

## **Governing Body Minutes – March 7, 2023**

CYRUS K. HOLLIDAY BUILDING, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, March 7, 2023. The Governing Body members of the City of Topeka met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Hiller, Emerson, Kell, Duncan, Dobler and Hoferer -6. Councilmembers Ortiz, Valdivia-Alcala, and Naeger participated remotely -3. Mayor Padilla presided -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](mailto:cclerk@topeka.org) by no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 7, 2023, 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](mailto:cclerk@topeka.org) on or before March 7, 2023, for attachment to the meeting minutes.

AFTER THE MEETING was called to order Councilmember Naeger, provided the invocation.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by meeting participants.

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the appointment of Rachel Hawkinson-Penny to the Civil Service Commission to fill an unexpired term ending March 14, 2027. (*Council District No. 8*)

Councilmember Duncan moved to approve the board appointment. The motion seconded by Councilmember Kell carried unanimously on roll call vote. The Mayor does not vote. (9-0-0)

CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

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RESOLUTION NO. 9389 introduced by City Manager Stephen Wade, authorizing the City of Topeka's participation in the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool and authorizing signatories and rescinding City of Topeka Resolution No. 9360, was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 9390 introduced by City Manager Stephen Wade, naming banks and savings institutions that are designated as depositories for all City of Topeka accounts and authorizing signatories and rescinding City of Topeka Resolution No. 9359, was presented.

APPROVAL of a proposed settlement agreement of an auto accident tort claim and release of all potential claims and liens in exchange for \$59,377.60, was presented.

MINUTES of the special meeting of February 15, 2023; and the regular meeting of February 21, 2023, was presented.

Councilmember Dobler moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion seconded by Councilmember Emerson carried unanimously on roll call vote. (10-0-0)

DISCUSSION concerning potential utility rate changes for infrastructure maintenance and investment, was presented.

Stephen Wade, City Manager, reported by collecting input from the public and Staff in seeking ways to address water rates through operational efficiencies, he was pleased to announce the proposed rates are slightly lower than what was initial presented in December 2022. He stated Staff explored several different items including the following:

- In regards to meter sizes, it was discovered smaller meters in older neighborhoods could be used for a different level of service.
- Review of rates for residential, commercial and industrial customers outside city limits.
- Review of operating expenses resulting in \$2 million of operational savings compared to the information that was presented in December 2022.
- Recommending the implementation of the Readiness to Serve Surcharge (base fee). Previously, customers had a base rate plus consumption rate, and by switching to this surcharge it means property owners are on standby for water service even if no water is being utilized. The Surcharge would include stormwater services.

- Review of low income rate assistance.

City Manager Wade stated the purpose for the request to increase rates was due to the most recent rate increase expiring December 2023, as well as (1) increased inflation across the board concerning the cost of labor, transportation, chemicals etc. (2) \$300 million of existing debt (3) regulatory requirements causing capital expenses; and (4) significant amount of deferred maintenance. He distributed proposed Residential Rate Increase Impact Schedules based on two sizes of meters when using 1,500 gallons per month compared to 5,000 gallons per month for a typical household located inside and/or outside city limits. The schedule outlined the previously proposed rates from December 2022 compared to the newly proposed rates. (*Attachment A*). He stated Staff was suggesting that the service differences between inside city limits and outside city limits be expanded. He highlighted Staff's proposal to expand the City's rate assistance through a similar program modeled after qualifications of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) program with a maximum contribution of \$500,000 annually managed by Community Resource Council (CRC) to implement a one-time annual benefit to pay off the bill owed at that point and time, with a \$300 maximum amount with a qualification level set at 125% of the federal poverty rate.

Councilmember Ortiz asked how Staff determined the \$300 maximum qualification amount and noted the LIEAP program is used for gas and electric services. She questioned what will happen to the City of Topeka Franchise Fee Credit Program dollars. She stated she believes \$300 does not seem like enough funding assistance.

Councilmember Kell announced the City of Topeka would host Utility Rates Public Input Sessions at 5:30 p.m. on March 8, 2023 and March 15, 2023 at the Cyrus K. Holliday Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, located at 620 SE Madison Street, Topeka. He also questioned if the Surplus charge will apply to abandon buildings and if any leftover funds would be redistributed

to those in need.

City Manager Wade stated the \$300 was a recommendation from the CRC determined by reviewing the LIEAP program, which currently works in conjunction with City program assistance already available. He stated the program was based on the average bill which is approximately \$150; and the pilot program would be an expansion of the Topeka Franchise Fee Credit Program, providing an additional \$300 to a qualified individual. He reported the Surplus charge would apply to abandon buildings and leftover funding would not be redistributed.

Councilmember Dobler reminded Governing Body members that the City of Topeka's goal was not to provide free utility services but instead, to provide assistance.

Councilmember Hiller suggested Staff find a way to allow individuals to participate in the program. She believes as long as water service remains intact through auto payments it could avoid individuals from being six months in arrears causing them to lose their water services. She questioned if the proposed rate increase was sufficient to get the City where it needs to be as it relates to its infrastructure needs and questioned if the City plans to seek grants that could supplement revenue.

City Manager Wade reported the amount of rate increase that was actually needed would be too large; however, the proposed rate would be considered reasonable with the goal of reducing deferred maintenance. He stated the City continues to apply for grants that will be applied towards deferred maintenance costs not the reduction of rates.

Councilmember Valdivia-Alcala requested Staff provide more details to better understand the proposed rate schedules as well as provide a better explanation of the City of Topeka Franchise Fee Credit Program.

Councilmember Ortiz questioned how much funding was available in the City of Topeka Franchise Fee Credit Program for 2023, and if the amount would remain the same for the next three years.

City Manager Wade reported the amount for the Franchise Fee Credit would be the same for the next three years approximately \$174,500 annually. He noted \$100,000 would be allocated for gas and electric assistance and the remaining \$74,500 would be allocated for water and waste water assistance. He reported Staff would provide a detailed presentation on the City of Topeka Franchise Fee Credit Program and Water Share Program at the March 14, 2023 Governing Body meeting. He encouraged one-on-one meetings with Staff to provide detailed explanation of the proposal.

Councilmember Emerson questioned how much funds are spent on maintenance annually and how much of a rate increase would be needed, absent the cost of waterline breaks.

Nicole Malott, Deputy Utilities Director, reported approximately \$1.8 million was spent on annual maintenance; however, the amount depends on the number of breaks. She noted all funding would be used on deferred maintenance if there were no waterline breaks.

Mayor Padilla encouraged Governing Body members to contact City Manager Wade to help them better understand the proposal. He commended the Governing Body for their thoughtfulness and deliberation when making tough decisions that have a direct impact on people now and in the future.

Councilmember Dobler requested to see a pro forma outlining the cost of Utility operations including current and future debt while factoring inflation.

City Manager Wade reported year over year inflation numbers are between 8-9%.

Councilmember Dobler expressed the importance of the City doing their due diligence in regards to these tough decisions. He noted the proposed rates are at 6-7% compared to an 8% inflation. He expressed his appreciation to Staff for their hard work with the hopes a decision will be made within the next 3-4 weeks by the Governing Body.

PUBLIC COMMENT was submitted via email by Kenneth Auten (*Attachment B*) and provided by the following individual:

Kenneth Auten expressed concern with his government issued cell phone and the intrusion into his media accounts on the computers at the Topeka-Shawnee County Library and the Shawnee County Community Centers.

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

Stephen Wade, City Manager, announced a City of Topeka Utility Rate Public Input Session would be held on March 8, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cyrus K. Holliday Building First Floor Conference Room, 620 SE Madison Street, Topeka.

Councilmember Naeger announced March 8<sup>th</sup> is International Women's Day; and the month of March serves as National Women's History Month. She reported free income tax services are being offered through the Shawnee County Extension Office online at [www.shawneek-state.edu/family-finance](http://www.shawneek-state.edu/family-finance) or call 785-207-9427 for more information.

Councilmember Duncan reported approximately \$200,000 of Transient Guest Tax funds have recently become available and the Transient Guest Tax Committee will be working to allocate those funds in the near future. He announced the opening of several businesses in District 8. He spoke to the importance of the City working to help solve the problem of absorbent property tax values. He requested the Shawnee County Appraiser provide an update to explain

the process with the intent of constructive conversation to help find solutions. He requested the City propose and prepare an ordinance that would exempt those that qualify for the Kansas Homestead Program from City property tax. He also suggested the Governing Body look at some form of a mill levy decrease for the 2024 City of Topeka Operating Budget.

Councilmember Hoferer reported a water main replacement project would begin on March 27, 2023, along Gage Boulevard from SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street to SW Huntoon Street. She invited area residents and businesses to attend the informational meeting on March 23, 2023, at the Kay McFarland Japanese Garden located at the Topeka Zoo 635 SW Gage Boulevard, Topeka. She noted the project was scheduled to last approximately 6 months.

Councilmember Hiller commented on the tremendous amount of activities and celebrations taking place throughout the city honoring Black History Month and Women's History Month.

Councilmember Valdivia-Alcala referenced House Bill (HB) 2430 related to the requirements for use of funds allocated to agencies for the purpose of supporting unhoused individuals and creating penalties for unauthorized camping on government-owned property. She expressed concern with HB 2430 and commended City Manager Wade for the City's continued work in addressing homeless and unsheltered population issues. She referenced upcoming spring and summer festivals in Topeka and the importance of the appearance of the city when they are trying to attract visitors as well as addressing needs of the community.

Councilmember Ortiz thanked Monique Glaude, Division Director of Community Engagement; Braxton Copley, Public Works Director; and Sylvia Davis, Director of Utilities, for their prompt response in addressing a culvert issue in District No. 3.



Councilmember Emerson stated he believes the cost of government should never exceed the cost of inflation and suggested the mill levy be adjusted to avoid this from happening in Topeka.

Councilmember Kell commended area high school athletes for qualifying and winning various State sporting competitions. He announced he will be performing in the Miss Guinevere Queen's "Murder Most Green" on March 10, 2023, at The Woodshed, located at 1901 N. Kansas Avenue, Topeka, a fundraiser for Positive Connections a community based organization.

Mayor Padilla thanked Ernestor De La Rosa, Chief of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, for organizing the "Concerned Clergy Saluting Excellence" event at the Topeka Performing Arts Center on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. honoring Topeka High student athletes for positive actions during negative events.

Councilmember Dobler commended Mayor Padilla for his respectful comments representing the values of a Midwest City in response to negative comments made by the Mayor of New York City, New York.

Councilmember Emerson moved to recess into executive session not to exceed 15 minutes for consultation with the city attorney to discuss attorney-client privileged matters regarding a particular contract as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting resumed in the Cyrus Holliday First Floor Conference Room. The following staff was requested to assist the Governing Body in its deliberations: City Manager Wade, City Attorney Stanley, and any other staff deemed necessary. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dobler.

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." The motion carried on voice vote. Councilmember Ortiz voted no. (9-1-0)

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 7:22 p.m.

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Brenda Younger City Clerk

## 5/8" Meter, 1,500 gal per month, Inside City

|                     | 2023     | 2024      | 2025      | 2026      |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Water               | 24.82    | 26.39     | 28.06     | 29.85     |
| Storm               | 6.21     | 6.61      | 6.97      | 7.34      |
| Waste               | 20.86    | 22.11     | 23.42     | 24.81     |
|                     | \$ 51.89 | \$ 55.11  | \$ 58.45  | \$ 62.00  |
| Change/Month        |          | \$ 3.22   | \$ 3.34   | \$ 3.55   |
|                     |          | 6.2%      | 6.1%      | 6.1%      |
| Previously Proposed |          | \$ 56.97  | \$ 62.52  | \$ 68.60  |
| New impact          |          | \$ (1.86) | \$ (4.08) | \$ (6.60) |

## 5/8" Meter, 1,500 gal per month, Outside City

|                     | 2023     | 2024      | 2025      | 2026      |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Water               | 43.45    | 49.90     | 54.14     | 58.74     |
| Waste               | 36.49    | 41.42     | 44.43     | 47.66     |
| Hydrant Maint       | 8.37     | 9.08      | 9.85      | 10.69     |
|                     | \$ 88.31 | \$ 100.40 | \$ 108.42 | \$ 117.09 |
| Change/Month        |          | \$ 12.10  | \$ 8.02   | \$ 8.67   |
|                     |          | 13.7%     | 8.0%      | 8.0%      |
| Previously Proposed |          | \$ 97.34  | \$ 107.32 | \$ 118.27 |
| New impact          |          | \$ 3.06   | \$ 1.10   | \$ (1.18) |

## 1" Meter, 1,500 gal per month, Inside City

|                     | 2023     | 2024     | 2025     | 2026      |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Water               | 24.82    | 28.51    | 30.93    | 33.57     |
| Storm               | 6.21     | 6.61     | 6.97     | 7.34      |
| Waste               | 20.86    | 23.67    | 25.39    | 27.23     |
|                     | \$ 51.89 | \$ 58.79 | \$ 63.29 | \$ 68.14  |
| Change/Month        |          | \$ 6.90  | \$ 4.50  | \$ 4.85   |
|                     |          | 13.3%    | 7.7%     | 7.7%      |
| Previously Proposed |          | \$ 56.97 | \$ 62.52 | \$ 68.60  |
| New impact          |          | \$ 1.82  | \$ 0.76  | \$ (0.46) |

## 1" Meter, 1,500 gal per month, Outside City

|                     | 2023     | 2024      | 2025      | 2026      |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Water               | 43.45    | 49.90     | 54.14     | 58.74     |
| Waste               | 36.49    | 41.42     | 44.43     | 47.66     |
| Hydrant Maint       | 8.37     | 9.08      | 9.85      | 10.69     |
|                     | \$ 88.31 | \$ 100.40 | \$ 108.42 | \$ 117.09 |
| Change/Month        |          | \$ 12.10  | \$ 8.02   | \$ 8.67   |
|                     |          | 13.7%     | 8.0%      | 8.0%      |
| Previously Proposed |          | \$ 97.34  | \$ 107.32 | \$ 118.27 |
| New impact          |          | \$ 3.06   | \$ 1.10   | \$ (1.18) |

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**5/8" Meter, 5,000 gal per month, Inside City**

|                     | 2023     | 2024      | 2025      | 2026      |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Water               | 46.03    | 49.42     | 53.05     | 56.97     |
| Storm               | 6.21     | 6.61      | 6.97      | 7.34      |
| Waste               | 40.42    | 43.14     | 45.99     | 49.03     |
|                     | \$ 92.66 | \$ 99.17  | \$ 106.01 | \$ 113.34 |
| Change/Month        |          | \$ 6.51   | \$ 6.84   | \$ 7.33   |
|                     |          | 7.0%      | 6.9%      | 6.9%      |
| Previously Proposed |          | 101.84    | 111.87    | 122.88    |
| New impact          |          | \$ (2.67) | \$ (5.86) | \$ (9.54) |

**5/8" Meter, 5,000 gal per month, Outside City**

|                     | 2023      | 2024      | 2025      | 2026      |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Water               | 80.58     | 90.22     | 97.89     | 106.20    |
| Waste               | 70.72     | 78.24     | 83.94     | 90.04     |
| Hydrant Maint       | 8.37      | 9.08      | 9.85      | 10.69     |
|                     | \$ 159.67 | \$ 177.54 | \$ 191.68 | \$ 206.93 |
| Change/Month        |           | \$ 17.87  | \$ 14.14  | \$ 15.25  |
|                     |           | 11.2%     | 8.0%      | 8.0%      |
| Previously Proposed |           | 175.81    | 193.63    | 213.19    |
| New impact          |           | \$ 1.73   | \$ (1.95) | \$ (6.26) |

**1" Meter, 5,000 gal per month, Inside City**

|                     | 2023     | 2024      | 2025      | 2026      |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Water               | 46.03    | 51.54     | 55.92     | 60.69     |
| Storm               | 6.21     | 6.61      | 6.97      | 7.34      |
| Waste               | 40.42    | 44.70     | 47.96     | 51.45     |
|                     | \$ 92.66 | \$ 102.85 | \$ 110.85 | \$ 119.48 |
| Change/Month        |          | \$ 10.19  | \$ 8.00   | \$ 8.63   |
|                     |          | 11.0%     | 7.8%      | 7.8%      |
| Previously Proposed |          | 101.84    | 111.87    | 122.88    |
| New impact          |          | \$ 1.01   | \$ (1.02) | \$ (3.40) |

**1" Meter, 5,000 gal per month, Outside City**

|                     | 2023      | 2024      | 2025      | 2026      |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Water               | 80.58     | 90.22     | 97.89     | 106.20    |
| Waste               | 70.72     | 78.24     | 83.94     | 90.04     |
| Hydrant Maint       | 8.37      | 9.08      | 9.85      | 10.69     |
|                     | \$ 159.67 | \$ 177.54 | \$ 191.68 | \$ 206.93 |
| Change/Month        |           | \$ 17.87  | \$ 14.14  | \$ 15.25  |
|                     |           | 11.2%     | 8.0%      | 8.0%      |
| Previously Proposed |           | \$ 175.81 | \$ 193.63 | \$ 213.19 |
| New impact          |           | \$ 1.73   | \$ (1.95) | \$ (6.26) |

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**5/8" Meter, 10,000 gal per month, Inside City**

|                     | 2023      | 2024      | 2025      | 2026      |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Water               | 60.53     | 66.02     | 71.85     | 78.12     |
| Storm               | 6.21      | 6.61      | 6.97      | 7.34      |
| Waste               | 68.37     | 73.19     | 78.24     | 83.63     |
|                     | \$ 135.11 | \$ 145.82 | \$ 157.06 | \$ 169.09 |
| Change/Month        |           | \$ 10.71  | \$ 11.24  | \$ 12.03  |
|                     |           | 7.9%      | 7.7%      | 7.7%      |
| Previously Proposed |           | 148.24    | 162.57    | 178.33    |
| New impact          |           | \$ (2.42) | \$ (5.51) | \$ (9.24) |

**5/8" Meter, 10,000 gal per month, Outside City**

|                     | 2023      | 2024      | 2025      | 2026      |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Water               | 105.93    | 119.22    | 130.79    | 143.20    |
| Waste               | 119.62    | 130.84    | 140.39    | 150.59    |
| Hydrant Maint       | 8.37      | 9.08      | 9.85      | 10.69     |
|                     | \$ 233.92 | \$ 259.14 | \$ 281.03 | \$ 304.48 |
| Change/Month        |           | \$ 25.22  | \$ 21.89  | \$ 23.45  |
|                     |           | 10.8%     | 8.4%      | 8.3%      |
| Previously Proposed |           | 257.01    | 282.33    | 310.29    |
| New impact          |           | \$ 2.13   | \$ (1.30) | \$ (5.81) |

**1" Meter, 10,000 gal per month, Inside City**

|                     | 2023      | 2024      | 2025      | 2026      |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Water               | 60.53     | 68.14     | 74.72     | 81.84     |
| Storm               | 6.21      | 6.61      | 6.97      | 7.34      |
| Waste               | 68.37     | 74.75     | 80.21     | 86.05     |
|                     | \$ 135.11 | \$ 149.50 | \$ 161.90 | \$ 175.23 |
| Change/Month        |           | \$ 14.39  | \$ 12.40  | \$ 13.33  |
|                     |           | 10.7%     | 8.3%      | 8.2%      |
| Previously Proposed |           | 148.24    | 162.57    | 178.33    |
| New impact          |           | \$ 1.26   | \$ (0.67) | \$ (3.10) |

**1" Meter, 10,000 gal per month, Outside City**

|                     | 2023      | 2024      | 2025      | 2026      |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Water               | 105.93    | 119.22    | 130.79    | 143.20    |
| Waste               | 119.62    | 130.84    | 140.39    | 150.59    |
| Hydrant Maint       | 8.37      | 9.08      | 9.85      | 10.69     |
|                     | \$ 233.92 | \$ 259.14 | \$ 281.03 | \$ 304.48 |
| Change/Month        |           | \$ 25.22  | \$ 21.89  | \$ 23.45  |
|                     |           | 10.8%     | 8.4%      | 8.3%      |
| Previously Proposed |           | 257.01    | 282.33    | 310.29    |
| New impact          |           | \$ 2.13   | \$ (1.30) | \$ (5.81) |

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**4" Meter, 1,000,000 gal per month, Inside City**

|                     | 2023        | 2024         | 2025         | 2026         |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Water               | 3,997.29    | 4,465.85     | 4,996.60     | 5,569.21     |
| Storm - Per ERU     | 6.21        | 6.61         | 6.97         | 7.34         |
| Waste               | 5,714.73    | 6,174.71     | 6,665.49     | 7,217.49     |
| Plus SW             | \$ 9,712.02 | \$ 10,640.56 | \$ 11,662.09 | \$ 12,786.70 |
| Change/Month        |             | \$ 928.54    | \$ 1,021.53  | \$ 1,124.61  |
|                     |             | 9.6%         | 9.6%         | 9.6%         |
| Previously Proposed |             | 10,640.56    | 11,662.09    | 12,786.70    |
| New impact          | \$ -        | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         |

**4" Meter, 15,000,000 gal per month, Inside City**

|                     | 2023          | 2024          | 2025          | 2026          |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Water               | 54,307.29     | 60,775.85     | 67,996.60     | 75,819.21     |
| Storm - Per ERU     | 6.21          | 6.61          | 6.97          | 7.34          |
| Waste               | 83,974.73     | 90,734.71     | 97,945.49     | 106,057.49    |
| Plus SW             | \$ 138,282.02 | \$ 151,510.56 | \$ 165,942.09 | \$ 181,876.70 |
| Change/Month        |               | \$ 13,228.54  | \$ 14,431.53  | \$ 15,934.61  |
|                     |               | 9.6%          | 9.5%          | 9.6%          |
| Previously Proposed |               | 151,510.56    | 165,942.09    | 181,876.70    |
| New impact          | \$ -          | \$ -          | \$ -          | \$ -          |

**4" Meter, 1,000,000 gal per month, Outside City**

|                     | 2023         | 2024         | 2025         | 2026         |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Water               | 6,995.26     | 7,817.74     | 8,744.05     | 9,753.62     |
| Waste               | 9,998.28     | 10,795.74    | 11,654.60    | 12,615.60    |
| Hydrant Maint       | 8.37         | 9.66         | 10.46        | 11.66        |
|                     | \$ 17,001.91 | \$ 18,623.14 | \$ 20,409.11 | \$ 22,380.88 |
| Change/Month        |              | \$ 1,621.23  | \$ 1,785.97  | \$ 1,971.77  |
|                     |              | 9.5%         | 9.6%         | 9.7%         |
| Previously Proposed |              | 18,623.14    | 20,409.11    | 22,380.88    |
| New impact          | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         |

**4" Meter, 15,000,000 gal per month, Outside City**

|                     | 2023          | 2024          | 2025          | 2026          |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Water               | 95,075.26     | 106,357.74    | 118,844.05    | 132,533.62    |
| Waste               | 146,918.28    | 158,635.74    | 171,254.60    | 185,375.60    |
| Hydrant Maint       | 8.37          | 9.36          | 10.46         | 11.66         |
|                     | \$ 242,001.91 | \$ 265,002.84 | \$ 290,109.11 | \$ 317,920.88 |
| Change/Month        |               | \$ 23,000.93  | \$ 25,106.27  | \$ 27,811.77  |
|                     |               | 9.5%          | 9.5%          | 9.6%          |
| Previously Proposed |               | 265,002.84    | 290,109.11    | 317,920.88    |
| New impact          | \$ -          | \$ -          | \$ -          | \$ -          |

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**Tonya L. Bailey**

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**From:** Tonya L. Bailey  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 7, 2023 3:36 PM  
**To:** Governing Body  
**Cc:** Department Directors; City Clerk  
**Subject:** FW: time reserved for my general comment at council meeting

Governing Body members,  
Please reference the email below. He has signed up for General Public comment this evening.

Thank you,

*Tonya L. Bailey*  
Administrative Officer, City Clerk  
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Here are a list of items I need the city council to reference to in accordance to my ongoing issues. Intrusion into my accounts at both the library in the past and the community center now. All of wich tie into my stay at the TRM and the post office not being able to transfer my mailing address, also why I'm having an issue with Key Accossiates Rental management which is where TRM placed me fulling knowing by both parties that I was unemployed when placed there due to a sexual harassment case involving KDOT my former employer while at the TRM. If there are additional questions on these or other tied in subjects I'm able to provide additional emails to answer any question needing answered. I'm sending this because of my limited 4 minutes of time to speak to the city council tonight. Please forward this email to all parties that need to be informed, like stated because of my limited time

**city council memo**

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**Krouton** <[krouton777@gmail.com](mailto:krouton777@gmail.com)>  
To: Krouton <[krouton777@gmail.com](mailto:krouton777@gmail.com)>

**Brenda Younger** <[BYounger@topeka.org](mailto:BYounger@topeka.org)>

to City, Governing, Bill, Amanda, me

Mr. Auten,

I apologize for missing your email on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

I have included the Governing Body on this email so they are aware of the situation. Also, your May 4<sup>th</sup> email was 1 you always have the opportunity to email the Governing Body directly at [governingbody@topeka.org](mailto:governingbody@topeka.org) with any com

As confirmation, your name has been removed from the May 1<sup>0th</sup> Governing Body Public Comment list.

**Krouton**

Hi this is Ken Auten. Just want to know from a city council perspective if I may address the council as an

**Krouton**

Hello this is Ken Auten again. I'm not understanding why I'm not getting a response. I continue to try and

**Brenda**

**Younger**

Good Afternoon, I have you signed up to speak during general public comment at the end of the May 10<sup>th</sup>

**Sylvia**

**Ortiz**

Hey Brenda - I will send this to the Governor's office for them to assist Mr. Krouton. Please leave him on

**Sylvia**

**Ortiz**

Sorry I mean Mr. Auten.

**Brenda**

**Younger**

Will do - thank you!!

**Krouton**

Thank you. Can you tell me exactly what time on the 10<sup>th</sup> the meeting starts.

**Brenda**

**Younger**

The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. Thank you. From: Krouton <[krouton777@gmail.com](mailto:krouton777@gmail.com)>

**Krouton**

Thank you for the info about the meeting. I unfortunately am at the Topeka Rescue Mission for housing. I



**Krouton**

I know that the city council meeting is tonight, but I sent an email asking for some advice on the fact that I

**Brenda  
Younger**

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**Krouton**

Thanks for the link. I have unfortunately been emailing that link. But I appreciate the attempt to help and I

**Brenda Younger <[BYounger@topeka.org](mailto:BYounger@topeka.org)>**

to me

Most welcome.

Have a good day.

!ReplyForward!

**Krouton <[krouton777@gmail.com](mailto:krouton777@gmail.com)>**

to council

Hi this is Kenneth James Auten. I just wanted to inform the council of a few things that concern the rescue times to obtain a tent from the mission while still being employed. After numerous attempts I got no when do so by Christian Stringfellow. Upon getting there I was chastised for my emails regarding my efforts and listen and not to ask questions when referring to mission rules. I was never given any set of rules when hired by a company that informed me I would be doing construction cleanup. On my first day of work I was on my first day of work and quit. I did so because of them misrepresenting the job I was doing. I then applied for my direct supervisor listening to acts of homosexuality and anal activity on his phone via speaker phone apartment number 2. Now I'm being told by Misty that the mission is no longer willing to pay my rent because of my actions to take. Not getting any real advice or support. I have an open complaint with the FBI about some social media accounts disappearing and showing up weeks after being sent. Just thought the city would like to me, they may contact me via email or via phone at 785 496 0769. Or if unable to my rent is paid for the rent I'm currently broke, living off of food stamps and am unable to obtain full time employment due mainly to

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To: [council@topeka.org](mailto:council@topeka.org)

Cc:

Bcc:

Date: Wed, 17 Aug 2022 03:21:12 -0500

Subject: Topeka Rescue Mission

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**Krouton <[krouton777@gmail.com](mailto:krouton777@gmail.com)>**

to council

Hi this is Kenneth James Auten. I just wanted to inform the council of a few things that concern the rescue mission here in Topeka. I was previously employed. After numerous attempts I got no where at getting a tent. I then went to the mission on the advice of Misty whom is head of the mission. I had thoughts to get a tent. While being admitted to the mission I was told by a staff member that I was to shut up and listen and not to as day I left I tried to obtain employment and first was hired by a company that informed me I would be doing construction cleanup. On 1 day of work and quit. I did so because of them misrepresenting the job I was doing. I then applied for a job with the state of Kansas. I was then employed. I had anal activity on his phone via speaker phone while on the clock. I then quit KDOT. I was then allowed to sign a lease, while unemployed. I have made several attempts to get advice from her and the mission as to what actions to take. Not getting any real help. I had numerous emails and files and social media accounts disappear and show up weeks after being sent. Just thought the city would help me via email or via phone at 785 496 0769. Or if unable to my rent is paid for the moment until September 3rd. I appreciate your time and employment due mainly to the facts above

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**kenneth Auten** <[krouton777@gmail.com](mailto:krouton777@gmail.com)>

to [info@tha.gov](mailto:info@tha.gov)

Sent from **Mail** for Windows

Hi my name is Kenneth James Auten. I moved into the address of 316 SW Polk #2 on June 2nd. I was at the Topeka that I owed for before moving in and that they would pay my rent until January 1, 2023. I was placed into the residence was also aware that I was unemployed because of a sexual harassment lawsuit against KDOT in Kansas. As a result disregarding all previous obligations. I emailed them to remind them that they had not complied with their responsibility was on my own. I have had nothing but issues with Key Associates since moving in. Within the first two weeks I got people out to address the issues. Upon the arrival of the individual, I gave him a list (Russ) of things to address beginning 13th about my furnace not working, Sept 14th about my A/C not working and have gotten not one single response and had no hot water for a week. He has also informed me of a roach issue at his apartment also, and it hasn't been taken care of.

intrusion into my phone, in which I have an open case with the FBI about and have no service. I can be reached at t] and I am still dealing with roaches. Please respond in person if possible or I will check my email through the library

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**Cindy Reyes-Alvarez**

Hello, We received your email in regard to some landlord issues you are experiencing, unfortunately, we

**Krouton <[krouton777@gmail.com](mailto:krouton777@gmail.com)>**

to Cindy

ok sorry,

So if I want to report my landlord to the proper authorities for not properly maintaining my rental, whom d(

**Cindy Reyes-Alvarez <[CRAAlvarez@tha.gov](mailto:CRAAlvarez@tha.gov)>**

to me

Housing Credit and Counseling, they aren't to far from the library, their address is 1195 SW Buchanan St# 1

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Inbox

**Ask TSCPL**

--# Type your reply above this line#-- Matt Pettit Nov 29 2022, 01:15pm via System Hi Ken. I do not see

**Krouton <[krouton777@gmail.com](mailto:krouton777@gmail.com)>**

to Ask

I was upstairs on the 28th and I messaged through the internal system and was on that terminal after I se system was working via my personal device only able to be used through wifi. I have logged into my ema was suspected intrusion. I am blocked from verifying its my email due to no phone number attached whic library which was my original message that someone here is in my google email and account

**Ask TSCPL <[ask@tscpl.libanswers.com](mailto:ask@tscpl.libanswers.com)>**

to me

--# Type your reply above this line #--

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**Matt Pettit**

Nov 30 2022, 02:04pm via System

Can troubleshoot the Google authentication messages next time you come in? I get messages like those the message. It's trying to be helpful!

Matt  
Public Services

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**ken Auten**

Nov 30 2022, 1:32am via Email

**Krouton <[krouton777@gmail.com](mailto:krouton777@gmail.com)>**

to Ask

no its not trying to be helpful!!!! the library is the only place that I cant access that account. AS I stated

**Ask TSCPL <[ask@tscpl.libanswers.com](mailto:ask@tscpl.libanswers.com)>**

to me

--# Type your reply above this line #--

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**Matt Pettit**

Nov 30 2022, 05:18pm via System

Hi Ken.

If you would like to have someone walk through this with you then next time you are here, I would use the

Matt  
Public Services

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**ken Auten**

Nov 30 2022, 02:59pm via Email

On Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at 10:38 AM Tonya L.Bailey<[tlbailey@topeka.org](mailto:tlbailey@topeka.org)> wrote:

Thank you for contacting the City of Topeka. This email confirms you are signed up to speak under general public comment at the end of the Governing Body meeting today, March 7, 2023. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. located at the Holliday Building 1st Floor Conference Room, located at 620 SE Madison Street, Topeka. You will have 4 minutes to address the Governing Body.

**From:** Krouton <krouon777@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 7, 2023 10:25 AM

**To:** City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>

**Subject:** time reserved for my general comment at council meeting

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Hi my name is Kenneth James Auten and I was wanting to reserve time for general comments before the city council and was wanting to reserve time asap. This is my available email