RESOLUTION NO. 7224

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmembers Clark Duffy, Betty Dunn, and Lisa Hecht relating to the City of Topeka Zoo.

WHEREAS, the Topeka Zoo has achieved national recognition and acclaim as a zoological park; and

WHEREAS, the Topeka Zoo is an integral part of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to see the Topeka Zoo maintain recognition and acclaim as a zoological park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Topeka, Kansas, that in furtherance of maintaining the Topeka Zoo’s recognition and acclaim, the Council of the City of Topeka hereby appoints a committee to study, review, and make written recommendations to the Mayor and City Council as more specifically described hereinafter. Members of the Study Committee shall be appointed as follows: one (1) member shall be appointed by each of the City Councilmembers and the Mayor. The eleventh (11th) member of the Study Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor as the Chair of the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that the Study Committee is directed to study, review, and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on or before August 1, 2002, regarding the following:

- the care and safety of the animals at the Topeka Zoo;
- the steps necessary to achieve accreditation through the American Zoo & Aquarium Association;
the future of the Topeka Zoo's physical plan, including the master plan and location of the zoo;

• administrative and fiscal management;

• personnel matters;

• any other issues the Study Committee elects to review, such as, but not limited to, free zoo admission, privatization of the zoo and County consolidation.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council ________________  MAR 19 2002

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

Harry Felker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Iris E. Walker, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
DATE 3/21/02 BY _____________