RESOLUTION NO. 9005

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmembers Jeff Coen and Aaron Mays concerning general public comment.

WHEREAS, Section 5.3 of the Governing Body Rules and Procedures requires that members of the public be provided with the opportunity to make comment by complying with the criteria set out in Section 5.5(a) and (c); and

WHEREAS, public comment is currently conducted following Announcements, which occur toward the end of the meeting; and

WHEREAS, given the length of some Governing Body meetings, holding public comment near the end of the meeting may inconvenience some individuals by making them wait to share their opinions and concerns with the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.3 does not mandate the order in which the required agenda items must occur; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is desirous of conducting public comment toward the beginning of the meeting for a limited period in order to determine if it is a better option.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that:

Section 1. All general public comment will occur after Roll Call and after Announcements at the Governing Body meetings scheduled for May 8, 15, and June 5, 2018.

Section 2. After June 5, 2018, general public comment will occur after Announcements unless the Governing Body takes action to continue its practice of considering public comment after Roll Call.
ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body on May 1, 2018.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Michelle De La Isla, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk