



CITY OF TOPEKA

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Location: Topeka Police Department, 320 S. Kansas Ave., LEC Classroom A

Date: April 7, 2017

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Attendance

Committee members Brendan Jensen, Sandra Clear & Sylvia Ortiz. City staff members Lisa Robertson (Legal), Lisa Pinkley and Joe Perry (TPD Animal Control), and Brendan Wiley (Zoo).

1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Councilmember Brendan Jensen.

2) Elect Chairperson

Councilmember Brendan Jensen was elected as Chairperson.

3) Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 4, 2016 meeting were approved.

4) Discuss and Recommend Revisions to TMC Title 6 Animals

At the February 7, 2017 City Council Meeting, Councilmember Jensen moved to refer to the Public Health & Safety Committee the discussion and review of the proposed ordinance regarding miniature pigs, as well as a comprehensive review of all animal control policies (Topeka Municipal Code (TMC) Title 6 Animals). Councilmember Jensen stated that the purpose of this meeting was to set the scope of what the committee should review.

Councilmember Clear stated that the February 7, 2017 City Council meeting minutes only indicated that the committee was tasked with reviewing the miniature pig item, not the entire animal control section of the code. Councilmember Jensen stated that his motion included the review of both, and asked that the meeting video be checked and the February 7, 2017 City Council meeting minutes be revised accordingly.

City Attorney Lisa Robertson stated that when she was working on the preliminary revisions to the code (to add miniature pigs), she noticed other sections that would need to be revised as well.

Councilmember Sylvia Ortiz stated that she would like to have a list of revisions to the animal control code that have been made in the past.

Councilmember Sandra Clear stated that she liked the revisions proposed by Legal. She pointed out one error; the number of miniature pigs per household should be 2, not 1.

Councilmember Ortiz asked the City Council Assistant to send everyone the past meeting minutes that outlined what the committee revised in the past.

Councilmember Ortiz asked ACO Lisa Pinkley to produce an example of an ordinance that had vague language.

Councilmember Ortiz asked Lisa Robertson to pull the state statute on dogs, and send it to the committee.

The committee would like another meeting scheduled during the first week of May.

Discussion on any other items before the Committee

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Video recording of this meeting can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6MiPRR5FmQ&feature=youtu.be>