Special Governing Body Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2017

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER, Topeka, Kansas, Saturday, July 22, 2017. The Governing Body members of the City of Topeka met in special session at 7:30 A.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Hiller, Clear, Ortiz, Emerson, De La Isla, Jensen, Schwartz, Coen and Harmon -9. Mayor Larry Wolgast presided -1.

Mayor Wolgast announced the purpose of the special meeting was to conduct interviews with those who have been identified as final applicants for the Topeka City Manager position. He reported the Body will recess into executive session to conduct the interviews until 6:30 p.m., if additional discussion is required, the Governing Body will return to open session, identify the specific amount of time they believe necessary for purposes of completing their discussions and recess into executive session. He noted the process may be repeated depending upon the amount of discussion required, and action by the Governing Body may or may not occur prior to adjourning.

Councilmember Coen moved to recess into executive session until 6:30 p.m. to discuss confidential employment matters pertaining to an employee as justified by K.S.A. 4319(b)(1); which allows discussion of personnel matters of nonelected personnel. In order to aid the discussion, the following individuals should be present: Governing Body members, Human Resources Director Jacque Russell and Doug Thomas, Strategic Government Resources. The motion seconded by Councilmember De La Isla carried unanimously. (10-0-0)

At 6:30 p.m., the Governing Body reconvened into open session and Mayor Wolgast announced no action was taken.

Councilmember De La Isla moved to recess into executive session for a period of 30 minutes to continue discussion of confidential employment matters pertaining to an employee as justified
by K.S.A. 4319(b)(1); which allows discussion of personnel matters of nonelected personnel. In order to aid the discussion, the following individuals should be present: Governing Body members, Human Resources Director Jacque Russell and Doug Thomas, Strategic Government Resources. The motion seconded by Councilmember Jensen carried unanimously. (10-0-0)

Following a 30 minute time period, the Governing Body reconvened into open session and Mayor Wolgast announced no action was taken.

Councilmember De La Isla moved to recess into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to continue discussion of confidential employment matters pertaining to an employee as justified by K.S.A. 4319(b)(1); which allows discussion of personnel matters of nonelected personnel. In order to aid the discussion, the following individuals should be present: Governing Body members, Human Resources Director Jacque Russell and Doug Thomas, Strategic Government Resources. The motion seconded by Councilmember Jensen carried unanimously. (10-0-0)

Following a 20 minute time period, the Governing Body reconvened into open session and Mayor Wolgast announced no action was taken.

Councilmember Jensen moved to recess into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to continue discussion of confidential employment matters pertaining to an employee as justified by K.S.A. 4319(b)(1); which allows discussion of personnel matters of nonelected personnel and for consultation with the City’s legal counsel to discuss attorney client privilege matters as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). In order to aid the discussion, the following individuals should be present: Governing Body members, Human Resources Director Jacque Russell, City Attorney Lisa Robertson, City Clerk Brenda Younger and and Doug Thomas, Strategic Government Resources. The motion seconded by Councilmember Emerson carried unanimously. (10-0-0)
Following a 15 minute time period, the Governing Body reconvened into open session and Mayor Wolgast announced no action was taken.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Brenda Younger
City Clerk