

Council Minutes – October 16, 2012

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, October 16, 2012. 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 Manspeaker asked for a moment of silent meditation.

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

THE CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 8477 introduced by Councilmember John Alcalá granting Tonantzin Society an exception to the provisions of City of Topeka Code Section 9.45.150, et seq., concerning noise prohibitions was presented.

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the appointment of Randy Clayton to the Topeka Public Building Commission for a term ending September 30, 2016, was presented.

MINUTES of the regular meeting of October 9, 2012, was presented.

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

NO Retail Cereal Malt Beverage License applications were presented.

APPROVAL of a three-year labor agreement between the City of Topeka and the Street Section of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local No. 696 was presented. (*Contract No. 42425*)

Jim Colson, City Manager, stated the labor agreement would take effect January 1, 2013.

Jacque Russell, Human Resources Director, reported the agreement would be effective for three (3) years, include contract re-openers for 2014 and 2015, include a \$35,000 increase over 2012, and several language revisions that will have a positive impact on overall operations.

Councilmember Ortiz asked if Union members agree with the proposed labor agreement.

Matt Hall, Teamsters Union Local No. 696, stated Union members agree with the proposed contract.

Councilmember Everhart moved to approve the labor agreement. The motion seconded by Councilmember Manspeaker carried unanimously. Mayor Bunten voted “yes.” (10-0-0)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Jim Colson, amending City of Topeka Code Section 10.15.010 and specifically repealing said original section concerning the adoption of the 2012 Standard Traffic Ordinance was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Jim Colson, amending City of Topeka Code Section 9.05.080 and specifically repealing said original section, repealing Chapter 8.20 and Section 9.45.120 in their entireties, as well as creating Section 9.05.090 all concerning the adoption of the 2012 Uniform Public Offense Code and amendments thereto was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Jim Colson, amending City of Topeka Code Sections 9.45.160, 9.45.170, 9.45.190 and 9.45.290 and specifically repealing said original sections, as well as, repealing in their entireties Sections 9.45.210, 9.45.230, 9.45.240, 9.45.250, 9.45.270 and 9.45.320 all concerning regulation of noise was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Jim Colson, creating City of Topeka Code Section 9.45.020 concerning intimidation of a witness or victim was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Jim Colson, adopting a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and designating a revitalization area all as provided for in K.S.A. 12-17, 114, et seq., Neighborhood Revitalization Act was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Jim Colson, amending the “District Map” referred to and made a part of the Zoning Ordinances by Section 18.50.050 of the Topeka Municipal Code by providing for certain changes in zoning on property located at the northeast corner of NE Quincy Street and NE Curtis Street from “I-2” Heavy Industrial District TO “PUD” Planned Unit Development District (“X-2” Mixed Use District base zoning use group and also permitting a crisis center type II, churches and places of worship, boarding and lodging houses, group homes, farmers markets, pet shops/small animal clinics, and multi-family dwelling of more than four units per building or more than twelve units per acre) was presented for first reading. (*PUD12/5*)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Jim Colson, relating to the vacation of platted alley public rights-of-way on property located directly north of NE Curtis Street, approximately halfway between NE Quincy Street and NE Monroe Street, City of Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas, was presented for first reading. (*V12A/3*)

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

Jim Colson, City Manager, announced Alan Roocroft, Elephant Behavior Consultant, would be available to meet with the public on October 17, 2012, at 12:00 p.m. at the Topeka Zoo to answer questions or provide more information about the elephants. He announced the Human Relations Commission and the Law Enforcement Partnership Panel would host a town hall meeting on October 18, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Brown vs. Board of Education

site located at 1515 SE Monroe Street. He reported he attended the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Conference and found it to be a positive experience that he will use to help move the City forward.

Councilmember Hiller thanked Brendan Wiley, Zoo Director, and Friends of the Topeka Zoo for their participation in the public meetings. She reported the Urban Core “Building the Deal” Conference held October 10, 2012, was well received and provided an excellent presentation including a directory of redevelopment financing tools, as well as, an executive summary covering state and local programs ranging from tax credits to historic preservation. She noted all the documents presented at the conference are available for review on the City’s website at www.topeka.org posted on the Planning Department’s web page.

Councilmember Manspeaker inquired on the “Ride with the City Manager” to Council Grove, Kansas, and asked what the motorcycle trip cost the City. He encouraged any citizen interested in running for Mayor in the 2013 election to do so. He announced he anticipates a Joint Economic Development Organization and Growth Organization of Topeka work study session to be held on November 17, 2012. He stated he hopes the public will be notified of the session and public comment will be allowed.

Jim Colson, City Manager, reported 27 employees participated in the motorcycle ride at no cost to the City. He stated it was a great opportunity for him to connect and develop open dialog with employees.

Councilmember Manspeaker commended the City Manager for doing a great job and “thinking outside the box” to improve employee relations.

Councilmember Archer announced he attended the Shawnee County 4-H Achievement Celebration on October 13, 2012, at Washburn Rural High School and congratulated the

honorees. He commended Councilmember Ortiz for receiving the Velma Paris Humanitarian Award presented by Community Action, Inc., on October 12, 2012.

Councilmember Gray announced Junior Achievement of Kansas would host a Bowl-a-thon, October 19-21, 2012, at Gage Bowl located at 4200 SW Huntoon Street. He asked citizens to contact Junior Achievement of Kansas at 785-235-3700 for more information.

Charles Gibbons, Jeff Narron, Jim Ogle, Kate Larison, Teresa Miller, Michael Blessington, Shanna Simpson, Becky Niemackle, Ann Riggs and Ann Wilson appeared to speak under public comment.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Brenda Younger
City Clerk