RESOLUTION NO. 8771

A RESOLUTION introduced by Deputy Mayor Michelle De La Isla establishing the City’s 2017 budget priorities.

WHEREAS, TMC 3.05.050 requires the City Council to set priorities for the budget preparation on or before the third Tuesday of May each year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has discussed and decided on the priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that the following priorities will guide budget preparation for fiscal year 2017:

1. **Investing in Infrastructure**, including but not limited to:
   - Continue to evaluate adequate funding level for utility capital needs
   - Continue to invest funding from multiple sources to address street maintenance
   - Establish long term, comprehensive solutions for all City infrastructure including streets, utilities, and facilities;

2. **Continuing a Commitment to Developing Neighborhoods**, including but not limited to:
   - Continue Community Policing efforts
   - Continue engaging with neighborhoods to solicit and develop unique solutions to neighborhood-specific issues
   - Continue improvement on neighborhood infrastructure including street maintenance, sidewalks, alleys, street lighting, street cleaning, and snow removal
   - Continue focus on identifying, categorizing and addressing substandard and vacant properties and affordable housing solutions through code compliance, our special structures unit, demolition budget and partnerships with agencies and community members
   - Continue to identify opportunities to create, engage and foster neighborhood associations;

3. **Continuing a Commitment to Public Safety**, including but not limited to:
• Continue maintenance/replacement of public safety fleet, technology, and equipment
• Continue to evaluate public safety allocations to ensure appropriate resources
• Continue to promote and develop public education and awareness campaigns through neighborhoods, public presentations and social media
• Continue to study opportunities to improve cost-effectiveness and service delivery in the Fire Department
• Continue working with community partners to implement mental health programming including the Alternative Sentencing Court;

4. Selected Strategic Investments toward Quality of Life, including but not limited to:

• Continue to evaluate adequate levels of support for quality of life endeavors including the Topeka Zoo, Riverfront Park, youth employment, Topeka Performance Arts Center, social service agencies, Visit Topeka, Downtown Topeka, the arts and multiple other quality of life enhancers;

5. Improving Fiscal Sustainability, including but not limited to:

• Build a comprehensive plan to address facilities and fleet deferred maintenance
• Continue to evaluate adequate funding level for utility operations and capital needs
• Continue to evaluate and update fiscal policies as appropriate
• Continued excellence in reporting and transparency
• Establish and maintain adequate reserves for all funds; and

6. Improving Performance and Cost-Effectiveness, including but not limited to:

• Continue to utilize cost effectiveness measures in resource acquisition and allocation
• Integrate performance management goals into resource allocation and strategic planning processes.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council on _______________________.
CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

Larry Wolgast, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk