

Governing Body Minutes – February 13, 2024

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, February 13, 2024. 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, Valdivia-Alcala, Ortiz, Banks, Kell, Dobler, Duncan and Hoferer -8. Mayor Padilla presided -1. Absent: Councilmember Miller -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 February 13, 2024, 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 February 13, 2024, for attachment to the meeting minutes.

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

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by meeting participants.

CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

APPROVAL of Human Resources CONTRACT NO. 51924 between the City of Topeka and Insight Public Safety and Forensic Consulting, LLC, for providing psychological services for pre-employment evaluations, critical incident counseling, fitness for duty testing, and other related psychological evaluation services, was presented.

APPROVAL of Public Works Engineering CONTRACT NO. 51923 between the City of Topeka and Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC), in an amount not to exceed \$643,000 for engineering services, was presented.

MINUTES of the regular meeting of February 6, 2024, was presented.

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

Mayor Padilla asked for an explanation regarding the two service agreements that were removed from the consent agenda by Interim City Manager Nienstedt.

Interim City Manager Nienstedt asked Randi Stahl, Information Technology (I.T.) Director, to provide an outline of the service agreements to the Governing Body.

Randi Stahl, I.T. Director, spoke to the services that would be provided. She stated Info-Tech Research Group Inc., would combine existing service agreements into one service agreement for the ease of tracking and payment as well as provide highly relevant research in areas of Cybersecurity, Benchmarking, Disaster Recovery, etc. She stated the Carahsoft Technology Corporation service agreement would implement Softdocs, a content management software, and would be considered a data conversion project. She reported both service agreements will be considered on the February 20, 2024 agenda.

Mayor Padilla asked Governing Body members to contact the City Manager with any questions they may have on the proposed services.

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

Brenda Younger, City Clerk, provided an overview of the February 20, 2024 Governing Body meeting agenda.

Councilmember Kell encouraged citizens to slow down and be mindful of the safety of children when driving in residential streets.

Mayor Padilla commended City of Topeka employees for their hard work in filling 8,000

potholes over the past couple of weeks.

Councilmember Dobler moved to recess into executive session not to exceed one-hour to discuss performance and other employment related matters related to one or more non-elected personnel, pursuant to KSA 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting resumed in the City Council Chambers. The following staff assisted the Governing Body in its deliberations Interim City Manager Nienstedt and other staff he deemed necessary. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kell.

Mayor Padilla asked all those in favor of recessing into to an 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.” (8-1-0)

Councilmember Miller joined the executive session remotely.

At the conclusion of the executive session, 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 7:20 p.m.

(SEAL)

Brenda Younger City Clerk