

Governing Body Minutes – July 10, 2018

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, July 10, 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, Coen, Mays and Lesser -8. Deputy Mayor Jensen presided -1. Absent: Mayor De La Isla -1.

AFTER THE MEETING was called to order Pastor Barbara Deeter, Grace Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

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

A PRESENTATION of the Hands Only CPR initiative video was presented by Craig Duke, Topeka Fire Chief.

A PRESENTATION on the Alternative Sentencing Court was presented by Lori Dougherty-Bichsel, Municipal Court Judge.

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the appointment of Jayme Green to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for a term ending July 11, 2021, was presented.

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the reappointment of Darryl Kopfman to the Board of Mechanical Examiners for a term ending July 2, 2020, was presented.

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the reappointment of Anthony Fadale to the City of Topeka ADA Advisory Council for a term ending July 14, 2020, was presented.

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the reappointment of Ken Scott to the Downtown Business Improvement District Advisory Board for a term ending July 2, 2020, was presented.

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the reappointment of Stephen Smith to the Downtown Business Improvement District Advisory Board for a term ending July 2, 2020, was presented.

Councilmember Hiller moved to approve the board appointments. The motion seconded by Councilmember Emerson carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

THE CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

MINUTES of the special meeting of June 20, 2018, and regular meeting of July 3, 2018, was presented.

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

APPROVAL of an amendment to the current labor agreement between the City of Topeka and Local 1294 Missouri/Kansas State Council 61, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, was presented. (Contract No. 46972)

Jacque Russell, Human Resources Director, reported the proposed labor agreement moves the bargaining unit into a pay matrix similar to other bargaining units in the City with a 1.5% interval between steps and grades beginning January 2019.

Councilmember Hiller moved to approve the labor agreement. The motion seconded by Councilmember Clear carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

ESTABLISHING a public hearing date of August 7, 2018, for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed City of Topeka 2019 Operating Budget; setting the maximum expenditure limits; and authorize the publication of the public hearing notice in the Topeka Metro Newspaper was presented.

Brent Trout, City Manager, reported adjustments were made to the budget as requested by the Governing Body during budget deliberations. He stated approval would set the maximum expenditure level and authorize the publication of the public hearing notice in the July 16, 2018, edition of the Topeka Metro Newspaper.

Councilmember Ortiz moved to approve the public hearing date of August 7, 2018, set the maximum expenditure limit and authorize publication of the public hearing notice in the Topeka Metro Newspaper. The motion seconded by Councilmember Lesser carried unanimously.

(9-0-0)

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

Brenda Younger, City Clerk gave a brief overview of the July 17, 2018, Governing Body agenda.

Deputy Mayor Jensen commented on the decrease in complaints related to fireworks this year and commended citizens and staff for being proactive on the issue.

Brent Trout, City Manager, reported on the sidewalk and mobile food vendor checks conducted at the First Friday Art Walk on July 6, 2018, and noted informational flyers were circulated to vendors. He stated additional checks will be conducted at the 2018 Fiesta Mexicana events July 10-14, 2018.

Councilmember Clear announced the Sertoma Great Topeka Duck Race event would be held September 15, 2018, and challenged the Governing Body to create a team for the event that benefits Sertoma Beneficiaries which includes the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Topeka. She encouraged everyone to attend the 2018 Fiesta Mexicana events on July 10-14, 2018.

Brendan Wiley, Topeka Zoo Director, announced the Topeka Zoo would host a Free Movie at the Zoo event featuring A Bug's Life on July 26, 2018.

Councilmember Ortiz encouraged everyone to attend the 2018 Fiesta Mexicana occurring July 10-14, 2018.

Councilmember Emerson commended City Water Department employees in their professionalism in dealing with water line breaks in Council District No. 4.

Councilmember Padilla thanked City employees for their assistance with the 50/50 Sidewalk Program. He commented on the diversity of participants at the Fiesta Mexicana event every year and encouraged everyone to attend.

Councilmember Hiller recognized Shiloh Baptist Church for being placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. She commented on a memo from Whitney Damron, City Lobbyist, regarding the legislative history of abandoned housing issues. She commended the community for their strong support of the 2018 Fiesta Mexicana activities. She announced a new Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority Bus Shelter would be dedicated on July 11, 2018, at SW 6th Street and SW Polk, made possible through private donations.

Sam Reilly appeared to speak under public comment.

Councilmember Ortiz moved to recess into executive session for a period of time not to exceed 20 minutes for consultation with the City's legal counsel to discuss attorney-client privileged matters related to potential litigation, as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). In order to aid the discussion, the following individuals should be present: Governing Body members; City Manager, Brent Trout; Deputy City Manager, Doug Gerber; Financial and Administrative Services Director, Nickie Lee; Associate City Attorney, Nick Jefferson; and City Attorney, Lisa Robertson. The motion seconded by Councilmember Clear carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

Following a 20 minute time period, the Governing Body reconvened into open session and Deputy Mayor Jensen announced no action was taken.

Councilmember Clear left the room.

Councilmember Emerson moved to recess into executive session for a period of time not to exceed 10 minutes to continue consultation with the City's legal counsel to discuss attorney-client privileged matters related to potential litigation, as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). In order to aid the discussion, the following individuals should be present: Governing Body members; City Manager, Brent Trout; Deputy City Manager, Doug Gerber; Financial and Administrative Services Director, Nickie Lee; Associate City Attorney, Nick Jefferson; and City Attorney, Lisa Robertson. The motion seconded by Councilmember Padilla carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

Following a 10 minute time period, the Governing Body reconvened into open session and Deputy Mayor Jensen announced no action was taken.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Brenda Younger
City Clerk