

Council Minutes – January 14, 2014

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, January 14, 2014. The Councilmembers of the City of Topeka met in regular session at 6:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Hiller, Campos II, Ortiz, Everhart, De La Isla, Manspeaker, Schwartz, Schmidt and Harmon -9. Mayor Larry E. Wolgast presided -1.

AFTER THE MEETING was called to order, Dale Greer, Topeka Police Department Chaplain, gave the invocation.

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

A PRESENTATION and Swearing in Ceremony for the Mayor's Advisory Council was conducted by Mayor Larry Wolgast. The Mayor's Advisory Council, in collaboration with the Topeka Youth project, is a youth development program for area high school students providing constructive opportunities in areas of employment and training, community service and youth leadership to help youth avoid high risk behaviors which can jeopardize their futures.

Councilmember Harmon moved to add a contract amendment between the City of Topeka and Jim Colson extending his appointment as City Manager until August 27, 2019, to the Council agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Manspeaker.

Councilmember Harmon reported the contract amendments were discussed in three separate executive sessions and negotiations were complete on January 7, 2014.

Councilmember Campos II suggested referring the contract amendment to the Policy and Finance Committee for review.

Chad Sublet, City Attorney, stated the motion to refer would be improper because the item has not yet been added to the Council agenda.

Councilmembers Hiller expressed concern with adding the contract amendment to the agenda without following the normal agenda procedure and stated she would prefer to have time to review the written document.

Councilmember Ortiz stated that she believes the Council was not given time to review the contract amendments.

The motion to add a contract amendment between the City of Topeka and Jim Colson extending his appointment as City Manager until August 27, 2019 carried. Councilmembers Hiller, Campos II and Ortiz voted “no.” (6-3-0)

Jim Colson, City Manager, requested to defer item 5A, a public hearing and ordinance establishing the Crosswind Commons Community Improvement District (CID) for one week. He reported the development agreement has not yet been completed.

Councilmember Harmon moved to defer item 5A, a public hearing and ordinance establishing the Crosswind Commons Community Improvement District (CID) for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Manspeaker.

Councilmember Campos II questioned if deferring the ordinance would hinder the development from moving forward in regards to occupying buildings with tenants.

Jim Colson stated it would not be appropriate to comment on the matter at this time.

Councilmember Ortiz questioned if they should defer the item for two weeks to allow sufficient time for the agreement to be completed.

Jim Colson reported he has been informed by Jeff White, City Financial Advisor, that all issues would be resolved by next week.

The motion to defer item 5A, a public hearing and ordinance establishing the Crosswind Commons Community Improvement District (CID) for one week carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

THE CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

MINUTES of the regular meeting of January 7, 2014, were presented.

A Dance Hall License application for Serendipity located at 802 N. Kansas Avenue, was presented.

Councilmember Campos II moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion seconded by Councilmember De La Isla carried unanimously. (9-0-0)

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 112 introduced by City Manager Jim Colson, amending Charter Ordinances codified at Topeka Municipal Code Sections A2-26, A2-30 and Section A2-55, all concerning council meetings, agendas and readings, placed on first reading November 5, 2013, was again presented.

Mayor Wolgast distributed handouts outlining the proposed changes to Council Agenda Item 6A, a charter ordinance concerning council meetings, agendas and readings; and Council Agenda Item 6B, an ordinance concerning meetings of the City Council. He reported proposed changes to the charter ordinance include setting Council meeting dates and times on a calendar year basis; and removing the requirement that an ordinance be read by title at least two times, allowing ordinances to be handled like any other action item.

Councilmember Manspeaker gave the Committee Report and stated on December 13, 2013, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended approval by a vote of 3-0-0. He reported they approved the charter ordinance as presented and to include a companion draft proposal that would provide a brief overview of whatever changes need to happen to the City Council Rules and Procedures to make upcoming agendas as transparent as possible.

Councilmember Schwartz referenced the companion ordinance (Council Agenda Item 6B) relating to the Council Rules and Procedures and noted it was her understanding this would extend the time the agenda would be available to the public by one week, allowing for an additional week to gather information and sign up for public comment.

Councilmember Harmon asked how much detail would be provided in terms of the City Clerk providing an overview of the preliminary Council agenda at the end of each Council meeting.

Mayor Wolgast stated processes would be discussed and established to meet the needs of the Council in the days to follow as the charter ordinance would not go into effect for 60 days.

Councilmember Schmidt asked if Section 1A of the charter ordinance should be amended to clarify that meeting schedules be set in April of each year to make the language consistent with the companion ordinance (Council Agenda Item 6B).

Chad Sublet, City Attorney, stated the Governing Body could amend the charter ordinance if they would prefer; however, it would not be necessary at this time.

Councilmember Hiller stated the charter ordinance specifies a meeting schedule shall be set for each calendar year so there should not be an issue.

Mayor Wolgast stated he would assume the council meeting schedule would be set January 1st of each year.

Councilmember Campos II expressed concern with amending the charter ordinance and stated he believes four (4) Council meetings function well with current City operations and business; and First Readings should remain to keep the public informed.

Councilmember Everhart stated public access to the information would be enhanced by the new process because the City Clerk would provide the preliminary agenda items verbally at each Council meeting, a process that is not currently being used.

Councilmember Campos II spoke in opposition of the charter ordinance. He stated the new process would allow Councilmembers to add ordinances at a Council meeting and adopt it at the same meeting without being vetted through the public.

Councilmember Hiller commended the people involved in the process; however, she would like to see the amended Council Rules and Procedures before making a decision on the issue. She expressed concern with reducing the number of Council meetings per month and is unwilling to compromise the Council and public's right to have access to agenda items ahead of time.

Councilmember Ortiz spoke in opposition to the charter ordinance because she believes the current charter ordinance maintains an organized process during meetings and noted the public supports how City business is currently conducted during Council meetings.

Councilmember De La Isla commended the people involved in drafting the amendments and stated she is hesitant to support the elimination of First Readings; however, the public would still have the opportunity to access information before it is presented to the Council; therefore, she would support the charter ordinance.

Councilmember Manspeaker moved to adopt the charter ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember De La Isla.

Joseph Ledbetter expressed concern with eliminating First Readings of ordinances; however, he does support the twelve (12) day notice of upcoming Council agenda items.

Councilmember Manspeaker asked the City Attorney to confirm if the current process allows a Councilmember to present and adopt an ordinance at the same Council meeting.

Chad Sublet, City Attorney, confirmed the current Council Rules and Procedures allow for an ordinance to be presented and adopted at the same Council meeting.

The motion to adopt the charter ordinance carried. Mayor Wolgast voted "yes." Councilmembers Campos II and Ortiz voted "no." (8-2-0)

The charter ordinance was adopted on roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hiller, Everhart, De La Isla, Manspeaker, Schwartz, Schmidt, Harmon and Mayor Wolgast -8. Noes: Campos II and Ortiz -2.

ORDINANCE NO. 19875 introduced by City Manager Jim Colson, amending City of Topeka Code Sections 2.15.020 through 2.15.040, 2.15.070, 2.15.080, 3.55.060, 5.20.080 and Section 5.55.120 concerning meetings of the City Council and specifically repealing said original sections placed on first reading November 5, 2013, was again presented.

Councilmember Manspeaker gave the Committee Report and stated on December 13, 2013, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended approval of the ordinance by a vote of 3-0-0.

Mayor Wolgast stated the proposed changes to the ordinance would include reducing the number of Council meetings from four (4) to three (3); and eliminate the cover letter requirement for items added to the Council agenda on the night of the meeting.

Councilmember Schwartz moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember De La Isla.

Councilmember Schwartz reported there was much discussion at the Policy and Finance Committee meeting in regards to comparing the number of Council meetings being conducted in other cities and improving work session processes. She noted the proposed changes would make a Tuesday during each month available for a work session and/or executive session when needed.

Councilmember Schmidt asked for clarification between the charter ordinance that was adopted and the proposed ordinance. He stated the ordinance requires a set time period of April 30, 2013 to April 28, 2015; however, the charter ordinance as adopted by the Governing Body stated a calendar year.

Mayor Wolgast stated he believes since the amendment was approved for the charter ordinance now the ordinance should be changed to remain consistent.

Councilmember Hiller moved to amend the ordinance to strike the dates beginning on line 16 “April 30, 2013, to April 28, 2015”. The motion seconded by Councilmember Schmidt carried. Councilmember Ortiz voted “no.” (8-1-0)

Councilmember Hiller asked if it is expected they would schedule work sessions on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Councilmember Schwartz stated it would be up to the Council and City Manager to determine if a work session would need to be scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Councilmember Hiller spoke in support of the proposed changes if the intent of the Governing Body was to schedule a work session on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Councilmember Hiller moved to amend the ordinance beginning on line 46 by deleting the statement “submit a cover letter with the item explaining” and inserting the statement “explain for the record”. The motion seconded by Councilmember Campos II carried. Councilmember Harmon voted “no.” (8-1-0)

Joseph Ledbetter spoke in support of four (4) Council meetings per month and noted he believes more meetings, not less, better serve the public in regards to feedback and transparency. He expressed concern with the budget process and recommended starting the process earlier, scheduling more public meetings to allow for increased public input on the issues that matter to citizens, and amending the Council Rules and Procedures to allow more time for public comment during Council meetings.

The motion to adopt the ordinance as amended carried. Councilmembers Campos II and Ortiz voted “no.” (7-2-0)

The ordinance was adopted on roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hiller, Everhart, De La Isla, Manspeaker, Schwartz, Schmidt and Harmon -7. Noes: Campos II and Ortiz -2.

APPROVAL of the 2014 Transient Guest Tax allocations in the amount of \$2,500,000 was presented.

Councilmember Harmon provided the Committee Report and stated the Transient Guest Tax Committee recommended approval of the 2014 allocations in the amount of \$2.5 million on December 12, 2013. He reported it has been requested that the contract between the City of Topeka and Visit Topeka Inc., include a provision requiring Visit Topeka Inc., to meet regularly with Topeka Performing Arts Center (TPAC), Kansas Expocentre and Heartland Park of Topeka representatives in order to ensure that their advertising needs are being addressed. The following 2014 TGT funding allocations were presented as follows:

Visit Topeka Inc.	\$1,460,000
Visit Topeka Bid Fund	\$175,000
Sunflower Soccer Special Assessments	\$350,000
Railroad Heritage (Great Overland Station)	\$94,000
Riverfront Park	\$106,000
Historic Preservation Fund	\$115,000
Transfer to General Fund (Zoo)	\$200,000

Councilmember Campos II commended the Transient Guest Tax Committee for their work on the new allocation process. He asked when the allocations for Historic Preservation in the amount of \$115,000 and the Riverfront Park in the amount of \$106,000 would cease.

Jeff White, City Financial Advisor, stated the Historic Preservation and Riverfront Park allocations would be phased out in 2015.

Mayor Wolgast noted funding allocations would need to be reconsidered in 2016.

Councilmember Campos II encouraged Councilmembers to support allocating funds to market the Capitol building.

Mayor Wolgast stated he believes Visit Topeka Inc., representatives could determine if funding should be allocated towards the marketing of the Capitol building. He reported he has visited with the Kansas State Historical Society and others to discuss partnering with the City of Topeka to market Topeka, as well as, the Capitol building.

Councilmember Hiller stated there are many events happening in the community in 2014 including the opening of the new Capitol building; the 60th Anniversary of Brown v Board of Education; and the Kansas Expocentre presenting a new marketing plan.

Councilmember Campos II stated it was his understanding that Visit Topeka Inc., was not legally bound to work exclusively with TPAC, Kansas Expocentre and Heartland Park of Topeka on behalf of the City of Topeka.

Councilmember Harmon stated Visit Topeka Inc., is under contract with the City and would be required to follow the direction as outlined within the contract.

Chad Sublet stated the contract with Visit Topeka Inc., would outline how the monies are to be allocated to certain entities.

Jim Colson, City Manager, stated he believes the leadership of Visit Topeka, Inc., has the ability to make decisions based on the best interest of the City and noted everyone involved is in accord and understands the direction provided to them.

Councilmember Campos II asked for clarification on the contractual obligations of Visit Topeka, Inc., in regards to exclusively marketing TPAC, the Kansas Expocentre and Heartland Park of Topeka.

Jim Colson stated Visit Topeka, Inc., would not be legally bound to market specific entities; however, they have the discretion to spend the money as they see fit to support the best interest of the City in the long term.

Councilmember Ortiz asked if there was discussion at the Committee meeting to reconsider funding entities that initially were denied.

Councilmember Harmon reported the Transient Guest Tax Committee met on June 21, 2013, to consider applications and made recommendations to fund certain organizations. He noted they did not have any discussion or reconsider funding entities that initially did not receive approval.

Councilmember Ortiz questioned why the Neighborhood Academic and Athletic Association did not receive funding in the amount of \$35,000.

Councilmember Hiller stated it was her understanding the applicant requested funding for a 2013 event that had already taken place. She noted the organization did receive money from Visit Topeka's Bid Fund and Brown v Board of Education for the 2013 Grant Fest.

Councilmember Campos II reported the annual event would be important to the upcoming 60th Anniversary of Brown v Board of Education celebration.

Councilmember Campos II moved to approve the 2014 Transient Guest Tax funding allocations as recommended by the Transient Guest Tax Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Schmidt.

Councilmember Ortiz moved to amend the 2014 Transient Guest Tax allocations by reducing the amount allocated to Visit Topeka Inc., by \$35,000 and allocating that amount to the Neighborhood Academic and Athletic Association. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Campos II.

Councilmember Schmidt stated he believes it is a great event; however, there was no presentation or application submitted and the event had already taken place. He noted there is a bid process that must be followed and giving an organization \$35,000 with no plan in place would be irresponsible and he would not support the motion.

Councilmember Everhart asked if the application for the event in 2014 has been submitted.

Jeff White, City Financial Advisor, stated the 2014 application for the Neighborhood Academic and Athletic Association has not been submitted.

Councilmember Everhart spoke in opposition of allocating \$35,000 for an event that has already taken place. She encouraged the Neighborhood Academic and Athletic Association to apply for 2015 funding.

Councilmember Ortiz stated there are guidelines the organization would have to follow to apply a year in advance and these allocations are designated for events in 2014. She stated this is a big annual event and is not uncommon for the event organizers to have many sponsors and entities involved.

Councilmember Everhart asked Terry Cook, Visit Topeka, Inc., Chief Executive Officer, to provide an update on the Neighborhood Academic and Athletic Association application and event.

Terry Cook, Chief Executive Officer for Visit Topeka, Inc., reported they allocated the Neighborhood Academic and Athletic Association \$2,000 from the Bid Fund and tracked all numbers relating to the event, as well as, the economic impact on the community, which resulted in less than 100 hotel rooms booked overnight.

Councilmember Ortiz stated she believes the smaller events need help to grow and become larger national events, such as the Fiesta Mexicana because that is what she believes the money should be used for.

The motion to amend the 2014 Transient Guest Tax allocations by reducing the allocation to Visit Topeka Inc., by \$35,000 and allocating that amount to the Neighborhood Academic and

Athletic Association failed. Councilmembers Hiller, Everhart, De La Isla, Manspeaker, Schwartz, Schmidt and Harmon voted “no.” (2-7-0)

Councilmember Campos II moved to reduce the allocation to Visit Topeka Inc., by \$35,000 and add that amount to the Visit Topeka Bid Fund. The motion seconded by Councilmember Ortiz failed. Councilmembers Hiller, Everhart, De La Isla, Manspeaker, Schwartz, Schmidt and Harmon voted “no.” (2-7-0)

The motion to approve the 2014 Transient Guest Tax funding allocations as recommended by the Transient Guest Tax Committee carried. Councilmembers Campos II and Ortiz voted “no.” (7-2-0)

ORDINANCE NO. 19876 introduced by City Manager Jim Colson, allowing and approving City expenditures for the period of November 2, 2013, through November 29, 2013, and enumerating said expenditures therein was presented for first and final reading.

Jeff White, City Financial Advisor, reported City staff is completing the fiscal year-end report and would present it to the Governing Body in the near future.

Councilmember Schmidt moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion seconded by Councilmember De La Isla carried. Councilmember Campos II voted “no.” (8-1-0)

The ordinance was adopted on roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hiller, Ortiz, Everhart, De La Isla, Manspeaker, Schwartz, Schmidt and Harmon -8. Noes: Campos II -1.

NO retail cereal malt beverage or scrap metal dealer license applications were presented.

APPROVAL of a contract amendment between the City of Topeka and Jim Colson extending his appointment as City Manager until August 27, 2019, was presented. (*Contract No. 43386*)

Councilmember Harmon reported the contract amendments include the following:

- Extend the contract term until August 27, 2019.
- Provide for a 2% increase to Mr. Colson's salary effective January 1, 2014, with any additional increases to be approved by the majority of the Council.
- Receive five (5) additional vacation days per quarter aside from the regular employee vacation and sick leave accruals earned.
- Review of the next job performance would occur in March 2015 and in March of each subsequent year.
- Outlines provisions of termination including gross incompetence being based on industry-wide standards, any dispute based on contract shall be subject to binding arbitration and cause of termination due to death or incapacity.

Councilmember Campos II stated he believes adding the contract to the Council agenda would violate the Council meeting process because the agreement did not include a cover letter. He referenced Topeka Municipal Code Section 2.15.040 which states, "Items may be added to the agenda only at regular Tuesday meetings. The item to be added shall be introduced at the beginning of the official meeting by the city clerk. The councilmember(s) or the city manager who wishes to have an item added to the agenda shall submit a cover letter with the item explaining the necessity for adding the item, and the item shall only be added if its addition is approved by a majority vote of the city council." He suggested deferring the agreement for 30 days to allow additional time to review the contract and communicate with the Neighborhood Improvement Associations, labor unions and citizens.

Councilmember Campos II moved to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilmember De La Isla.

Councilmember Campos II made a substitute motion to defer the contract for 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ortiz.

Mayor Wolgast referenced the memorandum attached to the City Manager agreement which serves as the cover letter.

Councilmember Ortiz stated the contract expires August 27, 2014; therefore, she does not understand the urgency and noted there should be transparency in the approval process.

Councilmember Hiller spoke in support of deferring the contract and expressed concern with adding and taking action on an item at the same Council meeting. She stated she would need additional time to review the document in its entirety.

The substitute motion to defer the contract for 30 days failed. Councilmembers Everhart, De La Isla, Manspeaker, Schwartz, Schmidt and Harmon voted “no.” (3-6-0)

Councilmember Hiller made a substitute motion to defer the contract for one week. The motion seconded by Councilmember Ortiz failed. Councilmembers Everhart, De La Isla, Manspeaker, Schwartz, Schmidt and Harmon voted “no.” (3-6-0)

Councilmember Ortiz spoke in opposition of finalizing the contract at this time, the length of the contract term and approving a 2% salary increase.

Councilmember Ortiz moved to amend the contract to require six (6) months back pay if the City Manager leaves before August 27, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Campos II.

Mayor Wolgast ruled the amendment out of order. He stated contract negotiations have been completed.

Councilmember Ortiz challenged the ruling of the Chair.

The question of “Shall the ruling of the Chair be upheld” carried. Councilmembers Campos II and Ortiz voted “no.” (7-2-0)

Councilmember Campos II spoke in opposition of the contract and stated he believes the City Manager is overpaid.

Councilmember Schmidt stated the issue has been discussed many times; there is nothing new in the contract that has not been discussed; and members of the Council have had the opportunity to express their disapproval.

Councilmember Campos II stated he believes he has the responsibility to speak to constituents about the issue because they may have to raise property taxes to support the salary increase.

Councilmember Schwartz reported upon completion of the City Manager's evaluation in December 2013, she contacted constituents and they expressed their support of Mr. Colson. She stated she believes the entire Governing Body should support the City Manager as he has done a great job so far.

Councilmember Hiller stated the Governing Body agreed to continue with Mr. Colson as City Manager; however, she believes discussion was not finished and she is not prepared to make a decision on the matter. She questioned why it is critical to add the contract to the Council agenda at this time for action and would question any item brought before the Council that was presented in the same manner.

Councilmember Manspeaker referenced Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) regulations and stated the Governing Body followed all KOMA regulations in regards to employee contract negotiations in executive sessions. He spoke in support of the agreement and stated he has received positive feedback on the City Manager's performance from constituents and believes a five (5) year contract is reasonable and shows his commitment to the community and employees.

Councilmember Everhart spoke in support of the agreement and stated the Council has had many discussions about the contract and she believes the five (5) year agreement confirms Mr. Colson's commitment to the community as a whole.

Councilmember De La Isla stated she believes the Governing Body was elected and trusted to be professional leaders to ensure the community has the stability to move forward. She noted the Governing Body agreed that Mr. Colson was the person to lead the community and

as a Body they should not be divided and work together for the benefit of the City and its citizens.

Councilmember Campos II stated he believes the Governing Body was elected to serve the people and spoke in opposition of the agreement because he believes there was insufficient time to receive public input on the matter.

Councilmember Hiller stated there was verbal feedback from the Council at the meetings; however, a final draft of the agreement as never been presented to the Council for review.

The motion to approve the City Manager agreement carried. Councilmembers Hiller, Campos II and Ortiz voted “no.” (6-3-0)

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Jim Colson, annexing land to the City of Topeka, Kansas, in accordance with K.S.A. 12-520, located at the southeast corner of SE 45th Street and SE California Avenue within unincorporated Shawnee County, Kansas, and adjacent to the City of Topeka corporate limits, and said land being annexed for all City purposes was presented first reading. (A13/3)

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

Jim Colson, City Manager, thanked the Governing Body for their support and expressed his continued commitment to the betterment of the city. He stated it is his objective to make the City of Topeka known as a high performance service delivery vehicle that citizens and employees could be proud of. He noted much progress has already been made with the help of the Governing Body and staff members, and working as a team, they would only continue to get better at leading the City of Topeka.

Mayor Wolgast commended Mr. Colson for his commitment to the community and stated he looks forward to the city moving in a positive direction. He commented on the public

meeting conducted to discuss the closing of the downtown U.S. Post Office located at 424 S. Kansas Avenue and noted more information would be released in the near future.

Councilmember Ortiz requested that it be noted for the record, that she returned the copy of the employment agreement for Mr. Jim Colson distributed during the executive session to Chad Sublet, City Attorney.

Councilmember De La Isla invited the community to attend the Hi-Crest Neighborhood Improvement Association (NIA) meeting held every fourth Tuesday of the month and noted there are many great things happening in the community and encouraged citizens to become involved. She commented on the passion and support expressed by citizens in maintaining the downtown U.S. Post Office building and the importance of its historical significance in the community.

Councilmember Schwartz reported she attended the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce luncheon on January 13, 2014, and congratulated Neil Dobler, 2014 Chamber Board Chair. She stated she was encouraged by the enthusiasm that was expressed by the Chamber and business owners and noted it was a great way to promote area economic development. She reported she participated in a virtual tour of Valeo Behavioral Health Care Services and noted it was very educational. She commented on Topeka's e311 customer service program and noted it is a great tool for citizens to utilize and asked staff to provide an update on the system.

Councilmember Harmon congratulated Neil Dobler on being selected as the new 2014 Board Chair for the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce. He commended the Policy and Finance Committee for their work and recommendations on Council Agenda items 6A and 6B concerning council meetings, schedules and first readings.

Councilmember Hiller thanked Jim Colson, City Manager, for the work he has done and stated she looks forward to a high performance City. She commented on the public meeting

regarding the closing of the downtown U.S. Post Office. She expressed the importance of the building's historical significance and encouraged the City Manager, as well as, Visit Topeka, Inc., representatives to work towards placing the post office building and the Capitol building on the National Historic Register.

Councilmember Campos II requested staff provide an update on Topeka's e311 customer service program. He offered his condolences to the community of Charleston, West Virginia, in regards to the recent contaminated water supply incident.

Pastor Anthony Divers and Joseph Ledbetter appeared to speak under public comment.

Jim Colson, City Manager, requested the Governing Body continue the work session to discuss the Westboro Neighborhood Conservation District (NCD) immediately following the adjournment of the Council meeting.

The request to continue the work session discussion after the Council meeting adjourns carried. Councilmember Harmon voted "no." (8-1-0)

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Brenda Younger
City Clerk