

## **Council Minutes – October 15, 2013**

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, October 15, 2013. 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, Everhart, De La Isla, Manspeaker, Schwartz, Schmidt and Harmon -8. Mayor Larry E. Wolgast presided -1. Absent: Councilmember Ortiz -1.

AFTER THE MEETING was called to order, Councilmember Harmon asked for a moment of silent meditation.

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

Jim Colson, City Manager, requested to withdraw item 6A, an ordinance concerning historic landmarks to allow staff the opportunity to address the issues, comments and concepts that have transpired over the past week.

Upon hearing no objections, Mayor Wolgast announced item 6A would be withdrawn from the Council agenda.

THE CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the re-appointment of Robert Bausch to the Civil Service Commission for a term ending October 31, 2017, was presented.

DENIAL of Tort Claim Appeal by Vicki Johnson seeking \$131 from the City for reimbursement costs associated with hiring a plumber to inspect the water service line at her residence was presented.

MINUTES of the regular meeting of October 8, 2013, was presented.

A Dance Hall License application for Midwest Elks located at 1316 SE Madison was presented.

Councilmember Harmon moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion seconded by Councilmember De La Isla carried unanimously. (8-0-0)

NO Retail Cereal Malt Beverage License applications were presented.

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

Jim Colson, City Manager, announced the Alligator Frenzy Exhibit featured at the Topeka Zoo has been extended through the end of October 2013. He stated he was pleased with the ending results of the clean-up operation for property located at 1039 SW MacVicar Avenue, demonstrating great cooperation between the Kansas Department of Corrections, the City of Topeka and the area neighborhood. He announced the Topeka Police Department would be conducting the entry-level Police Officer examination on November 2, 2013, and noted the deadline to register is October 25, 2013.

Councilmember Harmon asked when the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) would be presented to the Council for review and consideration.

Jim Colson, City Manager, stated the CIP and CIB would be presented to the Council very soon.

Councilmember Campos II announced the Highway 24 Cloverleaf Project is now open to the east and west bound traffic lanes and thanked the Kansas Department of Transportation for keeping the project on schedule. He also announced Quails Unlimited and many other North Topeka businesses are celebrating the opening of Topeka Boulevard and would like to invite the

public to visit their establishments. He reported final presentation of the Historic North Topeka East Neighborhood Plan would be presented on November 11, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. at the Garfield Community Center. He reported Topeka Planning Department staff members would make a presentation on the neighborhood plan and will be asking citizens to vote on their action designating priorities for the region.

Councilmember Manspeaker stated he would be pursuing the repeal of the dual majority vote requirement regarding City/County consolidation to be added to the City of Topeka Legislative Agenda. He reported City Fire Department management employees continue to receive overtime pay.

Mayor Wolgast stated Deputy Mayor Ortiz has requested Councilmembers submit their suggestions for the legislative agenda to the Council office.

Councilmember Schwartz thanked City staff members for their assistance at the neighborhood meeting hosted at her home last week. She commended the Topeka Fire Department for hosting an open house on October 12, 2013, and noted it was a great event.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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Brenda Younger  
City Clerk