

Governing Body Minutes – May 1, 2018

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, May 1, 2018. The Governing Body members of the City of Topeka met in regular session at 6:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Hiller, Clear, Ortiz, Emerson, Padilla, Jensen, Mays and Lesser -8. Mayor Michelle De La Isla presided -1. Absent: Councilmember Coen -1.

AFTER THE MEETING was called to order, Reverend Barry Feaker, Topeka Rescue Mission, provided the invocation.

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

Councilmember Padilla requested to add a resolution granting Sideways Bar & Grill a noise exception to the Governing Body agenda.

Upon hearing no objections, Mayor De La Isla announced the resolution would be added to the Governing Body agenda under the Consent Agenda as item 5D.

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the appointment of Cassandra Taylor to the Topeka Landmarks Commission for a term ending March 2, 2021, was presented.

Councilmember Jensen moved to approve the board appointment. The motion seconded by Councilmember Lesser carried unanimously. Mayor does not vote. (8-0-0)

THE CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 9001 introduced by Councilmember Jeff Coen, granting Speck's Bar & Grill an exception to the provisions of City of Topeka Code Section 9.45.150, et seq., concerning noise prohibitions was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 9002 introduced by Councilmember Sylvia Ortiz, granting Agustin Munoz an exception to the provisions of City of Topeka Code Section 9.45.150, et seq., concerning noise prohibitions was presented.

MINUTES of the regular meeting of April 17, 2018, was presented.

APPROVAL of Open After Midnight License applications were presented for the following:

<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill	5928 SW 17 th Street
Kickstart Saloon	2521 N Kansas Avenue

APPROVAL of Cereal Malt Beverage License applications were presented for the following:

<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
California BP	2740 SE California Avenue
Casey's #2261	600 SE Rice Road
Casey's #2312	4441 SE California Avenue
Casey's #3580	6741 SW 21 st Street
Haag's Express	1001 SW Wanamaker Road
Holiday Square 66	2901 SW Topeka Boulevard
I-70 BP	1000 SW Wanamaker Road
Kicks 66	3300 SW Gage Boulevard
Kwik Shop #705	1114 NW Topeka Boulevard
Kwik Shop #713	5700 SW 21 st Street
Kwik Shop #720	102 SW 37 th Street
Kwik Shop #757	2619 SW 21 st Street
Kwik Shop #780	2526 SW 6 th Street
Kwik Shop #781	4500 SW Topeka Boulevard
Kwik Shop #788	1414 SW 17 th Street
Kwik Shop #789	746 NE Wabash
Kwik Shop #791	1700 SW Topeka Boulevard
Lakeview 66	3000 SE Croco Road
Oakmart BP	2518 NE Seward Avenue
The Goose Express	2901 SE Fremont
White Lakes 66	931 SW 37 th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 9003 introduced by Councilmember Padilla granting Sideways Bar & Grill an exception to the provisions of City of Topeka Code Section 9.45.150, et seq., concerning noise prohibitions was presented.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9004 introduced by City Manager Brent Trout, approving the 2018 Neighborhood Event and Beautification Grant Program (Neighborhood Partnership Program) as

recommended by the Neighborhood Partnership Program Grant Review Committee, was presented.

Sasha Haehn, Department of Neighborhood Relations Director, stated the Neighborhood Partnership Program Grant Review Committee recommended \$4,350 in funding allocations for the North Topeka On The Move Association and Collins Park Neighborhood Association. She noted the second round will open May 2, 2018 through June 1, 2018, and staff would make grant recommendations to the Governing Body the last meeting in June.

Councilmember Ortiz noted the funding allocations require matching funds and volunteer hours.

Councilmember Clear asked how the volunteer hours are confirmed.

Sasha Haehn stated the amount of volunteer hours must be listed on the grant application based on an honor system.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9005 introduced by Councilmembers Jeff Coen and Aaron Mays concerning general public comment was presented.

Mayor De La Isla announced Councilmember Coen would be late due to a previous family engagement.

Councilmember Mays reported the resolution would move General Public Comment from the end of the meeting to the beginning of the meeting for the May 8, May 15 and June 5, 2018 Governing Body meetings.

Councilmember Jensen moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mays.

Teresa Miller expressed concern with having public comment at the beginning of a governing body meeting as it would not allow the public to comment on items discussed throughout the meeting. She believes it defeats the purpose of public input on topics.

Councilmember Ortiz spoke in support of public comment; however, she believes the Governing Body should be mindful that the meetings are a forum to conduct City business and the change may confuse citizens.

Councilmembers Clear and Mays spoke in support of the opportunity for a “trial run” to allow General Public Comment at the beginning and end of Governing Body meetings.

Councilmember Jensen stated he would accept a friendly amendment to allow General Public Comment after Roll Call as well as after Announcements at Governing Body meetings to accommodate citizens. The second concurred.

Councilmember Jensen moved to approve the resolution as amended. The motion seconded by Councilmember Mays carried. Councilmembers Ortiz and Lesser voted “no.” (7-2-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 9006 introduced by City Manager Brent Trout, authorizing and adopting the 2019-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the 2019-2021 Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) and approving the project budgets attached was presented.

Brent Trout, City Manager, stated staff prepared the CIP and CIB using the guidance of the City’s Debt Policy and the City’s Capital Improvement Plan Policy approved by the Governing Body. He reported the City continues to be in good credit standing as well as debt ratings and consistently receives high management and financial policy ratings from various credit rating agencies. He noted he understands the concerns expressed regarding additional debt and will address this issue by conducting a study related to the ratio of debt service payment to operating budget as part of the revenue received each year, as they must invest in infrastructure but need to

ensure it would be done at a sustainable level. He commented on the tight budget environment and the challenges to free up cash for a project; therefore, he stated staff continues to be committed to provide cash for projects where appropriate. He confirmed the City was ADA compliant with all ADA requirements; however, the ADA Assessment of Existing City Facilities Project T-131066.00 (page 117 of the CIP booklet) would be re-evaluated and discussed again next year by staff. He stated staff supports two changes to the CIP: (1) Reduce the Oakland Backup Generator Project T-291090.00 (page 83 of the CIP booklet) budget to \$1.5 million; (2) Remove the Fire Hydrant Phase 2 (to 6th Street) Project T-301059.00 (page 110 of the CIP booklet). He thanked City staff for their continued hard work on the CIP process.

Teresa Miller expressed concern with the safety of NW Tyler Street for citizens and school children and requested the project be completed before its projected date of 2023.

Joseph Ledbetter distributed a handout relating to the drop in total of Real Gross Domestic Product for Topeka, Kansas. He spoke in support of the SE 29th Street/Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) Interchange Project T-701017.00 (page 45 of the CIP booklet) and believes it should be moved up from 2022 to 2019. He requested City staff review traffic signals across the City to ensure they are in sync.

Councilmember Jensen moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Padilla.

Councilmember Emerson moved to amend the resolution by reducing the Oakland Backup Generator Project T-291090.00 (page 83 of the CIP booklet) budget to \$1.5 million. The motion seconded by Councilmember Jensen carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

Councilmember Emerson moved to amend the resolution by removing the Fire Hydrant Phase 2 (to 6th Street) Project T-301059.00 (page 110 of the CIP booklet). The motion seconded by Councilmember Jensen carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

Councilmember Emerson moved to amend the resolution by changing the project schedule for the SE 29th Street/KTA Interchange Project T-701017.00 (page 45 of the CIP booklet) from 2023 to 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ortiz.

Brent Trout stated he understands the desire of the Governing Body; however, he has a meeting scheduled with the Kansas Turnpike Authority Director on May 10, 2018, to discuss the project and determine if the project was needed. He would like the opportunity to report back to the Governing Body on the outcome of the discussion.

Councilmember Padilla spoke in support of the amendment made by Councilmember Emerson because he believes it shows the City's commitment to the development of east Topeka.

Councilmember Clear questioned why the KTA Interchange Project was initially delayed and requested information on other projects that have been delayed in the CIP. She spoke in support of moving the ADA Assessment of Existing City Facilities Project T-131066.00 (page 117 of the CIP booklet) from 2021 to 2019.

Councilmember Jensen spoke in support of the KTA Interchange Project; however, he believes it may be premature at this point because the State would not be ready to move forward on the project for another couple of years. He questioned if there could be a compromise to earmark the funds depending on the outcome of the May 10, 2018, meeting.

Councilmember Ortiz stated the KTA Interchange Project would be a huge asset for east Topeka and spoke in support of earmarking funds for the project. She inquired about the past designs of the KTA Interchange Project. She also spoke in support of the ADA Assessment of

Existing City Facilities Project T-131066.00 (page 117 of the CIP booklet) being moved from 2021 to 2019. She suggested staff review utilizing half-cent sales tax revenues for sidewalk projects.

Brent Trout stated the use of half-cent sales tax revenues could be discussed further during the budget process. He noted the May 10, 2018, meeting with the KTA Director may provide a better outlook on costs as well as input from the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Doug Gerber, Deputy City Manager, stated the KTA Interchange Project has had approximately four designs presented, each design ranging from \$16-\$20 million.

Councilmember Jensen inquired on the role of JEDO and Shawnee County in the KTA Interchange Project.

Councilmember Emerson stated he appreciates the City Manager's position on the project and asked if the City would commit to address the project during the budget process if he withdraws the motion.

Brent Trout confirmed staff would commit to addressing the project during the budget process.

Councilmember Emerson withdrew his motion to amend the resolution by changing the project schedule for the SE 29th Street/KTA Interchange Project T-701017.00 (page 45 of the CIP booklet) from 2023 to 2019. The second concurred.

Councilmember Clear moved to amend the resolution by changing the project schedule for the NW Tyler Street, NW Lyman Road to NW Beverly Street Project T-701019.00 (page 43 of CIP booklet) from 2023 to 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jensen.

Councilmember Clear stated she would like to reduce the ADA Assessment of Existing City Facilities Project T-131066.00 (page 117 of the CIP booklet) from \$125,000 to \$50,000.

Brent Trout stated the NW Tyler project has not been designed and would carry-over into 2020; he would like to review with staff what projects would have to be delayed to make the adjustment in the project schedule and he would like to research the feasibility of the ADA Project before funding was reduced.

Councilmember Hiller asked if the NW Tyler Project could be moved up in the project schedule if the funding was reduced to cover sidewalks only.

Jason Peek, Public Works Director, reported the construction of NW Tyler Street has been moved back in the project schedule because it was expanded to NW Paramore. He noted the NW Tyler Project funding was contingent on extending the current Citywide Half-Cent Sales Tax that was set to expire in 2019.

Councilmember Lesser noted he does not believe the project would bring about a change or increase in traffic flow; however, he concurs with Councilmember Hiller and believes sidewalks would be a great improvement for the citizens in this area.

Councilmember Clear stated the NW Tyler Project would have a big impact on citizens.

Councilmember Coen entered the room.

Councilmember Clear withdrew her motion to amend the resolution by changing the project schedule for the NW Tyler Street, NW Lyman Road to NW Beverly Street Project T-701019.00 (page 43 of CIP booklet) from 2023 to 2019. The second concurred.

Brent Trout confirmed staff would commit to discuss the projects further during the budget process.

Councilmember Ortiz inquired about the parking lot between City Hall and the Shawnee County Courthouse and when improvements would take place.

Brent Trout stated staff would work to improve the condition of the parking lot to keep it maintained until the project could be scheduled.

Councilmember Jensen and Mayor De La Isla commended staff for the amount of work conducted on the CIP.

Councilmember Lesser recommended City staff perform the ADA Assessment of Existing City Facilities Project T-131066.00 (page 117 of the CIP booklet).

Councilmember Lesser moved to amend the resolution by removing the ADA Assessment of Existing City Facilities Project T-131066.00 (page 117 of the CIP booklet). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Emerson.

Brent Trout stated staff would work through the assessment to ensure the City was ADA compliant and if there were additional needs for the project, it would be presented to the Governing Body next year.

The motion to amend the resolution by removing the ADA Assessment of Existing City Facilities Project T-131066.00 (page 117 of the CIP booklet) carried. Councilmembers Ortiz and Jensen voted “no.” (8-2-0)

Councilmember Lesser referenced snow removal funds from 2014-2017 at approximately \$2 million in sales tax funding and requested snow removal services be included in the ballot question to extend the current Citywide Sales Tax.

Brent Trout stated they could discuss this option when the sales tax ballot question was being finalized.

Councilmember Hiller distributed a handout and list of amendments for consideration. (*Attachment A.*) She referenced a 30-page document outlining her questions to staff and

expressed concern with the current amount of general obligation bond projects and how the proposed CIP affects bonds over the next five years.

Nickie Lee, Financial and Administrative Services Director, provided an explanation of the City's Bond Policy and the review and research used to develop the proposed CIP.

The motion to approve the resolution as amended carried. Councilmembers Hiller, Clear and Emerson voted "no." (7-3-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 9007 introduced by City Manager Brent Trout, declaring the necessity to repair, alter, reconstruct, enlarge or improve the City's water, water pollution and/or stormwater utility system through improvement projects authorized by Resolution and providing Notice of Intention authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds in the manner required by K.S.A. 10-1201, et seq., was presented.

Brent Trout, City Manager, reported approval would authorize the issuance of revenue bonds for the water/water pollution/stormwater projects identified in the CIB and direct the City Clerk to publish the Notice of Intentions in the Topeka Metro News.

Joseph Ledbetter expressed concern with the amount of the City's bonded indebtedness and spoke in opposition of increasing utility fees.

Councilmember Ortiz moved to approve the resolution. The motion seconded by Councilmember Jensen carried unanimously. (10-0-0)

DISCUSSION relating to Traffic/Pedestrian Safety and Camping on Public Property or Private Property without the Written Consent of the Owner was presented.

Brent Trout, City Manager, stated staff has developed the proposed ordinances based on similar ordinances adopted in other cities throughout Kansas.

Councilmember Ortiz expressed concern with the proposed ordinance and how it would affect fund-raising efforts by the Topeka Fire Department, occasionally conducted in medians. She stated she would prefer to defer the discussion one week to allow an opportunity for the Fire Department to comment on the issue.

Councilmember Ortiz moved to defer the discussion item one week. The motion seconded by Councilmember Coen failed. Councilmembers Hiller, Clear, Jensen, Mays, Coen and Lesser voted “no.” (4-6-0)

Councilmember Ortiz left the meeting.

Luther Ganieany, Topeka Police Department Legal Counsel, provided an overview on the traffic crash data for the years 2010-2016; total pedestrian accident data for the years 2010-2017; outlined arterial streets, congested traffic areas and designated roadways; illegal actions; exceptions and penalties. He stated the proposed traffic and pedestrian safety ordinance would prohibit individuals on designated roadways from approaching or attempting to approach motor vehicles for the exchange of any item as well as drivers would be prohibited from stopping to exchange any item with a pedestrian.

Councilmember Hiller expressed concern with the term “arterial” being used in the ordinance because it was a common term used in other transportation plans as well as significantly used in the planning section of the City’s Code. She also expressed concern with “Congested Areas” as outlined on the map.

Councilmember Coen expressed concern with the legality of the proposed ordinance.

Luther Ganieany stated the ordinance was drafted in a manner to be content neutral.

Luther Ganieany continued discussion on camping and storage of personal belongings on public property including transient or permanent camping; temporary or prolonged unattended

storage of personal belongings in public parks and rights-of-way; unlawful camping; enforcement; notice provisions; storage; disposal and penalties. He stated the proposed camping on public and private property ordinance would prohibit individuals from camping on both public property (e.g. sidewalks) and private property (without the property owner's written consent). He noted individuals would also be required to move their belongings within 24 hours of notification or risk impoundment and destruction if not claimed within 90 days.

Councilmember Coen noted there are some individuals that have been offered assistance and have elected not to accept it.

Luther Ganieany stated the ordinance requires the Topeka Police Department to offer assistance to these individuals before enforcement would take effect.

Councilmember Lesser asked if notices would be provided to individuals storing their belongings on private property.

Luther Ganieany stated notices would only be provided if an individual was storing belongings on public property. He noted if an individual stores their belongings on private property, they can either claim it or the City can enforce the mechanisms provided in the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code or trespassing laws.

Councilmember Emerson asked if the proposed ordinance would apply to Shawnee County parks.

Luther Ganieany stated parks would be covered under the agreement that transferred the parks from the City to the County because the agreement states the City would provide continued law enforcement in the parks.

Councilmember Hiller questioned if language should be included in the ordinance requiring people to produce evidence of written permission. She also asked if the City would provide a permit process for camping along the riverfront as it continues to develop.

Luther Ganieany stated the ordinance could include a requirement to produce written permission from a property owner and noted State Statute covers boundary outlines of where camping was allowed along the river.

Brent Trout stated staff was aware there are areas along the Kansas River that allow recreational camping and could address recreational camping in this area in the future.

Councilmember Jensen stated he believes as the riverfront develops, designated campsites should be created with the proper fire pits and restroom facilities.

Barry Feaker, Topeka Rescue Mission, stated in order to address these issues; it would require a combination of legislative and proactive actions such as a private/public partnership to help the community deal with these issues. He noted the ordinance should include better alternatives and be unique to the Topeka community.

Mitch Douthett, Shunga Properties Manager, stated his tenants fear for their safety because of this constant issue and believes it should be handled soon before the problem gets worse.

Councilmember Jensen expressed his appreciation to staff for creating a good foundation to address the needs of the community.

Councilmember Hiller expressed concern with the map and proposed pedestrian ordinance and does not believe it offers a good solution to the issue.

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

Brenda Younger, City Clerk, gave a brief overview of the May 8, 2018 Governing Body agenda.

Mayor De La Isla announced she and other Governing Body members attended the Topeka JUMP Nehemiah Action Assembly event on April 30, 2018, at the Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church which was well attended by the community. She commented on the Strategic Planning Session of the Governing Body that occurred on April 28, 2018, at the Cyrus K. Holliday Building and the two year plan that was discussed.

Councilmember Lesser thanked City staff for their work on the Capital Improvement Plan and Capital Improvement Budget.

Councilmember Hiller announced Team Up Clean Up worked in Council District No. 1 on May 1, 2018, and thanked the City departments involved in the project. She announced an Artist Reveal event would occur May 4, 2018, at the Jayhawk Theater; and various community events celebrating the 64th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education in May.

Councilmember Clear commented on the Sheep Dog Impact Assistance organization and how the veterans impact other's lives. She also commented on the importance of community support to local businesses and organizations.

Councilmember Emerson thanked Kansas Representative John Alcala for his service to the City of Topeka and the State of Kansas.

Councilmember Padilla thanked members of JUMP for sponsoring the Topeka JUMP Nehemiah Action Assembly on April 30, 2018, and the citizens that provided testimony at the event. He also thanked Mayor De La Isla and City Manager Brent Trout for facilitating the Strategic Planning Session for the Governing Body on April 28, 2018.

Councilmember Jensen thanked Mayor De La Isla and City Manager Brent Trout for facilitating the Strategic Planning Session for the Governing Body on April 28, 2018. He announced a Sales Tax Town Hall Meeting would be held on May 22, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center, Classroom A, to discuss the proposed sales tax extension. He noted citizens could send questions in advance to the Governing Body at citycouncil@topeka.org.

Councilmember Mays thanked City Manager Brent Trout and Mayor De La Isla for facilitating the Strategic Planning Session on April 28, 2018. He commended the Topeka Zoo on the Roar & Pour fundraising event that occurred on April 28, 2018.

Councilmember Coen stated he would be late to the May 8, 2018, Governing Body meeting due to a previous engagement.

J. W. Benning and Henry McClure appeared to speak under public comment.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Brenda Younger
City Clerk

Possible amendments to the proposed 2019-2028 City of Topeka CIP/CIB**Observations:**

In short, the City of Topeka currently has over \$62M in projects in progress opened prior to 2018 that are classified for funding with GO bonds, while the City has an agreed limit of \$9M per year and proposes to add \$9M of new projects each year. A report on how many of the backlogged projects are already bonded is pending. Staff estimates are that rising interest rates will add at least 34% to costs of new bonding.

The City has increased the dollars bonded annually with Revenue bonds over 50% in the past 10 years and the proposed 2019 CIP proposes to triple the annual amount bonded over the next 5 years. Interest and finance charges on Revenue bonds are expected to add 83% to costs, thereby limiting, long-term, how much work can be done with ratepayer fees if work is bonded. The Utilities Pro Forma in the 2019 Proposed CIP book projects that debt service payments will increase from \$21M to \$30M per year between 2019 and 2023 while service fees will increase only \$10.5 M. The same book says that we will have over \$225M yet-unfunded Utility projects at the end of the 10-year plan.

To get our Streets to our 60 PCI agreed minimum standard, we are still \$2M short in 2019 and 2020 and \$5M per year short after that, assuming renewal of the Citywide Half Cent Sales tax.

General Fund revenue has increased only slightly, not enough to cover increases for salaries and operating costs, much less additional debt service.

Bar graphs provided to the Council show how much the City would borrow, but a reader has to go to the Pro Formas (Budgets) to find out not how much that borrowing would cost in terms of annual debt service. Those Pro Forma budgets also only cover four years. The Council and staff need to see more years than that to be sure that we all understand what the CIP proposal and rising interest rates would mean to the operating budget.

Council has had extensive discussions about wants vs needs, cost-effectiveness and return on investment. Not all projects will have all three, we know. Some projects proposed challenge these tests.

Various of us have looked at reasonable ways to trim both bonded and cash expenses in order for us to cover our debt that is coming forward as well as and cover as much future expenses as possible in order to optimize dollars available for Streets, the Operating Budget, and as many as possible of the future projects.

Opportunities to save money for Operating and Capital needs..and Streets

The following list adds up to over \$20M in savings for 2018-2023

Council Action items:

Neighborhood Infrastructure (SORT) increase – Going from \$1.4M per year to \$1.7M per year is proposed. Many more corresponding street and sidewalk projects are now happening in or near our at-risk neighborhoods in addition to SORT. Perhaps SORT could be increased in the future, but premature now given the pressure for streets and accumulated GO bond projects. **Savings: \$1.2M GO Bond**

NW Tyler – Ms. Miller, as recently in a letter today, has continually stated that her concern is the condition of the current street and the need for sidewalks – definitely needed for the neighborhood and per our Complete Streets approach. As this street is just one block from a major 5-lane arterial and many communities are now looking at the “green” benefits of swales instead of expensive enclosed storm-sewer systems, this project could be downsized, still fully meet needs, and possibly be done sooner because of the change. **Savings: \$700,000 GO Bond**

Oakland Generators – incident, if ever occurs, would be once in 50-100 years – one time, 30 years ago, incident happened, emergency backup was secured and service was not interrupted – emergency backup is available – project can be reduced from \$5.47M to \$1.5M **Savings: \$3.97M Rev Bond**

IT – new estimates in costs for computers would allow reductions in budget costs, therefore reduction in costs to departments **Savings: To be addressed during Operating Budget process**

ADA Inventory – request is for high-paid consultant - no estimated life span, year of estimate or source is included – inventory at the level needed at this time can be done by partner agency disability specialist or intern, est. \$10K at the most **Savings: \$115K Cash**

GPS – proposed budget says this is for “..tracking and reporting of standard GPS data and data capturing specific work function activities....,” first staff answer said it was for saving fuel cost, next staff answer highlighted and pushed that it is for software for emergency and other vehicles to change traffic signals to green for passage – all great ideas, but they don’t match, none high enough priority or demonstrated safety or cost value to justify; holding for future reconsideration will release much-needed funds for operating **Savings: \$500K Cash**

Asset Inventory/Geospatial Updates – request is for \$200K per year for a total of \$1M to get data regarding such items as street signs, sidewalks and curbs and trees loaded into a computerized inventory – with as quickly as things can change, and as easy as using Google Earth is today, which staff does already, and emerging resources that can do this quickly and inexpensively as needed, this seems appealing, but not a priority in a time when revenue is not increasing and doing streets and paying staff are top operating budget priorities **Savings: \$1.0M Cash**

Fire Apparatus 2018 and 2019 – purchase with cash from the General Fund Reserve – this will allow savings from temp notes estimated at \$40,000 and will also allow bonding from backlogged projects to

be done while keeping us closer to our GO Bon annual limit of \$9M per year. **Savings: \$2.7 relief to GO Bond queue, \$800K in future interest and finance charges**

Kansas Avenue, 1st-6th – change heading to 1st-11th and change text to say that planning should occur in 2019 and 2020 in conjunction with confirmation of Polk Quincy Viaduct plans **Language Change, Savings: None in this 5-year period; street and curb/gutter funds need to be used to clean up 4th-6th and 10th-11th, including medians**

Arvonia/Huntoon – Per staff answer to inquiry, \$1.04M in Citywide Sales Tax was moved into the project “to meet debt policy for GO bond projects” – if the project is not otherwise eligible for that much ½ Cent Sales Tax money, that should not happen, and those funds must be released for eligible projects and that amount bonded **Savings: No savings, but shift of source for all of part of \$1.04 M from Citywide Sales Tax to GO Bond is essential. Other shifts from this list out of the GO Bond queue will make these funds available**

SW Gage I-70 to 6th Street – this project appears in the 1st Quarter Financials as an open project since 2014; a grant was awarded in 2017 to cover most of the costs of this project, but it has not yet been opened as a project; the project appears in proposed 2019 CIP for 2024 at a cost of \$2.075M in GO bonds and state/federal funds – these projects need to be reconciled, preferably in 2018 with existing funds **Expected Savings in the Plan Out-years: \$2.04M GO Bond/Federal dropped from 2024**

Citywide Infrastructure -increase from \$200K to \$225K per year was proposed – maybe in the future, but premature given the pressure for streets and accumulated GO Bonded projects **Savings: \$125K GO Bonds**

Snow Removal – there are strong feelings that this use does not belong in Citywide Half Cent Sales Tax – Council has asked staff to look in the Operating budget for \$2M that staff says is needed to get the streets to 60 PCI – assuming staff will find those funds, recommend using \$1M of that money for snow removal and releasing \$1M of sales tax back to the Streets line item, using the General Fund reserve as backup in case of catastrophe or continued snow incidents above budget **Savings: Transfer, ensures \$1M additional available for Streets**

Disinfection Modification – per discussion with staff, the \$18M on pages 93 and 94 could be a placeholder; City Manager says \$2.0M is a “have-to” – as this is in out-years, it can wait for change, but it should be noted in the text that this project could reduce to \$2.0M **Text Change, Future Savings: \$16.3M**

Zoo GO Bond Projects (Commissary, Public Path, Electrical Upgrade, Public Path Barrier Replacement, Rain Forest HVAC...costs in \$236-500K range) – could possibly be absorbed into the Operating Budget, possibly with local in-kind assistance? **Savings: \$1,522,628 GO Bond**

Zoo Fire Hydrants – per discussion with staff, this project is complete and can be deleted. **Savings: \$250K Cash 2024**

Others have been discussed as well...and could/should be considered.....

Alerts, but no Council action needed:

Staff will review all projects, consolidate, clear and close out where appropriate. Staff and Council will review adopted Policy. Staff, with feedback from Council observations, will review operating procedures, bonding and reporting functions. All will be approached with a goal of cost-benefit, cost-effective management and saving taxpayer dollars while getting needed projects accomplished.

GO Bond backlog – It is hoped that by clearing projects in Spring and Summer 2018, the backlog can be reduced, even before a bond issuance.

Fire Apparatus from project opened 2/3/16 – 2 trucks, not yet ordered? – if not ordered, reinsert in the replacement order when needed, taking them out of the current GO Bonding queue to release funds to cover the rest of the open projects **Savings: \$1.16M**

Fire Station #13 – this has been opened in the financials in both 2012 and 2016, has no site and has cost taxpayers over \$200,000 in temp notes over the past 6 years – needs to be terminated now, to save money – can be combined, for now, with Station #14 or simply closed – expect to reconsider in 2019 when Long Range Fire Plan is done **Savings: \$8.95M GO debt or debt queue**

OCP Insurance – there has been extensive discussion about dropping this requirement of project contractors, this cost is passed to the City in bids – Topeka is one of the few, perhaps only, city in Kansas who required this, it has never been used since the City started requiring **Savings: est. minimum \$50K per year, \$250K over 5 years**

SORT Capital Projects – Split GO projects out administratively from federal funds so that bids do not have to be at federal wage rates **Savings: \$50K per year, \$250K over 5 years**

SW Huntoon, Executive to Urish – discussions of considering amendments to this project to resurfacing only, updated drainage swales and addition of sidewalks

SW Urish Huntoon to 17th – discussions of engaging the County in this project, especially if they want it to be 5 lanes

Wayfinding Signs – Agreed that staff will approach JEDO about funding the monument signs. Unclear if this is part of listed projects or in addition