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SERVING DISTRICT 8 & TOPEKA

MEETING REVIEW

Last night was my first full City Council meeting representing District 8 and Topekans. I used the voting buttons properly, remembered to turn on my mic when I spoke and figured out how to adjust my chair. So, all in all, a successful first night! Here are a few note of interest from the meeting:

MTPO BOARD ELECTION

My colleagues on the council elected me to serve on the Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization Board (MTPO). I appreciate the confidence in me to serve on the Board and will represent the needs of Topekans. The Board meets at 1:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month in the Holliday building.

RESCINDING SERVICE GRANTS OUTSOURCING

A motion to rescind a previous action to outsource the social grant service process to a third-party was defeated. It received 5 votes, but needed 6 to pass. I voted to rescind. During the campaign I stated my opposition to the policy and expressed last night it is a primary duty of elected representatives to be actively involved in allocating public funds to service organizations. Moving forward, I will follow this new process closely and work to put in place a fair and workable appeals process.

TRAVELING COUNCIL MEETINGS

There was discussion about moving some City Council meetings, on occasion, to other locations. I support this and hope the Council passes it when officially presented. While initially meetings might still be held in public building, my hope is in the future meetings can be held in various Topeka communities.

JEDO ELECTION

The City Council elected Councilmembers Mike Padilla and Mike Lesser as voting members of JEDO in 2020. I was nominated and did receive votes. I will regularly attend JEDO meetings and as an elected Council member have standing in those meetings, just not an official vote.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MTPO Board January 23
1:30 p.m. Holiday Building

CIP Workshop January 27
8:30 a.m. Holliday Building

Council Meeting February 4
6 p.m. Council Chambers

Council Meeting Feb. 11
6 p.m. Council Chambers

Council Meeting Feb. 18
6 p.m. Council Chambers

District 8 Forum March 2020
Time and location TBA

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questions. Your
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