

Governing Body Minutes – November 20, 2018

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, November 20, 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, Ortiz, Emerson, Padilla, Mays, Coen and Lesser -7. Mayor De La Isla presided -1. Absent: Councilmembers Clear and Jensen -2.

AFTER THE MEETING was called to order, Doyle Pryor, First Southern Baptist Church Pastor, provided the invocation.

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

A PRESENTATION on the Public Works 3rd Quarter Report was presented by Jason Peek, Public Works Director.

A PRESENTATION on the Utilities 3rd Quarter Report was presented by Braxton Copley, Deputy Utilities Director.

THE CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 20154 introduced by City Manager Brent Trout, allowing and approving City expenditures for the period of September 29, 2018, through November 2, 2018, and enumerating said expenditures therein was presented.

MINUTES of the regular meeting of November 13, 2018, was presented.

Councilmember Lesser moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion seconded by Councilmember Emerson carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 9061 introduced by City Manager Brent Trout, authorizing initiation of condemnation proceedings to acquire temporary and permanent easements for the Arvonias and Winding Road Project No. T-701014.01, was presented.

Brent Trout, City Manager, reported approval would begin the process to acquire property interests through condemnation.

Councilmember Ortiz asked how many additional properties are needed for the project.

Brent Trout gave a brief outline of the location of the property and stated this property would complete the necessary properties needed for the project.

Councilmember Emerson moved to approve the resolution. The motion seconded by Councilmember Lesser carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

DISCUSSION regarding report documentation of liquid waste hauling was presented.

Bob Sample, Utilities Director, stated approval would align City Code with current practices.

Amy Bloom, Utilities Management Analyst, gave a report on the FOG (Food, Oil and Grease) Program, user fee provisions and paperless reporting. She stated the program affects community stakeholders, grease generators and grease haulers and the changes are necessary to align with current practices and goals of sustainability and efficiency. She commented on reporting practices, up-to-date activity and the ability to be more proactive with the program.

Mayor De La Isla commended City staff for their service to the community.

Councilmember Emerson thanked staff for the presentation and requested every City department introduce a process that would be cost efficient and simple for users.

Councilmember Hiller commended staff for the sustainable and efficient process.

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

Brent Trout, City Manager, gave a brief overview of the December 4, 2018, Governing Body agenda. He announced the November 21, 2018, Coffee on Your Corner event has been cancelled.

Mayor De La Isla thanked staff and the City Council for working as a team; the Bloomberg Harvard team for investing in the community to address blight; the Mayor's Smart Cities Institute for selecting Topeka to make a presentation; the Mayor's volunteer group for organizing her community engagements; and the Mayor's Institute on City Design Group and highlighting the Topeka Riverfront Park.

Councilmember Mays announced the new St. Jude Dream Home broke ground in Lauren's Bay which supports cancer treatment for children. He thanked Mark Boling Construction for their work on the house.

Councilmember Coen announced Santa Claus will be visiting Fairlawn Plaza on November 23, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Councilmember Lesser thanked the community for supporting CASA Home for the Holidays event. He announced Sheltered Living Inc., would be hosting the Festival of Trees starting November 28, 2018, at the Kansas Expo Centre Ag Hall.

Councilmember Hiller announced the Miracle on Kansas Avenue Parade and Rescue Run would occur on November 24, 2018; Winter Wonderland was open at Lake Shawnee and various dance companies are hosting Nutcracker performances at the Topeka Performing Arts Center. She thanked everyone for their support and service to the community.

Councilmember Ortiz encouraged everyone to participate in the Annual Thanksgiving Community Meal at the Kansas Expo Centre on November 22, 2018.

Councilmember Emerson congratulated Shawnee Heights High School on winning the 5A State 2018 Cheerleading Competition.

Councilmember Padilla thanked the community for their support and City employees for their service to the community. He welcomed Iron Rail Brewing Company to the downtown area.

Councilmember Emerson moved to recess into executive session for a period of time not to exceed 30 minutes for consultation with the City's legal counsel to discuss attorney-client privileged matters related to contract negotiations, as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). In order to aid the discussion, the following individuals were present: Members of the Governing Body; City Manager, Brent Trout; Deputy City Manager, Doug Gerber; Interim Administrative and Financial Services Director, Nick Hawkins; Human Resources Director, Jacque Russell; Senior Assistant City Attorney, Catherine Walter; Outside Counsel, Amanda Vogelsberg and City Attorney, Lisa Robertson. The motion seconded by Councilmember Coen carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

Following a 30-minute time period, the Governing Body reconvened into open session and Mayor De La Isla announced no action was taken.

Councilmember Hiller moved to recess into executive session for a period of time not to exceed 30 minutes to continue consultation with the City's legal counsel to discuss attorney-client privileged matters related to contract negotiations, as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). In order to aid the discussion, the following individuals were present: Members of the Governing Body; City Manager, Brent Trout; Deputy City Manager, Doug Gerber; Interim Administrative and Financial Services Director, Nick Hawkins; Human Resources Director, Jacque Russell; Senior Assistant City Attorney, Catherine Walter; Outside Counsel, Amanda Vogelsberg and City Attorney, Lisa Robertson. The motion seconded by Councilmember Ortiz carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

Following a 30-minute time period, the Governing Body reconvened into open session and Mayor De La Isla announced no action was taken.

Councilmember Lesser left the room.

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Councilmember Lesser entered the room.

Following a 30-minute time period, the Governing Body reconvened into open session and Mayor De La Isla announced no action was taken.

Councilmember Emerson moved to recess into executive session for a period of time not to exceed 10 minutes to discuss confidential employment matters pertaining to nonelected personnel, as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), in order to protect the privacy of those discussed. To aid the discussion, the following individuals were present: Members of the Governing Body; and Human Resources Director, Jacque Russell. The motion seconded by Councilmember Lesser carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

Following a 10-minute time period, the Governing Body reconvened into open session and Mayor De La Isla announced no action was taken.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Brenda Younger
City Clerk