



CITY OF TOPEKA

CITY COUNCIL
City Hall, 215 SE 7th St., Room 255
Topeka, KS 66603-3914
(785) 368-3710

Tonya Bailey, Sr Executive Assistant
Tara Jefferies, Sr Executive Assistant
E-mail: councilassist@topeka.org
www.topeka.org

EXCERPT

CITY OF TOPEKA, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, August 19, 2025. The Public Infrastructure Committee members met at 11:00 A.M. with the following Committee members present: Sylvia Ortiz (zoom), David Banks (Chair) and Neil Dobler.

The following is an excerpt of the draft minutes from the meeting:

APPROVAL of Ordinance recommending and agreement of the Governing Body with the Marney Properties LLC and the City of Topeka to abate City special assessments penalties to certain property in Lauren's Bay Estates with the property taxes and special assessments are paid in full

Abate Special Assessment Penalties.

Deputy City Manager Braxton Copley spoke to the agreement with three properties with Marney Properties L.L.C. and the City of Topeka to abate City special assessments penalties to certain property in Lauren's Bay Estates when the property taxes and special assessments are paid in full.

Councilmember Ortiz asked for the total cost of special assessment penalties. Deputy City Manager Copley responded he currently did not have that amount for the three parcels. He continued to expand on the proposed Ordinance how it would allow for the waiver of penalties on past due special assessments.

Councilmember Dobler asked for clarification that Shawnee County only charges for penalties on special taxes only. City Attorney Amanda Stanley confirmed and stated Kansas law states there are penalties on special taxes and the funds are not seen by City. She continued to expand on the City of Topeka's structure for the back due taxes and back due specials. She added Shawnee County does not have the authority to wave the penalties on special taxes. Lastly, the only way the County will wave the special tax penalties is with an Ordinance from the City directing them. Stanley confirmed the proposal was discussed with former Planning and Development Services Director Rhiannon Friedman, Shawnee County and Marney Properties.

Councilmember Hoferer asked for confirmation if the three parcels are scheduled for the tax sale. City Attorney Stanley confirmed they are currently not scheduled for the tax sale.

MOTION: Committee member Dobler made a motion to approve and move forward to the Governing Body for action. Committee member Banks seconded. Motion approved 3-0-0.
