

Council Minutes – July 5, 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, July 5, 2016. The Councilmembers of the City of Topeka met in regular session at 6:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Hiller, Clear, Ortiz, Emerson, De La Isla, Jensen, Schwartz and Coen - 8. Mayor Larry E. Wolgast presided -1. Absent: Councilmember Harmon -1.

AFTER THE MEETING was called to order, Councilmember De La Isla gave the invocation.

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

An AmeriCorps Service Recognition Ceremony was conducted by Mayor Wolgast.

THE CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the reappointment of Charles Smelter to the Board of Mechanical Examiners for a term ending July 1, 2018, was presented.

MINUTES of the regular meeting of June 21, 2016, was presented.

Councilmember De La Isla moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion seconded by Councilmember Jensen carried unanimously. Mayor Wolgast voted “yes.” (9-0-0)

ORDINANCE NO. 20012 introduced by City Manager Jim Colson, amending the “District Map” referred to and made a part of the Zoning Ordinances by Section 18.50.050 of the Topeka Municipal Code, by amending the District Zoning classification from “R-2” Single Family Dwelling District, “HL-R2” Historic Landmark Single Family Dwelling District and “M-1” Multi-Family Dwelling District TO “R-2/NCD-2”, “HL-R2/NCD-2” and “M-1/NCD-2” adding the Elmhurst Neighborhood Conservation District Overlay to the existing base zoning for residential properties between SW 10th Avenue to the north, SW Washburn Avenue to the east, SW Huntoon Street to the south and SW Boswell Avenue to the west was presented. (NCD16/1)

Bill Fiander, Planning Department Director, gave the staff report. He stated approval would implement design standards for new construction in the Elmhurst neighborhood through a zoning overlay district.

Councilmember Ortiz asked if staff would recommend each Neighborhood Improvement Association give consideration to implementing a Neighborhood Conservation District Overlay (NCD).

Bill Fiander stated staff would be happy to meet with any neighborhood interested in discussing a NCD.

Councilmember Jensen thanked staff and neighborhood residents for their work on implementing the NCD.

Councilmember Jensen moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion seconded by Councilmember De La Isla carried unanimously. Mayor Wolgast voted “yes.” (9-0-0)

The ordinance was adopted on roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hiller, Clear, Ortiz, Emerson, De La Isla, Jensen, Schwartz, Coen and Mayor Wolgast -9. Absent: Harmon -1.

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

Brenda Younger, City Clerk, gave a brief overview of the July 12, 2016, Council agenda.

Jim Colson, City Manager, announced the City’s Department of Neighborhood Relations would be giving away fans to people on a first come first served basis on July 6, 2016, at the Holliday building located at 620 SE Madison.

Councilmember De La Isla thanked the Topeka Police and Fire Departments for their service to the community.

Councilmember Jensen thanked Downtown Topeka Inc., and other supporters for the Kansas Concert event on July 2, 2016, at the Kansas Expocentre.

Councilmember Schwartz announced this week's "gem" of Topeka are the local businesses that serve the surrounding communities.

Councilmember Hiller commended all involved in the phenomenal Kansas Concert event on July 2, 2016, and announced the Urban Slide, Cyclovia and Rotary Freedom Festival events have been rescheduled to July 30, 2016.

Councilmember Clear announced the Fiesta Mexicana Parade would occur on July 9, 2016, with the Fiesta Mexicana event occurring July 12-16, 2016. She encouraged citizens to pick up debris from 4th of July celebrations.

Mayor Wolgast commended all involved in the 4th of July events held throughout the city. He stated there would be another celebration scheduled for South Kansas Avenue in the near future.

Douglas Smith, Judy Nickelson, Joyce Revely, Christy Grecian, Robert McAdoo, Raylene Penner appeared to speak under public comment.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Brenda Younger
City Clerk