

Governing Body Minutes – May 10, 2022

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, May 10, 2022. The Governing Body members of the City of Topeka met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Ortiz, Dobler, Duncan and Lesser -4; and Councilmembers Hiller, Valdivia-Alcala, Emerson and Naeger participated remotely -4. Mayor Padilla presided -1. Absent: Councilmember Kell -1.

Public comment for the meeting was available via Zoom or in-person. Individuals were required to contact the City Clerk's Office at 785-368-3940 or via email at cclerk@topeka.org by no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2022, after which the City Clerk's Office provided the Zoom link information and protocols prior to the meeting start time. Written public comment was also considered to the extent it was personally submitted at the meeting or to the City Clerk's Office located at 215 SE 7th Street, Room 166, Topeka, Kansas, 66603 or via email at cclerk@topeka.org on or before May 10, 2022, for attachment to the meeting minutes.

AFTER THE MEETING was called to order, Jaleel Cooper, Shawnee Heights High School Senior, provided the invocation.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by meeting participants.

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the appointment of Beverly Hall to the Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term ending May 10, 2025, was presented.

(Council District No. 7)

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the appointment of Jim Edwards to the City of Topeka Citizens Advisory Council for an expired term ending May 10, 2024, was presented.

(Council District No. 7)

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the appointment Tamika Sellars to the Topeka

Housing Authority Advisory Board to fill unexpired term expiring on May 10, 2026, was presented. *(Council District No. 3)*

Councilmember Dobler moved to approve the board appointments. The motion seconded by Councilmember Ortiz carried unanimously on voice vote. Mayor does not vote. (8-0-0)

CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 9312 introduced by Councilmember Karen Hiller approving a special event known as Sunshine Reggae Festival, was presented. *(Council District No. 1)*

RESOLUTION NO. 9313 introduced by Councilmember Karen Hiller approving a special event known as Jam 4 Dan, was presented. *(Council District No. 1)*

A RESOLUTION NO. 9314 introduced by Councilmember Karen Hiller granting The Celtic Fox an exception to the provisions of City of Topeka Code Section 9.45.150, et seq., concerning noise prohibitions, was presented. *(Council District No. 1)*

RESOLUTION NO. 9315 introduced by Councilmember Karen Hiller granting The Celtic Fox an exception to the provisions of City of Topeka Code Section 9.45.150, et seq., concerning noise prohibitions, was presented. *(Council District No. 1)*

RESOLUTION NO. 9316 introduced by Councilmember Sylvia Ortiz, granting Kimberley Rice an exception to the provisions of City of Topeka Code Section 9.45.150, et seq., concerning noise prohibitions, was presented. *(Council District No. 3)*

APPROVAL of the following Cereal Malt Beverage license applications were presented:

<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
29 th St Gas & Shop	1611 SE 29 th Street
California BP	2740 SE California Avenue
Fairlawn Express	706 SW Fairlawn Road
Good Trip	1320 SW 6 th Avenue
Haag Express	1001 SW Wanamaker Road
Holiday Square Phillips	2901 SW Topeka Boulevard
I70 BP	1000 SW Wanamaker Road

<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Address (continued)</u>
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 SE 37 th Street
Kwik Shop #757	2619 SW 21 st Street
Kwik Shop #780	2520 SW 6 th Avenue
Kwik Shop #781	4500 SW Topeka Boulevard
Kwik Shop #788	1414 SW 17 th Street
Kwik Shop #789	746 NE Wabash Avenue
Kwik Shop #791	1700 SW Topeka Boulevard
Kwik Shop #796	3706 SW Burlingame Road
Lakeview 66	3000 SE Croco Road
Max's at Huntoon	1301 SW Gage Boulevard
Plaza Conoco	1401 SW Huntoon Street
White Lakes 66	931 SW 37 th Street

Councilmember Ortiz moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion seconded by Councilmember Dobler carried unanimously on roll call vote. (9-0-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 9317 introduced by the members of the Public Infrastructure Committee comprised of Council Members Tony Emerson, Neil Dobler, and Mike Lesser recommending approval of certain public infrastructure projects in 2022 utilizing Citywide Half-Cent Sales Tax funds and General Obligation bonds, was presented.

Bill Cochran, Interim City Manager, reported the list of projects funded with Citywide Half-Cent Sales Tax revenue are recommended for approval by the Public Infrastructure Committee.

Councilmember Dobler noted the proposed projects will have great impact on the city and include curb and gutter, Americans with Disabilities (ADA) sidewalk ramps, infill sidewalks and alley repairs.

Councilmember Dobler moved to approve the resolution. The motion seconded by Councilmember Lesser carried unanimously on roll call vote. (9-0-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 9318 introduced by Interim City Manager William E. Cochran,

authorizing and adopting the 2023-2032 Capital Improvement Program and the 2023-2025 Capital Improvement Budget and approving project budgets, was presented.

Bill Cochran, Interim City Manager, reported the recommendation is to approve the budget as presented in the 2023-2032 CIP and 2023-2025 CIB. He reported Staff anticipates the \$27 million three-year general obligation bonding cap amount will be exceeded in the first three years.

Joseph Ledbetter expressed concern with the amount of General Obligation Bonds being proposed for FY23 which includes the Municipal Building/TPAC HVAC renovations. He questioned the \$2 million that has already been spent on HVAC upgrades and believes there are cheaper options. He stated he supports the Polk-Quincy project. He is concerned about the \$3 million scheduled to be spent on city parking garages.

Councilmember Dobler asked if the Municipal Building and TPAC HVAC funding would require approval of the Governing Body.

Amanda Stanley, City Attorney, confirmed the Governing Body can require approval of all CIP project budgets as well as project budget amendments.

Councilmember Hiller stated she appreciates the hard work Staff has done on the budget; however, she expressed her discomfort with exceeding the GO bonding cap limit set by the Governing Body. She stated it is critical the Governing Body be briefed on the City's parking plan that was in place prior to the COVID-19 pandemic so they understand the dynamics and vision of the overall downtown parking plan as they move forward with decisions on the parking garages. She also expressed the importance of the Governing Body receiving an update on the City Hall TPAC renovation project from the inception of the project before they approve a third round of engineering costs and move forward with the project.

Councilmember Emerson stated he concurs with Councilmember Hiller and believes

important decisions need to be made on Municipal Building and TPAC Renovations as well as the parking garages. He commended Staff for their work on the CIP overall; however, he would like to delay approval of the CIP until a sound decision could be made on these two items.

In response, Interim City Manager Cochran provided the following information:

- The 2017 Parking Plan (pre-pandemic) remains in place; however, it was updated in 2020.
- Staff recommends the downtown comprehensive parking plan agenda discussion be delayed until August 2022.
- Staff plans to meet and discuss the parking plan on May 16, 2022 with the intent to provide recommendations for the Governing Body.
- Updated parking information will be presented to the Public Infrastructure Committee on May 17, 2022.
- An accurate estimate on the HVAC system cannot be assessed until additional bids have been received. He noted the \$10 million being requested may not be needed; however, it provides enough contingency funds to avoid potential delays in the project related to authorization of additional funding by the Governing Body.

Councilmember Ortiz expressed concern with Staff not knowing the exact cost of a new HVAC system for Municipal Building.

Interim City Manager Cochran reported the two most recent bids received were \$10 million; however, Staff is hopeful they can consider other contractors and engineers to determine if this cost is accurate. He noted the cost is for new units and chillers and does not include duct work that will be needed to be replaced along with the intake and outtake ventilation system.

Councilmember Duncan moved that any Municipal Building and TPAC HVAC project (page 95 of the CIP book) expenditure exceeding \$3 million or more would have to be authorized by the Governing Body. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ortiz.

Councilmember Dobler inquired on the process to confirm the cost of the Municipal Building and TPAC HVAC updates.

Interim City Manager Cochran reported the scope of the project as well as what needs to be done to complete the project will be discussed with the City of Topeka Utilities Department,

Public Works Department and the engineers who submitted bids to the City.

Councilmember Dobler inquired on the costs associated with project engineering services and if the results presented by the engineers would be presented to the Governing Body before any of the \$10 million currently authorized for the project would be expended.

Interim City Manager Cochran reported the findings from the engineering study would be presented to the Governing Body; and the \$1 million engineering service fee would be expended from the remaining \$2.8 million fund balance of the original \$8 million City Hall Renovation budget.

Councilmember Dobler offered a friendly amendment that any Municipal Building and TPAC HVAC project expenditure exceeding \$1 would require authorization by the Governing Body.

Councilmember Duncan accepted the friendly amendment. The second concurred.

Councilmember Hiller stated the Governing Body initially allocated \$8 million to renovate the Municipal Building and that amount then changed to \$17 million. She stated she believes there is a better way for the current Governing Body to better understand the process and provide guidance to Staff if they are provided with a full briefing on the history of the project.

Councilmember Lesser thanked everyone for their hard work on this item. He stated he believes it is not good a business practice to approve a maximum budget amount on what is allowed to be spent without proper bids being received and evaluated.

The motion that any Municipal Building and TPAC HVAC project expenditure exceeding \$1 would require authorization by the Governing Body carried unanimously on roll call vote.

(9-0-0)

Councilmember Lesser moved to amend the Parking Facilities Capital Repairs 2022 Project

(page 121 of the CIP book) by removing the Townsite Plaza Parking Garage for separate evaluation in regards to the sale and maintenance of the garage. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Duncan.

Councilmember Lesser stated the Townsite Parking Garage has an effect on a business owner that utilizes the garage. He noted the City does not own the garage, however, they do have an easement on the garage. He reported the City has been offered \$1 million to purchase the garage which he believes needs to be considered. He referenced the public safety issues associated with the garage.

Councilmember Hiller expressed her discomfort with taking action on any of the parking garages before the Governing Body as a full understanding of the downtown parking system and how the parking garages work in conjunction with parking on the streets.

Councilmember Hiller made a substitute motion that before any steps are taken on the parking garages the Governing Body receive a full briefing on the City's entire parking garage system before moving forward with action and/or funding. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Councilmember Lesser stated he disagrees with Councilmember Hiller. He reported the business owner invested \$10 million into a downtown building that is dependent on the parking garage, and he believes the Governing Body owes it to this individual to come up with a solid plan regarding the Townsite Parking garage.

Councilmember Dobler called the question.

City Attorney Stanley stated the substitute motion by Councilmember Hiller died due to the lack of a second; therefore, the call for question would be for the motion made by Councilmember Lesser.

Councilmember Ortiz asked for clarification on the intent of the motion made by Councilmember Lesser.

Councilmember Lesser explained the intent of the motion is to remove the Townsite Plaza garage from the Parking Facilities Capital Repairs 2022 Project (page 121 of the CIP book) allowing the Governing Body the ability to discuss if they would like to accept the offer of sale on the garage or renovate the garage.

City Attorney Stanley stated if the motion by Councilmember Lesser is approved, the Townsite Parking garage would be removed from the current CIP Parking Facilities Capital Repairs 2022 Project budget.

Councilmember Dobler made a friendly amendment to keep the funding associated with the Townsite Parking garage in the proposed CIP budget and direct Staff to cease the spending of those funds until the Governing Body has made a decision. The second concurred.

Councilmember Lesser stated he concurs with the friendly amendment made by Councilmember Dobler with the stipulation that the Townsite Parking garage is evaluated immediately by the Public Infrastructure Committee for recommendation to the full Governing Body and it does not wait until evaluation of the entire Downtown Parking Plan has been evaluated.

Councilmember Hiller clarified she was not suggesting that they wait until a new parking plan is completed but instead, to make sure the Governing Body understands where they are in the process.

Mayor Padilla spoke in support of the motion made by Councilmember Lesser and the CIP and CIB not being delayed. He suggested moving forward cautiously.

The motion to amend the Parking Facilities Capital Repairs 2022 Project (page 121 of the

CIP book) to reflect no funds could be expended from the CIP budget on the Townsite Plaza Parking Garage until a thorough evaluation of the garage has been made by the Governing Body on how to proceed. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote. (9-0-0)

Councilmember Emerson referenced the Municipal Building and TPAC HVAC project (page 95 of the CIP book) and expressed concern with misleading the public as it relates to actual costs associated with the project. He stated he believes there is potential to save significant money by reducing the project budget amount.

Councilmember Emerson moved to reduce the project budget amount for the Municipal Building and TPAC HVAC project (page 95 of the CIP book) from \$10.2 million to \$5 million. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Valdivia-Alcala.

Councilmember Hiller asked if the intent of the motion was to include both the Municipal Building and TPAC.

Councilmember Emerson confirmed the intent is to include both sides of the Municipal Building (City Hall and TPAC).

The motion to reduce the project budget amount for the Municipal Building and TPAC HVAC project (page 95 of the CIP book) from \$10.2 million to \$5 million carried on roll call vote. Councilmember Duncan voted “no”. (8-1-0)

Councilmember Ortiz moved to approve the resolution as amended. The motion seconded by Councilmember Naeger carried unanimously on roll call vote. (9-0-0)

A RESOLUTION introduced by Interim City Manager William E. Cochran, 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.

Bill Cochran, Interim City Manager, reported approval would authorize bonds for City of Topeka utility work.

Councilmember Emerson referenced the \$35 million of ARPA funding set aside to fund infrastructure projects and asked if those funds would apply to any of the proposed revenue bonded projects. He asked when the bonds would be sold and issued.

Stephen Wade, Administrative and Financial Services Director, reported the \$35 million of ARPA funds would only apply to general obligation bonded projects not the revenue bonded projects. He stated approval of the proposed resolution provides the authority to move forward with the sale and issuance of bonds in August 2022 on applicable projects.

Councilmember Duncan stated he will oppose the resolution as this time because he has yet to receive Utility Reserve Fund balances from Staff as well as he believes the Governing Body does not yet have a full grasp of the overall Utility budget. He noted before the Governing Body approved \$43 million in bond authority, he would like a better understanding of the overall Utility budget and reserve fund balances so he is comfortable making a decision.

Joseph Ledbetter stated in 2021 he was told by Staff via a KORA request that the City had \$250 million in revenue bond debt. He stated he does not believe the City should borrow any more funds through revenue bonds and increase the City's debt. He also expressed concern with the cost of water main replacements.

Councilmember Dobler inquired on the City's Utility Fund Reserve Balance.

Finance Director Wade reported the unrestricted fund balances for the Water Reserve Fund is approximately \$14.5 million; the Stormwater Reserve Fund is approximately \$6 million; and the Wastewater Reserve Fund is approximately \$27 million. He noted there is additional money in

each fund balance that is tied to projects in progress.

Councilmember Dobler confirmed the total Utility Reserve Fund balance is approximately \$50 million and asked how much is required for bond coverage.

Finance Director Wade reported a balance equaling 180 days of operational expenses is required for bond coverage.

Councilmember Valdivia-Alcala questioned why the Governing Body did not receive the Utility Reserve fund balance information before this time and expressed concern with monetary issues. She expressed her appreciation to the Governing Body for working together to make sound financial decisions.

Councilmember Duncan asked if the resolution must be approved at this time or if it could be postponed to the next Governing Body meeting

Interim City Manager Cochran stated this item can be postponed until next week.

Councilmember Duncan moved to defer the resolution until May 17, 2022. The motion seconded by Councilmember Dobler carried unanimously on roll call vote. (9-0-0)

DISCUSSION regarding a request to donate City property located at 100 SW Van Buren Street (Tract 7) and 129 SW Van Buren Street (Tract 9) to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for the Polk Quincy Viaduct Project, was presented.

Bill Cochran, Interim City Manager, reported the proposed donation of City properties would be for the Polk-Quincy Viaduct project.

Councilmember Ortiz asked if there are structures located on the properties.

Braxton Copley, Interim Public Works Director, reported there is a fence located on the property; however, the Kansas Department of Transportation will pay to have it removed.

Councilmember Hiller asked if there is a value to the properties and if that amount would

be offset from the \$20 million of matching City dollars required for the project.

Interim Public Works Director Copley reported at the time the contract was negotiated it was determined the land donations would be considered a gift and not count towards the City's \$20 million needed for the project. He noted Parcel 9 (129 SW Van Buren) has a long-term lease on the property with the State of Kansas, and the City of Topeka would have to share the proceeds of any purchase price paid by KDOT with another State agency; therefore, the properties were donated.

DISCUSSION regarding parking rate recommendations to support the modernization of the downtown parking system, was presented.

Bill Cochran, Interim City Manager, stated the recommendation is to move this item to a Governing Body meeting in August 2022. He stated Staff will be meeting on May 16, 2022 to discuss parking followed by an update to the Public Infrastructure Committee on May 17, 2022.

Councilmember Hiller requested the full Governing Body be kept apprised of parking discussions by Staff as well as the Committee.

DISCUSSION on the recruitment and hiring of a city manager, was presented.

Jacque Russell, Human Resources Director, referenced the handouts she sent to the Governing Body via email prior to the Governing Body meeting.

Paul Bossert, Kansas Personnel Services d/b/a Key Staffing, stated an executive summary of the survey has been distributed to the Governing Body; a more detailed timeline would also be provided to the Governing Body; and the video advertising the city manager position should be ready by May 13, 2022. He noted once the city manager survey comments are closed the recruitment process will be set to begin at the end of June or early July, with the intent to conduct final interviews in August, and hope for a November 1, 2022 employment start date.

Councilmember Duncan inquired on the process for posting the position.

Councilmember Naeger asked if there is anything that is being done to remove biases when reviewing the applications.

Paul Bossert stated they have collaborated with industry websites, newsletters and publications as well as cold sourcing. He state they have met with Councilmembers and Department Directors to discuss the application process; and the applicant pre-screeners will only have the resumes of the candidates to review; and they are intentionally sourcing diverse candidates.

Mayor Padilla thanked the Councilmembers that have met with Mr. Bossert. He expressed the importance of the Governing Body agreeing on basic core values and the skill sets required for a city manager.

Councilmember Hiller expressed her appreciation for the process and requested support documentation be presented to the Governing Body on the Thursday or Friday prior to any scheduled Governing Body meeting discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT was submitted via email by Joseph Ledbetter (Attachment A) and provided by the following individual:

Curtis Pitts stated he feels hopeful with the city's current state and the lowering of the crime rate. He stated with the current City leadership there is an opportunity for positive change.

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

Kelly Bogner, Assistant City Clerk, provided an overview of the May 17, 2022, Governing Body Meeting agenda.

Bill Cochran, Interim City Manager, stated that May 15 - 21, 2022 is National Public

Works Week and asked that everyone recognize public works employees.

Councilmember Ortiz congratulated recent graduates and asked those participating in celebrations to be safe. She stated she attended the Our Lady of the Guadalupe Veterans Memorial dedication event which had a good turnout.

Councilmember Naeger congratulated the recent graduates. She announced May is National Dental Care month and those interested in dental care can visit the following websites: www.oralhealthkansas.org and www.ksdental.org/public-information.

Councilmember Dobler stated the downtown metered parking resolution on the May 17, 2022, agenda was to be considered after the parking study was completed. He stated his intent on May 17, 2022 is to move the item to a future Governing Body meeting until a decision on downtown parking has been made by the Governing Body.

Councilmember Duncan stated he attended the ribbon cutting of Josephine and Jane's Kitchen at the Ronald McDonald House located at 825 SW Buchanan Street. He stated the City Manager Position Public Input survey is open until May 13, 2022. He stated a newborn orangutan is at the Topeka Zoo and an unveiling of the gender will occur on May 12, 2022. He stated he attended the Topeka JUMP, Nehemiah Action Assembly on May 9, 2022 concerning mental health awareness, with Mayor Padilla. He submitted for the record to the City Clerk, Housing Trust Fund Statements of Support from the members of Topeka JUMP.

Councilmember Hiller announced the arrival of the third Ukrainian refugee family in Topeka.

Councilmember Valdivia-Alcala congratulated all the recent graduates. She stated the Veteran Memorial dedication event on May 5, 2022 located at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church was very well attended, which also included City Staff. She encouraged everyone to visit the multi-

cultural mural that was unveiled in the NOTO Arts and Entertainment District area located at 121 NE Gordon Street.

Mayor Padilla thanked Councilmember Duncan for joining him at the Topeka JUMP, Nehemiah Action Assembly. He stated he also attended the Greater Topeka Partnership Momentum 2022 event and he looks forward to working with GTP staff to accomplish their goals.

Councilmember Ortiz moved to recess into executive session for a period of time not to exceed 30 minutes for consultation with the city attorney to discuss attorney-client privileged matters regarding specific litigation– as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). To aid in the discussion, the following individuals were present: Members of the Governing Body; Interim City Manager, William Cochran; and City Attorney Amanda Stanley. No action was anticipated when the meeting resumed open session in the City Council Chambers. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Duncan.

Mayor Padilla asked all those in favor of recessing into executive session to indicate so verbally by saying “yea” and those opposing to indicate so verbally by saying “no.” After the voice vote occurred, Mayor Padilla announced the motion carried on voice vote. (9-0-0)

Following a 30-minute time period, the meeting reconvened into open session and Mayor Padilla announced no action was taken during the executive session.

Councilmember Lesser moved to recess into executive session for a period of time not to 15 minutes to discuss matters related an individual employee, pursuant to KSA 75-4319(b)(1). To aid in the discussion, the following individuals were present: Members of the Governing Body; Interim City Manager, William Cochran; and any other staff he deems necessary. No action was anticipated when the meeting resumed open session in the City Council Chambers. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Valdivia-Alcala.

Mayor Padilla asked all those in favor of recessing into executive session to indicate so verbally by saying “yea” and those opposing to indicate so verbally by saying “no.” After the voice vote occurred, Mayor Padilla announced the motion carried on voice vote.

Councilmembers Dobler and Ortiz voted “no”. (6-2-0)

Following a 15-minute time period, the meeting reconvened into open session and Mayor Padilla announced no action was taken during the executive session.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

(SEAL)

Brenda Younger
City Clerk

Attachment A

Kelly L. Bogner

From: Joseph Ledbetter <joe@josephledbetter.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 9:12 AM
To: City Clerk; City Council; Neil Dobler; Stephen M. Wade; Spencer Duncan; Tony Emerson; Sylvia Ortiz; Michael Padilla; Michael Lesser; Neil Dobler; Christina Valdivia-Alcala
Subject: Fwd: Balances Ref Water

Please Add this document to my testimony ref Revenue Bonds Discussion from last night's meeting. For the Record. Thank you! \$240 Millions total from 2/4/2022. I specifically asked Steve what our Utility reserves were to date. This is the answer I got almost immediately that same day, thirty minutes later.
Joseph Ledbetter JD, MPA

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Stephen M. Wade <swade@topeka.org>
Date: Fri, Feb 4, 2022 at 1:53 PM
Subject: RE: Balances Ref Water
To: Joseph Ledbetter <joe@josephledbetter.com>

621	Water	\$ 71,651,257.31
623	Stormwater	\$ 44,146,174.73
625	Waste Water	\$ 124,275,321.58

Prelim balances 12/31/2021

Steve

Stephen Wade

Director of Administrative and Financial Services

City of Topeka

785.250.9724

From: Joseph Ledbetter <joe@josephledbetter.com>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 1:24 PM
To: Stephen M. Wade <swade@topeka.org>
Subject: Balances Ref Water

I don't need this today. Tues works if you can. Thanks Joseph Ledbetter

Kelly L. Bogner

From: Joe Ledbetter <joe_ledbetter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 7:15 PM
To: City Clerk; City Council; Tony Emerson; Michael Lesser; Neil Dobler; Sylvia Ortiz; Spencer Duncan
Subject: I am concerned about continuing to borrow tens of millions in Revenue Bonds with \$250 million in utility reserves I am told we have.

ESP \$6 million on waterline replacements that are supposed to be funded by our very large rate increases in past two years. My bill has gone from \$100 month to \$130 month in past 2 years alone. This has happened to all residents and churches and businesses and non profits and private schools ET AL. I oppose this huge borrowing increase. Joseph Ledbetter JD MPA

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Kelly L. Bogner

From: Joe Ledbetter <joe_ledbetter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 7:16 PM
To: City Clerk; Mayor
Subject: Re: I am concerned about continuing to borrow tens of millions in Revenue Bonds with \$250 million in utility reserves I am told we have.

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 10, 2022, at 7:15 PM, Joe Ledbetter <joe_ledbetter@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Kelly L. Bogner

From: Joe Ledbetter <joe_ledbetter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 7:28 PM
To: City Council; City Clerk
Subject: I was given the total reserves of 250 billion in utilities but now we are told a lot of this reserve fund are slated for future projects but not counted in current reserves.

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Kelly L. Bogner

From: Joe Ledbetter <joe_ledbetter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 7:29 PM
To: Mayor; Michael Lesser; Tony Emerson; Neil Dobler; Sylvia Ortiz; Spencer Duncan; City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: I was given the total reserves of 250 billion in utilities but now we are told a lot of this reserve fund are slated for future projects but not counted in current reserves.



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From: Joe Ledbetter <joe_ledbetter@yahoo.com>
Date: May 10, 2022 at 7:28:04 PM CDT
To: City Council <council@topeka.org>, City Clerk <cclerk@topeka.org>
Subject: **I was given the total reserves of 250 billion in utilities but now we are told a lot of this reserve fund are slated for future projects but not counted in current reserves.**

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