 620 SE Madison excluding the space used by the Arborist Division for a period of five (5) years at downtown commercial office rate of \$12 per square foot including utilities and employee and patron parking.” beginning on Line 171. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Archer.

Councilmember Archer made a friendly amendment to add the statement, “for office space used by the County” after the word “parking”.

The motion to amend Page 5 of the agreement by inserting the statement, “The City will lease to the County the current City Parks and Recreation Department office space at 620 SE Madison excluding the space used by the Arborist Division for a period of five (5) years at downtown commercial office rate of \$12 per square foot including utilities and employee and patron parking for office space used by the County.” beginning on Line 171 carried. Mayor Bunten voted “yes.” Councilmember Gray voted “no.” (9-1-0)

David Fish, AFT Union Local 6406 President stated the labor organization supports the consolidation, as long as there is a true plan to identify cost savings and involves all parties. He noted the City would have to petition the Public Employees Relations Board to remove Parks and Recreation employees from the bargaining unit.

Councilmember Alcalá asked if the City would be denying employees their right to partake in a bargaining unit if the consolidation is approved.

Catherine Walter, Acting City Attorney stated the City would honor the contract in existence for AFT Union employees. She reported the union labor agreement would not allow the City Manager to execute any document until the ‘Meet & Confer’ process is carried out with the bargaining unit.

Councilmember Ortiz thanked Councilmember Archer for all his work in drafting the consolidation resolution. She state she supports consolidation because budget cuts have been difficult on City Parks and Recreation Community Centers.

Councilmember Hiller expressed concern that essential weaknesses in the consolidation plan have not been solved; no negotiations have taken place to maintain services or jobs; and if trails would be maintained and completed. She spoke in opposition to the consolidation on behalf of her constituents until discussions could take place to achieve a concept of what the next ten years would include.

Councilmember Archer moved to approve the amendments to the agreement as distributed by the City Attorney's office. The motion seconded by Councilmember Harmon carried unanimously. Mayor Bunten voted "yes." (10-0-0)

Councilmember Archer moved to approve the agreement as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gray.

Councilmember Archer stated he believes recent budget work sessions have shown that the City could not afford to subsidize the Parks and Recreation Department any longer.

Councilmember Alcala stated consolidation shows partnership and trust and allows them to look ahead to other options as the City moves forward with consolidation.

Councilmember Wolgast stated he believes the Council is elected to represent the citizens of Topeka and work hard to bring about cost effective operations.

Councilmember Manspeaker expressed concern with the City giving up the power to save money and move forward. He stated there are no guarantees services or jobs would be maintained; however, the Shawnee County Commissioners are also elected to represent the citizens of Topeka and he hopes they will make the right decisions.

Mayor Bunten stated he believes the Parks and Recreation Department is an extremely important part of the City; however, the consolidation is strictly to save money. He expressed concern with programs and facilities being maintained and stated he would not support the consolidation unless there is a vote of the people.

The motion to approve the agreement as amended carried. Councilmembers Hiller, Everhart, Harmon and Mayor Bunten voted “no.” (6-4-0)

Councilmember Archer moved to approve the resolution. The motion seconded by Councilmember Gray carried. Councilmembers Hiller, Everhart, Harmon and Mayor Bunten voted “no.” (6-4-0)

ORDINANCE NO. 19611 introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., amending City of Topeka Code Section 6.20.120 and Section 6.30.100 concerning permit fees for cats and dogs and specifically repealing said original sections placed on first reading June 22, 2010 was again presented.

Councilmember Ortiz gave the staff report and stated the Public, Health and Safety Committee recommended adoption of the ordinance as amended by a vote of 3-0-0 on July 21, 2011.

Janice Barton spoke in support of the ordinance and thanked City staff for keeping her informed during the process. She also stated she believes the fees are a good compromise and the ‘free ride home’ is a great incentive to license animals.

Councilmember Hiller stated City staff is ready to implement the new law. She noted there would be more ordinances presented to the Council on the issue of animals at a later date.

Councilmember Gray spoke in opposition of the ordinance and stated he does not believe animals kept on private property should be required to have a license.

Councilmember Alcala questioned how the City would enforce the issue. He expressed concern with more citizens not being able to pay the fees during tough economic times.

The motion to adopt the Public, Health and Safety Committee report carried.

Councilmembers Alcala, Archer and Gray voted “no.” (6-3-0)

The ordinance was adopted on roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hiller, Ortiz, Everhart, Wolgast, Manspeaker and Harmon -6. Noes: Alcala, Archer and Gray -3.

APPROVAL of a Real Estate Purchase Agreement between the City of Topeka and Railroad Heritage, Inc., for the purchase of property located at 225 NW Curtis in the amount of \$400,000 for Project No. T-301014.00 Great Overland Station Park, and specifically authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement was presented. (*Contract No. 41461*)

Daniel R. Stanley, Acting City Manager gave the staff report.

Councilmember Alcala moved to approve the real estate purchase agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wolgast.

Joseph Ledbetter spoke in opposition to the agreement and stated he believes it is not a good time to spend money. He questioned the appraisal and asked for the reasoning behind the purchase agreement at this time.

Bette Allen, Great Overland Station Executive Director asked the Council to support the purchase agreement. She stated she believes the property would be an asset to North Topeka, including various structures and green space. She reported Transient Guest Tax funds have been accumulating to acquire the property.

Councilmember Gray questioned the actual value of the property and stated he would prefer to have a current appraisal conducted on the property to compare recent property values.

Bette Allen stated she spoke with realtors regarding the appraisal and there is not much property in North Topeka comparable in size, or that is for sale, so it is difficult to compare.

Bob St. John encouraged the Council to approve the purchase of land for the park concept. He stated the concept was created in 2002 and would compliment the Great Overland Station area.

John Hunter stated revitalization is key to economic development and the riverfront park is a component being carried out by the North Topeka Management Board. He encouraged the Council to listen to the many volunteers who work in the NOTO District and on Great Overland Station projects to develop the riverfront park.

Councilmember Gray questioned how the City could pay for the property acquisition for a future park when the City is facing operational deficits.

John Hunter stated Transient Guest Tax (TGT) funds were set aside for this specific purpose in 2002 and believes more North Topeka property could be assessed on the tax rolls as it becomes a tourist attraction.

Councilmember Ortiz asked if TGT funds could only be used for specific allocations.

Pam Simecka, Acting Budget and Finance Director stated TGT funds could only be used for historical preservation and economic development.

Beth Fager, Riverfront Authority Chair stated she is a strong supporter of a project that would interpret the history and heritage of the community and create a great park for downtown. She noted the City does not have to borrow the funds because they have been accumulating since 2002. She encouraged the Council to move forward with the project.

Councilmember Alcalá encouraged the Council to support the purchase agreement to enhance the NOTO District and move forward with the project.

The motion to approve the real estate purchase agreement carried. Councilmembers Manspecker and Gray voted “no.” (7-2-0)

DENIAL of an alarm agent license appeal by John Rhinehart was presented.

JaLynn Copp, Assistant City Attorney gave the staff report.

John Rhinehart, applicant gave a brief background of the circumstances and stated he is trying to move forward and resolve the issue.

Councilmembers Alcalá, Ortiz, Everhart, Manspeaker and Gray spoke with the applicant concerning disclosure of penalties on the application.

Councilmember Gray questioned why denial of the appeal prevents the applicant from soliciting the alarm business door-to-door; however, it allows the applicant to enter the premises and install alarm systems.

Councilmember Manspeaker commended the applicant for appearing before the Council. He stated he appreciates the Topeka Police Department's vigilance with solicitors in the community.

Councilmember Harmon left the room.

Councilmember Alcalá moved to approve the denial of an alarm agent license. The motion seconded by Councilmember Archer carried. Councilmembers Alcalá, Ortiz and Manspeaker voted "no." (5-3-0)

ORDINANCE NO. 19612 introduced by Acting City Manager Daniel R. Stanley, allowing and approving City expenditures for the period of June 27, 2011, through July 3, 2011, an enumerating said expenditures therein was presented for first and final reading.

Daniel R. Stanley, Acting City Manager gave the staff report.

Councilmember Ortiz moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion seconded by Councilmember Archer carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

The ordinance was adopted on roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hiller, Alcalá, Ortiz, Everhart, Wolgast, Manspeaker, Archer and Gray -8. Absent: Harmon -1.

ORDINANCE NO. 19613 introduced by Acting City Manager Daniel R. Stanley, allowing and approving City expenditures for the period of July 4, 2011, through July 10, 2011, an enumerating said expenditures therein was presented for first and final reading.

Daniel R. Stanley, Acting City Manager gave the staff report.

Councilmember Manspeaker moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion seconded by Councilmember Wolgast carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

The ordinance was adopted on roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hiller, Alcala, Ortiz, Everhart, Wolgast, Manspeaker, Archer and Gray -8. Absent: Harmon -1.

A RESOLUTION introduced by Deputy Mayor John Alcala authorizing City Administration to issue a request for proposal as more specifically described herein was presented.

Councilmember Alcala gave the staff report.

Councilmember Everhart left the room.

Joseph Ledbetter inquired on the costs and asked if the search could be handled by the City's Human Resource Department to be more cost efficient.

Councilmember Manspeaker spoke in opposition of the resolution and stated he believes the City could handle hiring a permanent City Manager internally; however, he believes the hiring process needs to be reviewed for possible changes.

Councilmember Alcala moved to table the resolution for six months. The motion seconded by Councilmember Archer carried. Councilmembers Hiller and Wolgast voted "no." (5-2-0)

NO Retail Cereal Malt Beverage License Applications were presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 8358 introduced by Acting City Manager Daniel R. Stanley, requesting the Board of Commissioners, Shawnee County, Kansas, to approve the annexation of contiguous property in accordance with K.S.A. 12-520c was presented.

Daniel R. Stanley, Acting City Manager gave the staff report.

David Thurbon, Planning Department Director stated the City has to petition the County Commissioners for annexation of the property because it is not adjacent to City limits. He noted the Council has to make a determination that there are no harmful findings to the annexation.

Joseph Ledbetter spoke in opposition to the annexation and stated he has reviewed the maps and he is not sure the property is included in the City's three-mile extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ). He expressed concern with fire and police protection for the area; the City cutting its own revenue stream; and island annexation.

Councilmember Alcalá moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wolgast.

Councilmember Manspeaker expressed concern with providing services for one business outside of the City's three-mile extra-territorial jurisdiction. He stated he is not sure it would best serve the citizens of Topeka.

David Thurbon stated he believes the property is located approximately 2 ¼ miles from the southern boundary of the city which would make it located inside the three-mile extra-territorial jurisdiction.

Allen Bradshaw, Topeka Fire Chief stated there are funds in the Capital Improvement Program to build a fire station. He reported the closest fire station to the property is located at SW 37th Street and SW Burlingame Road, an eight minute emergency response time.

Steve Jenkins, GO Topeka Economic Development Senior Vice President reported the Mars Corporation would contribute 10% of their tax abatement to be used for the construction of

a fire station to serve the Kanza Fire Commerce Park and surrounding areas. He stated industries want to be located in city limits for various reasons, including factory mutual insurance rates and lower utility rates.

Councilmember Alcala asked how many jobs the Mars Corporation has committed to opening at the facility.

Steve Jenkins stated Phase 1 includes 200 jobs and \$250 million of investments, and after the final three project phases are complete a total of 425 jobs will be generated.

Councilmember Alcala stated he believes the MTAA Fire Station could not handle a large structural or manufacturing facility fire.

Councilmember Manspeaker asked how much funding does 10% of tax abatement equal.

Steve Jenkins stated the MTAA Fire Station is equipped to protect the facilities, aircraft and equipment on Forbes Field. He reported the City would be required to have approval from the Federal Aviation Administration to use the MTAA Fire Station's personnel and equipment. He reported that 10% of the Mars Corporation tax abatement would equal approximately \$360,000 to \$500,000 a year.

Councilmember Ortiz questioned the fire protection needs within the city and the Heartland Park area and referenced the 2006 City of Topeka Fire & Rescue Services Facility Deployment Study. She stated mutual aid agreements are made with outlying departments; however, they assist only when personnel and equipment are available.

Allen Bradshaw stated the study was developed because of the nine minute response time to Heartland Park. He reported the study showed that a fire station is needed on the west side of Topeka Boulevard. He noted the City of Topeka Fire Department resources are meant to serve the City of Topeka residents first and foremost.

Daniel Stanley clarified the Mars Corporation accepted the ten minute emergency response time and the City is not obligated to install a fire station. He stated this issue would be a future policy and planning decision.

Councilmember Alcala stated the 10 year tax benefit has been given to large companies and some neighborhood improvement associations to attract and bring business to areas within the city.

Councilmember Manspeaker expressed concern with an emergency situation arising simultaneously in the Kanza Fire Commerce Park, as well as, the immediate emergency response area of the fire station.

Councilmember Hiller stated she is eager to annex large properties into the city because it would add properties to the City's tax roll and generate more revenue.

The motion to approve the resolution carried. Councilmember Manspeaker voted "no."
(6-1-0)

APPROVAL of a Contract of Employment for Interim City Manager, Daniel R. Stanley was presented. (*Contract No. 41462*)

Councilmember Alcala gave the staff report.

Councilmember Alcala moved to approve the contract. The motion seconded by Councilmember Manspeaker carried unanimously. (7-0-0)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Acting City Manager, Daniel R. Stanley authorizing Traffic Signal Improvement Project T-141010.00 which provides for the improvement of the intersection at SW 17th Street and Arvonja Place, as more specifically described herein was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Acting City Manager, Daniel R. Stanley authorizing Street Improvement Project T-701006.00 which will extend SW 17th Street from the existing

turnaround west of SW Arvonnia Place to SW Urish Road, as more specifically described herein was presented for first reading.

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

Councilmember Hiller thanked the Topeka Lyons Club and Keep America Beautiful for weeding the flowerbeds located near 8th Street. She stated she attended the grand opening of Miracle Field and encouraged citizens to attend a game.

Councilmember Ortiz thanked the Acting City Manager for replacing the U.S. flag located outside of the Topeka Performing Arts Center. She asked if staff would weed the medians located along SE California Street to Interstate 70.

Councilmember Manspeaker encouraged the Council to be more patient with democracy while serving their constituents.

Councilmember Gray thanked the Council for supporting the Parks and Recreation Department consolidation and noted the process could now start moving forward.

Joseph Ledbetter appeared to speak under public comment.

Councilmember Alcala moved to adjourn the Council meeting. The motion seconded by Councilmember Archer carried unanimously. (7-0-0)

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Brenda Younger
City Clerk