RESOLUTION NO. 8642

A RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Jim Colson expressing the City Council’s position to the Board of Commissioners of Shawnee County regarding the proposed submission of a ballot question to the electorate for a countywide retailers’ sales tax

WHEREAS, since January 1, 2005, the countywide retailers’ half cent sales tax has provided revenue for economic development and infrastructure projects benefiting the residents of Shawnee County and the City of Topeka; and

WHEREAS, the sales tax will expire on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners have expressed an interest in continuing the sales tax to fund a variety of activities and projects in cooperation with the City; and

WHEREAS, after conducting several town hall meetings to gather input from the public concerning their thoughts on how sales tax funds should be used, the City Council, on May 13, 2014, enacted Resolution No. 8617 which identified activities and projects for which any future countywide retailers’ sales tax would be used; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2014, the County Commissioners enacted Resolution No. 2014-48 which adopted ballot language for the November 4, 2014, general election and identified activities and projects for which proceeds from the countywide retailers’ sales tax would be used; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after reviewing the Resolution, wishes to convey to the County Commissioners the Council’s position regarding the activities and projects identified in Resolution 2014-48.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka, Kansas, that the County Commissioners reconsider Resolution No. 2014-48 by considering inclusion of the following items for which the proceeds of any future
countywide retailers’ sales tax be used, subject to an interlocal cooperation agreement with the City:

1. Economic development
2. SW 6th Avenue – Gage Boulevard to Fairlawn Road
3. SW 17th Street – Adams to Washburn
4. SW 17th Street – MacVicar to Kansas Interstate 470
5. Topeka Boulevard – 15th Street to 21st Street
6. SE California – 37th Street to 45th Street
7. NE Seward – Sumner to Forest
8. SW Huntoon Street – Gage Boulevard to Harrison Street
9. SW 12th Street – Gage Boulevard to Kansas Avenue
10. NW Rochester Road – US Hwy 24 to NW 50th Street
11. NW 46th Street – Button Road (N) to Rochester Road
12. County bridges
13. Topeka Zoological Park
14. Kansas Expocentre
15. SW 29th Street – Fairlawn to Wanamaker
16. SW 37th Street – Scapa Place to Burlingame
17. SE 37th Street – Kansas to Adams
18. Bikeways Master Plan

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council on July 22, 2014.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Larry E. Wolgast , Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk