



# CITY OF TOPEKA

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

## PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

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**Location:** Holliday Conference Room, 620 SE Madison St.  
**Date:** May 20, 2016  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m.

### Attendance

Committee members: Sylvia Ortiz, Elaine Schwartz & Jeff Coen  
City staff members: (Legal) Mary Feighny, Luther Ganieany and Chuck Kitt, (TPD Bike Unit) Jayme Green and Councilmember Karen Hiller.  
Minutes taken by: Angela Horn (City Council)

### Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Sylvia Ortiz.

### Election of Chairperson

Sylvia Ortiz was elected chairperson.

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting were approved.

### Discussion Items

Discussion and possible action on AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Jim Colson, concerning bicycles, roller skates, skateboards, repealing Topeka Municipal Code Sections 10.20.020 and 10.60.410, amending City of Topeka Code Section 10.35.010 and repealing original section, and creating new Sections 10.35.020 and 10.35.030.

Councilmember Ortiz opened the meeting with public comments. The following downtown residents and/or business owners expressed their concerns regarding safety and protecting investments, and are in support of the ordinance as it is written:

1. Vince Frye, CEO of Downtown Topeka Inc. (DTI)
2. Edie Smith, DTI Director of Marketing and Membership
3. Lisa Stubbs, DTI Board Member and downtown property owner/resident
4. Chris Schultz, Downtown resident and business owner
5. Stephen Smith, Downtown resident and business owner
6. Al Struttman, Downtown new business owner

Linda Windler, downtown resident, distributed a handout and is opposed to the ordinance including roller skating. (Handout is filed in Council Office)

Mary Feighny stated that there is already an ordinance prohibiting bicyclists from riding on sidewalks; they can ride in the street but must dismount and walk their bicycle on the sidewalks. There is also an ordinance prohibiting skateboarding in public parking facilities. This ordinance will add other wheeled devices and reduce the geographical area covered.

### **Motions**

Elaine Schwartz made a motion to send this back to the Council with the committee's recommendation to pass this ordinance as it stands. Jeff Coen seconded the motion. Sylvia Ortiz and Elaine Schwartz voted yes; Jeff Coen voted no, stating that there are already laws in place that will cover these issues. Motion passed 2-1.

### **Discussion on any other items before the Committee**

None

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Video recording of this meeting can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxTjDS5BIV8&feature=youtu.be>